I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Scott called the LAC meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Tracey Scott, Deborah Eudaley, Lottie Rose, Sharon Crandall, Rica Azarcon, Arthur Noble, Judi Hirsch.

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Wesley, Beatrice Wong, Victoria Kelly.

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Director Martínez, Gene Tom, Leslie Rodd, Gerry Garzón, Rosalía Arteaga-Romo (recorder).

Disposition of Minutes
Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2004, as amended. Commissioner Hirsh seconded the motion and all commissioners present approved the minutes.

II. REPORTS

a. Chairperson’s Report

 Announced that Legislative Day in Sacramento is on April 21st. Commissioners interested should confirm their attendance with the Director’s Office.
 Recommended a book on advocacy called “50 Ways to Love Your Country: How to Find Your Political Voice and Become a Catalyst for Change” by MoveOn.org. This is a great book on advocacy that inspires to become involved in the political process.
 Provided copies of a press release regarding the ACLU and the California Library Association launching a campaign to take action against the Patriot Act and restore constitutional rights.

b. Director’s Report

 Measure Q passed by 77% of votes cast. This was a huge success and shows the community’s support for Libraries. There were 13 library related ballot measures in California and only Oakland’s passed. At the April meeting, Gene Tom will summarize what this means in terms of the Library’s budget.
 The new Chávez Branch Library Grand opening on February 28th was a success with a huge turnout, great food and program.
 The City Council appointed Deborah Edgerly as the new City Administrator.
New Budget (Measure Q) Update

Gene Tom, Chief Financial Officer, reported that staff has been preparing a budget on how Measure Q funds would be allocated. This is a work in progress and the report is not final; however, the breakdowns are:

- 5% Reserve
- School/Library Outreach positions
- Community Relations position returns
- Main Library positions return
- Branch Libraries 6-day schedule
- Branch vacancy bank
- FASO position returns
- Programs Position returns
- PT Program Analyst – Grants
- PT Library Assistant for Children’s Room
- Librarian for Children’s Room (Sunday)
- AAMLO position returns
- FT custodian
- Enhanced Book budget
- Upgrade technology
- Furniture/equipment/supplies
- AAMLO utility costs
- OPL program fund
- Allocate $1 million for the new 81st Ave. Branch

The Library’s minimum general fund allocation is $9 million; anything less we’ll prevent us from collecting Measure Q funds. Director Martínez also added that the O&M cost is very critical and the Departments have to cover repairs and other expenses. Questions from the commissioners followed. Mr. Tom emphasized that the Library is still drafting an expenditure plan for the next fiscal year, and for the following 3 years staff is being very conservative in how they plan the budget. Chairperson Scott thanked and commended staff for their hard work and volunteer efforts to ensure that this measure would pass.

c. Commissioners Advocacy Report

- Commissioner Hirsch reported that she met with the new person who is responsible for dealing with OUSD library issues, who is looking forward to establishing rapport with the Library. She also has been working with Lynne Cutler, Library staff. Commissioner Hirsch wanted to know whether the Library has reinstated the school/library liaison position. Leslie Rodd responded that once we hire the outreach librarian, the Library is looking for the School District’s cooperation to build a strong school/library liaison.
- Commissioner Rose announced that the chess program at Golden Gate Branch is very successful.

III. OLD BUSINESS - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS - None
V. \textbf{AGENDA BUILDING}

VI. \textbf{OPEN FORUM}

VII. \textbf{ANNOUNCEMENTS}

- Book sale currently going on at the Bookmark.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Library Director