

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Board of Library Trustees Minutes
Special Meeting
February 8, 2012 – 5:00pm**

CONVENED AT 5:00pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Library Services Director Cynthia Cowell introduced Trustee Jill Johnson-Tucker who called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Johnson-Tucker was the only Board of Library Trustee present.

Trustees Absent: Lynn Crutchley
Jerry King
Stephanie Murguia
Eleanor Palk

Library Staff Present: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director
Tim Hetheron, Library Services Manager
Melissa Kelly, Support Services Coordinator
Debbie Walker, Branch and Youth Services Coordinator
Katherine Mielke, Marketing Specialist
Jana Barbier, Cultural Arts Coordinator
Elaine McMillion, Administrative Assistant

City Staff Present: Steve Badum, Public Works Director

NBPL Foundation Present: Tracy Keys, NBPL Foundation Executive Director
Joe Mozdzen, Photographer for the NBPL Foundation
Margi Murray, NBPL Foundation Board Member

City Arts Commissioners Present: Robyn Grant, City Arts Commission Chair
Arlene Greer, City Arts Commissioner
Carole Boller, City Arts Commissioner

Bohlin Cywinski Jackson,
Architects Staff Present: Steve Chaitow, Design Architect

Public Present: Jim Mosher, Newport Beach resident
Dan Purcell, Corona del Mar resident
Karen Clark, Newport Beach resident
Lizanne Witte, Newport Beach resident
Russ Hafer, Newport Beach resident
Diane Hafer, Newport Beach resident
John Murray, Newport Beach resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Items for Review and Discussion

Presentation of Color Palette / Furnishings and Project Report on Civic Center

Steve Chaitow, design architect from the architectural firm of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, and Steve Badum, City of Newport Beach Public Works Director gave a review of the Civic Center and Library Expansion project. A slide presentation was shown which included interior and exterior renderings of the Civic Center and proposed landscaping. The 16-acre park which includes a dog-park, a civic lawn for outdoor events, places for art, a wetland area, 1.23 miles of walking and viewing trails, a 450-space parking structure, and many other elements of the project were shown. A display of the current Library color palette was shown along with proposed colors for new space.

The 17,000 square foot expansion of the library will include increased space in the children's area, reading rooms, a sound and video room, additional self check-out stations, and second floor restrooms. A café and credit union will be included in the bridge connecting the Library and Civic Center areas. A new community room, seating up to 150 persons and made available for lecture, art programs, and other community events with the ability to open to an outside covered area is included in the Civic Center. The new City Council Chambers seats up to 150 people. To improve customer service, the City office building is being designed as a "One Stop Shop" allowing customers access from the parking structure directly into the City departments they are visiting. The steel framework for the Library Expansion and the bridge construction to the Civic Center are on schedule. This presentation helped the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation formulate plans for potential naming opportunities.

A question and answer period followed the presentation which included color palette choices, lighting, parking, art display areas, lines and seating area for the cafe, and viewing areas. This project maximizes the ability for natural ventilation and natural light, includes California-friendly landscaping, and is near transit facilities to help increase the number of city workers carpooling or biking to work. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2012.

Items for Review and Possible Action - None.

Monthly Reports - None.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM) - None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:08pm

Submitted by:

Trustee Jill Johnson-Tucker for Stephanie Murguia, Secretary