

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting**  
**July 12, 2010**

**1) Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commission Vice Chair Ryan.

**2) Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Commissioners Hindmarsh, Reinking, Ryan and Sessarego.

**Absent:**

Commission Chair Blakeslee, Commissioner Zahedani.

**3) Approval of Minutes**

- a) Commissioner Hindmarsh moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2010, as written. Motion carried.

AYES:	Commissioners: Hindmarsh, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego
NOES:	Commissioners: None
ABSENT	Commissioners: Zahedani, Blakeslee
ABSTAIN:	Commissioners: None

**4) Business from the Floor**

None

**5) Reports and Presentations**

- a) Staff presentation on the Annexation of the Sphere of Influence: Overview of the Draft Specific Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

Community Development Director, David Miller and Mayor Jeff Starsky presented a slide presentation on the City of Folsom Annexation Project. The presentation included the project history, proposed land use plan, summary of the environmental impacts and the next steps for annexation.

- b) Volunteer Docent Program Update

Library Director Curl introduced Volunteer Coordinator, Barbara Herndon and Volunteer Training Coordinator, Jeanne Peña to the Library Commission. Volunteer Coordinator Herndon and Volunteer Training Coordinator Peña gave a brief overview of the new Sunday Docent Program of volunteer teams helping to keep the library open with reduced staffing on Sundays.

c) Summer Reading Update

Library Supervisor Galindo presented the staff report reviewing the progress and programs of the 2010 Summer Reading Program.

**6) Discussion Items**

a) Café Update

Library Director Curl explained that progress on the café has slowed due to the efforts put into the Sunday Docent Program, reduced staffing, and that one of the vendors has been out of the country returning in August. Library Director Curl explained that she hoped to have more information at the August Commission meeting.

**7) Library Director's Report**

Library Director Curl presented the following items:

- Programming will be slowing down after the end of July with the Luau bringing a close to the Summer Reading Program. There will be no storytimes or programs in August.
- The framed copy of the Lincoln Inaugural Address, which was delivered to Folsom by Pony Express 150 years ago has been hung in the Georgia Murray Building Reading Room above the California Collection.
- October 4, 2010, California Library Snapshot Day. California Library Association (CLA) will collate and package statistics, images, and endorsements from libraries throughout the state. CLA will use them to advocate for libraries at the state and local level, they will provide us with our library's collated data, and they will help us advocate for our library.

**8) Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Hindmarsh commented on "blue boxes", not yet in California, but in other states at present. They look like mail boxes and pose as non profit to donate books to worthy causes. Actually most of the books are being pulped and donations to the local Friends of the Library organizations have gone down. This has not yet invaded California but if you see any blue boxes that say "Books for Charity" be aware.

Library Director Curl stated that the City is doing an ordinance to control the use of donation boxes around the city.

Commissioner Hindmarsh thanked the volunteer coordinators for their presentation on the new docent program and asked that it be tracked to see how successful it is.

Commissioner Hindmarsh asked that the work on the café be kept going.

Commissioner Sessarego stated that even with fewer and fewer resources you (staff) are still able to maintain exciting programs. The docent program is exciting.

Commissioner Sessarego stated that she is very concerned about the café space. She has a very hard time accepting that the café space is still empty (after 3 ½ years). If one of the new vendors does not have a solid plan soon then the use of the space needs to be rethought.

Commissioner Reinking thanked the volunteer coordinators for their presentation. She also stated she enjoyed the SOI presentation.

Commissioner Reinking stated she would like to see the café space used sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Reinking thanked staff for all they do, she is anxious to see how the volunteer docent program goes.

Commissioner Ryan stated she would like to hear how the volunteer docent program is working with the staff.

Commissioner Ryan stated that maybe 1 or 2 months out there could be some marketing of the program, maybe some newspaper coverage.

Commissioner Ryan asked that with school starting, what the Commission should be doing, is there a role for us to play?

Commissioner Reinking suggested getting the message out (Brainfuse, F.L.A.S.H., and other resources the library offers) in the 1<sup>st</sup> (school) district news letter. Possibly sending a letter out to the FCUSD PR person.

Commissioner Ryan asked what things the Commission could take off the staff's plate.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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