

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Special Meeting
January 10, 2011

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Commission Vice Chair Ryan.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

Commissioners Feinberg, Marks, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego.

Absent:

Commissioners Badiga and Boldt

3) Oaths of Office-Library Commission

Senior Office Assistant Robinson administered the oaths of office to the following newly appointed Commissioners:

- a. JoAnne Reinking
- b. Anne Marks
- c. Alix Feinberg

4) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Sessarego nominated Commissioner Ryan for Chair.

AYES: Commissioners: Feinberg, Marks, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT Commissioners: Badiga, Boldt
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Commissioner Reinking nominated Commissioner Sessarego for Vice Chair.

AYES: Commissioners: Feinberg, Marks, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT Commissioners: Badiga, Boldt
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

5) Approval of Minutes

- a) December 6, 2010

Commissioner Sessarego moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2010 as written. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Feinberg, Marks, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT Commissioners: Badiga, Boldt
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

6) Business from the Floor

None.

7) Reports and Presentations

- a) Welcome New Library Commissioners

Library Director Curl and Library Supervisor Galindo welcomed the new Commissioners and gave a brief overview of the Folsom Public Library, the buildings, staff, programming and services to the community. Library Director Curl described what she would be bring before the Commission and also presented the Commissioners with a printout of Library Commission Resources.

8) New Business

- a) Review and Approval of Library Commission Calendar of Scheduled Meetings

Library Supervisor Galindo presented the staff report with the 2011 scheduled Library Commission Meetings for the 1st Monday of the month, with Special Meetings scheduled for the 2nd Monday when there is a conflict with a Holiday on the 1st Monday. She recommended considering moving the Regular Library Commission Meeting to the 1st or 3rd Thursday of the month when the library stays open until 8:00, allowing staff to occasionally participate in meetings.. A discussion by the Commission followed, with a couple of conflicts noted. Commission Chair Ryan stated that she did not feel the Commission was prepared to change the scheduled date at this time given the conflicts that were discussed and asked that staff look into other options and come back to the Commission at a later time. She called for a motion to approve the Monday schedule as presented.

Commissioner Marks moved to approve the Calendar of Scheduled Meetings as presented. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Feinberg, Marks, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego
NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT Commissioners: Badiga, Boldt
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

b) Review and Approval of Library Holiday Closure Schedule for 2011

Library Supervisor Galindo presented the staff report, explaining that each year, the City closes its offices to observe various holidays in the same manner as most other financial, governmental, and educational institutions. The City Council approves and codifies these holidays in the various employee group Memoranda of Understanding.

Staff has developed a closure schedule that honors both the traditional holiday dates and the Memoranda of Understanding with the library's employee group.

Commission Chair Ryan asked whether staff had discussed the feasibility of closing the library on Easter Sunday.

Library Director Curl responded that she did take that option to City Administration and they have pretty strong feelings that Easter is not a National Holiday. They will not approve the library's closure (for Easter) at this time. Library Director Curl stated she is willing to work with staff members if they feel very strongly about having Easter off and will also grant the morning off this year to anyone requesting since the library now opens at 1:00 pm on Sundays.

Commissioner Sessarego moved to approve the Library Holiday Closure Schedule for 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Marks moved to approve the Calendar of Scheduled Meetings as presented. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Feinberg, Marks, Reinking, Ryan, Sessarego
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT Commissioners: Badiga, Boldt
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

c) Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Pitch and Idea Grant Application

Library Director Curl presented the staff report summarizing that for the first time, the State Library offered libraries a chance to write a short pitch of their idea for a grant without preparing a full grant proposal. She stated that following our pitch, Folsom Public Library has been invited to apply for one of the LSTA grants and the application is due on January 24, 2011.

Library Director Curl stated we have recently received funding from our Friends of the Folsom Library to contract with a company to develop and maintain a library "app" to allow user friendly access to library services on any smartphone. We would like to use that app as a jumping off point to purchase hardware such as Itouch, Ipad, Android Pad,

and TouchScreen Computers to be used for providing reference service out in the stacks, training, outreach and marketing.

Library Director Curl stated we also added as an important component of the grant the opportunity to utilize data gathering and community input techniques to conduct a “Strategic Reality Check.” This new concept allows the library to efficiently evaluate and articulate a new direction and list of priorities by focusing on the most important issues and/or goals of the community.

9) Discussion Items

None

10) Director’s Report

Library Director Curl presented the following items:

- Budget Preparation
- Governor Brown’s proposed 11/12 State Budget decreasing Library support by 30 million. As an individual you can write letters to legislators but not as a Library Commissioner.

11) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Sessarego welcomed the new members to the Library Commission and invited each to join the Friends of the Library. She stated she is thrilled to finally have a full board.

Commissioner Sessarego informed the Commission that the 24th of February will mark the 4th anniversary of the Georgia Murray Building and on that day the Friends of the Library will honor the major donors to the Folsom Public Library with the dedication of a Donor Plaque and a reception. She stated she would like to invite all of the Commissioners to attend, official invitations will be sent but please save the date.

Commissioner Feinberg thanked everyone, stating she is excited to be here. She stated she is very excited about the app program.

Commissioner Feinberg stated that she is a special educator, a Speech Therapist, and a Psycho Therapist and her area of work is usually with people who have emotional difficulty and speech difficulty. She stated she hopes there is place for Special Education (in the library). She stated she understands that you (the library) have taken care of it as far as reading difficulties go, but being able to discuss different topics and hopefully getting these people into the library and getting them to interact with the library and the library information is a very important item and one of the things she is looking forward to figuring out how to implement.

Commissioner Marks thanked (staff) for the overview (of the library). She stated she has been a resident of Folsom since 1992 and all of her kids have enjoyed all of the wonderful programming at the library. She stated that she also has enjoyed the services of the library and has volunteered at a local school library and is currently in an MLIS program working on getting her Masters in Library Science. She stated she worked for Folsom Lake Community College Library for 2 ½ years and her focus is academic libraries but the public library is a great community focal point.

Commissioner Marks stated she knows that budget cuts have affected all libraries, and she stated that she lost her job at the community college due to budget cuts.

Commissioner Marks stated she is looking forward to seeing where we can go and how we can bring in more people (to the library). She stated that the app program will bring in more teens.

Commissioner Marks stated she is looking forward to the future of the coming year.

Commissioner Reinking welcomed the new Commission members.

Commissioner Reinking congratulated (staff) on their efforts with the grant.

Commissioner Reinking thanked (Library Director Curl) for the early budget information, she stated her main focus is encouraging the school involvement in the use of the public library, especially at the elementary level since their libraries are sorely lacking.

Commissioner Reinking stated she is looking forward to an exciting year, she stated you (staff) do so much with so little, it is most impressive.

Commission Chair Ryan welcomed the new Commissioners and stated it is very exciting and wonderful to hear your (the new Commissioners) backgrounds. She stated it is interesting that everyone comes from diverse backgrounds and come with their own ideas.

Commission Chair Ryan encouraged all the Commissioners to stay in touch with the Council Member who appointed them, it is always important for them to hear directly what types of things we (the Library Commission) are talking about and are of interest to us.

Commission Chair Ryan stated she is excited to Chair this year and is looking forward to hearing the others (Commission members) ideas. She stated she is looking forward to what we (staff and Commission) can do without adding to the workload of the staff.

12) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Janet Robinson, Senior Office Assistant