

CITY OF RICHMOND
LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAIN LIBRARY'S SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
325 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, RICHMOND, CA
September 17, 2012
6:30 P.M.

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

2) **Roll Call**

The Commissioners in attendance were Chairperson Weems and Commissioners De Victor and Mosqueda. Commissioners Shoop and Mtambuzi were absent. Katy Curl, Library and Cultural Services Director was also in attendance.

3) **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner De Victor made a motion to accept the September 17th agenda as provided by administration; seconded by Commissioner Mosqueda. This item was approved by all commissioners in attendance.

4) **Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Weems moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2012, and was seconded by Commissioner De Victor. This item was approved by all commissioners in attendance.

5) **Public Comment**

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

6) **Action Calendar**

- a. **Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) MSR and SOI Update, Library Services, July 2012 Report:** Commissioner DeVactor provided background of the item presented. Commissioner DeVactor attended LAFCO's meeting as a citizen. She immediately advised the Library Director of the outdated content of their materials, and then updated the Library Commission at the meeting that the data that was presented by LAFCO during their July 11th meeting regarding the City of Richmond was out of date. Commissioner De Victor also provided additional documents at the meeting for the Library Commissioners' education of LAFCO:

- 1) Letter from LAFCO regarding *Workshop – Municipal Services Review/Sphere of Influence Updates, Library Services* dated July 11, 2012;
- 2) *LAFCO 101, An Introduction to Local Agency Formation Commissions* dated July 2012; and
- 3) Contra Costa LAFCO's document titled, *What's a LAFCO*.

Since LAFCO's July 2012 report, Library and Cultural Services Director Katy Curl advised that LAFCO has contacted the Library, and the Library has sent LAFCO updated data that they will be incorporating into their upcoming October 10, 2012 materials. Prior to their October 10th meeting, Ms. Curl advised that she will be reviewing that document before LAFCO's final submission.

Chairperson Weems confirmed that the lines of communication are open between the Library and LAFCO, and that LAFCO will no longer submit data pertaining to Richmond without our prior review.

Commissioner De Victor requested that the revised documents provided by LAFCO be given to the commission as a courtesy.

- b. Revisit discussion of how to keep the meetings on track and to one hour: This item will be brought back to the agenda so all commissioners have an opportunity to discuss the topic.

7) **Presentations**

- a. Reconsideration of Materials Response to Patrons: Katy Curl, Library and Cultural Services Director, provided the staff report for this item in response to a complaint received from a Children's Library patron's parent where their child checked out a book titled *My Princess Boy*. For this discussion, Ms. Curl previously provided as part of the packet: 1) the patron's Suggestion Form/Comments Regarding Library Material, 2) Ms. Curl's letter of response to the parents, 3) the Richmond Public Library's Collection Development Policy, 4) an online review of the book from the School Library Journal dated 06/01/11, and 5) the Richmond Public Library's Policy on Complaints Concerning Library Material. Also at the meeting, Ms. Curl referred to an online article from various viewpoints from the Berkeley Parents Network titled, *Boys Who Like Girls' Stuff/3-year-old Boy Likes to Wear Pink*, dated August 2009. After discussion of this item, Ms. Curl advised the commission that the parent(s) may be interested in addressing the committee in the future.

Chairperson Weems advised that last year, the State of California had decided that teachers can also discuss a gay person/people in schools. Mr. Weems also advised that he also has books of this subject matter in his classroom as well.

8) **Reports for Information**

- a. Library Reports: There were neither questions nor comments for the informational items provided.
- b. Reports from Supporting Organizations: Regarding the West Contra Costa School District Report, Chairperson Weems discussed Propositions 30 and 32 as well as Measures N and G, and requested that the commission review and read about these propositions and measures.

9) **Director's Comments/Announcements**

- a. The Library and Cultural Services Director Katy Curl discussed publicizing of the Richmond Public Library Foundation's Author Event scheduled for September 27, 2012. Information may also be found on the website at www.RPLF.org.
- b. For the Commission's information, the Library and Cultural Services Director Katy Curl provided information from the California Library Association's upcoming conference on November 2 -4, 2012 in San Jose, California.

Ms. Curl also advised of the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC)'s free in-house (half-day) training for the commissioners. Commissioner De Victor requested that a staff person sit in on the training provided to the Library Commission.

10) **Commission Member Information Item**

The newest commissioner, Chloe Mosqueda introduced herself to the committee. Her love of Libraries brought her to the Library Commission.

Chairperson Weems requested that the commission be advised of updates regarding happenings in the Library, i.e., the recent removal of the DVDs project from circulation.

Commissioner De Victor discussed organizing a possible mixer with all local Library Commissioners, to share resources, for public awareness, etc.

Commissioner De Victor advised of Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP)'s course on voting.

11) **Agenda Building**

Revisit the discussion of how to keep the meetings on track and to one hour (Mtambuzi).

The Library Director advised that Literacy Program Manager Sherry Drobner of LEAP is tentatively scheduled for the October 2012 meeting.

12) **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

October 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

13) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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