

**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD**

August 9, 2006  
4:00 p.m.

Tucson-Pima Public Library  
Main Library  
101 N. Stone Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Pat Peterson, Jack Kuhn, Obdúlia González, Marjorie Gerdes, Barbara O'Brien, Carla Stoffle, Sofia Abrams,

**ABSENT:** Joel Valdez, Dan Eckstrom, Wendell Neimann

**GUEST:** Sharon Gilbert, Juvenile Court Center Library

CALL TO ORDER

President Pat Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2006

It was moved by Jack Kuhn and seconded by Obdúlia González that the June 14 minutes be accepted as written; motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Pat Peterson introduced Paula Rodriguez as the new Library Director's Executive Assistant to board members and members of the audience.

REPORTS FROM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS GROUPS, AND FOUNDATION

Library Board

Carla gave an account of her attendance at the annual conference of the American Library Association. This was the first conference held in New Orleans since Katrina.

Obdúlia gave highlights of her Cambodia trip.

Oro Valley Friends

Marjorie Gerdes thanked Nancy and Pat and everyone who attended her program on China at the Oro Valley Library. She will be traveling to Rockland, Maine to conduct her program there.

Marjorie stated that both the library and bookstore have been slow during the summer. She stated that books continue to be donated for the upcoming book sale at the end of October and the Oro Valley Library will present a book fair being held at the end of September.

### Foundation

Betty Holpert confirmed the Circle of Book Club fundraising event October 26, 400—6:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The author will be Diana Gabaldon.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Inside/Out Program

Sharon Gilbert gave an overview of the Inside/Out Program. The program teaches youth attending the alternative high school Pima Vocational (the “outside” group) and those being detained at the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center (the “inside” group) to write poetry. Pima Vocational High school is an alternative school that falls under Pima County Community Services/ Resources Department. The program is funded by the Friends and has been operating for the last two years. Madeline Kiser, local poet/activist chooses the topics based on issues that concern youth; their community or their world. The program has collaborated with several departments from the University of Arizona that assist by providing lecturers that can give first hand accounts of some of the topics youth are writing about. Ultimately the program aims to increase verbal and written skills and encourage youth in detention to continue their education when they are released.

Sharon distributed copies and read from a book of poems written by both groups of students. The poems received much praise from Board Members.

#### LIBRARY POLICIES AND BYLAWS

Nancy told the Board that the County Attorney is currently reviewing all library policies and bylaws. The County Attorney would like to see them all in a more consistent format. After they are reviewed and revised by the County Attorney’s office policies will be presented to the Library Board. Then the policies will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Nancy also updated the Board on a new committee being appointed by the Board of Supervisors that will review and make recommendations regarding policies relating to Internet access at the libraries. The committee will be officially named at the August 21, 2006 Board of Supervisor’s meeting. The committee will consist of fifteen members representing diverse points of view.

Nancy indicated that the review of the Computer and WiFi Use Agreement and related policies are on hold pending the recommendations of this committee.

Hank Atha stated he expected all library polices to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors either as Pima County Codes or as Administrative Procedures.

Nancy and Karen Friar, the County Attorney will be meeting weekly until all policies and bylaws are ready to be submitted for final approval.

Another issue the library is facing concerns holidays. Since most county offices are closed on the weekend, holidays that fall on a Saturday are observed on the Friday prior. For the upcoming Veteran’s Day holiday which falls on a Saturday, libraries will be closed to observe the holiday on Friday. Libraries will be open on the actual holiday.

### BUILDING UPDATE AND BOND PROPOSALS

Pat Corella gave an update on buildings and bond proposals:

Quincie Douglas Branch suffered a significant amount of damage during last night's storm. Windows were broken in the computer room. Also several staff had their personal vehicles damaged by falling hail. The branch will be closed for at least one week while damage is assessed and repairs made. There was some damage to books and some audio visual materials.

Martha Cooper The furniture continues to arrive. The contract to build the canopies was awarded but work has not started. Contractors are still working on water leaks from around windows and doors. Planning is underway for a grand opening in early fall. A soft opening will be as early as Monday, August 14, 2006.

Cost estimates for the damage has not been determined yet. Martha Cooper is still under warranty. Quincie Douglas may still fall under warranty for some repairs. Pima County Facilities is handling repair work.

Planning for new facilities in Flowing Wells and Marana continues.

Nancy and Pat reviewed libraries to be submitted for consideration for a bond proposal. The first priority is to build libraries in areas with increasing population growth namely the Southwest side on West Valencia Road and the Southeast side near the Rita Ranch/Vail area. The Southeast side will be a bit more difficult due to locating a site that does not fall in the Davis Monthan Air Force Base flight path. The bond request includes expanding Green Valley, Columbus, Mission, Catalina and Flowing Wells, as well as moving River Library to a new location. These requests are a secondary priority to building new libraries in areas that do not have a library.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Library Transition Update

The Tucson Police Department no longer provides security for the library. Building security is being provided by Securitas. The Tucson Police Department is being called for emergencies. The Main Library staff calls 911 on a daily basis for problems. Securitas is looking into the possibility of hiring off duty police officers, as recommended by the County Sheriff's Office

As of July 1, 2006 the library can no longer validate parking for customers. ParkWise was losing revenue and decided to begin charging the library or its customers. Funds are not in the library budget so customers must pay their own parking. City and County have met regarding this issue and a proposal was submitted to charge the Library a monthly fee of \$3000 for all customer parking. Administration has received approximately 200 complaints from angry customers who feel that paying for parking limits their access to library services. Staff attending training must park at the Public Works Garage located across the street from the library in order to receive parking validation.

The City appointed Library Board members received a letter thanking them for their service and notifying them their terms ended when the City turned over the library to the County.

Board members were reassured that the County Board of Supervisors would be reappointing members at the August 21, 2006 meeting. Term of appointment will be until the end of June 2007. At that time the Board of Supervisor's will appoint 5 members to serve a 2 year plan and 5 members to serve a four year term.

#### MEETING DATES

Change location for May 9, 2007 meeting from the Main Library to one of the Branches.

#### ACTION ITEM

No action items.

#### LIBRARY UPDATE

##### Library Director's Report

Nancy Ledeboer highlighted some of the points in her report that had not been discussed in the Transition agenda item.

- Transition with the County has gone fairly well.
- Staff is learning new procedures for purchasing, hiring and payroll.
- Contracted for cash collections service
- Hired staff for Martha Cooper, numerous pages and librarians, 3 Branch Managers and a Deputy Director for Public Services

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Oro Valley Library Affiliate
- Library Name Change
- Library Revised Policies

#### CALL TO AUDIENCE

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Rodriguez  
Executive Assistant