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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes from Thursday, March 23, 2006

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Commission Chair, Walter Ruehlig, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. COMMISSION BOOKSHELF

Commissioners provided suggestions for current reading:

Title	Author
Our Endangered Values	Jimmy Carter
The Five Dysfunctions Of A Team	Patrick M. Lencioni
Secrets Of The Code	Dan Bernstein
1906	James Dalessandro
The Plot Against America	Phillip Roth
Washington's Crossing	David Hackett Fisher
Nathaniel's Nutmeg	Giles Milton
River Town – Two Years On The Yangtze	Peter Hesslerr
At Canaan's Edge	Taylor Branch
The Pillow Book Of Sei Shonagon	Arthur Waley
Extremely Loud And Incredibly Close	Jonathan Foer
Here I Stand	R.H. Bainton
Death Valley In '49	William Lewis Maaly

3. ROLL CALL

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
		VACANT	City of Richmond			
		VACANT	CCC District 1			
		VACANT	City of San Pablo			
Atkinson	Joyce	Library Commissioner	City of Clayton			X
Austin	N. Earl	Library Commissioner	City of Orinda (Alternate)	X		
Bednarz	Ludwik M.	Library Commissioner	CCC District 2	X		
Boyd	Jeanne	Library Commissioner	City of Clayton (Alternate)	X		
Brown	Carol	Library Commissioner	City of Orinda	X		
Brown	E. Joy	Library Commissioner	City of El Cerrito (Alternate)	X		
Burstyn	Deborah Prager	Library Commissioner	City of Walnut Creek	X		
Butler	Yolanda	Library Commissioner	CCC District 5 (Alternate)			X
Couzens	Beatrice	Library Commissioner	CCC District 3 (Alternate)			X
Dudiak	Ted	Library Commissioner	City of Pittsburg	X		
Enholm	Greg	Library Commissioner	CCC District 5	X		
Fuller	Kathy	Library Commissioner	City of Martinez	X		
Fugazzi	Ron	Library Commissioner	City of Brentwood			X
Goglio	Joseph	Library Commissioner	Contra Costa Central Labor Council			X
Hoisington	Mary Ann	Library Commissioner	City of Lafayette			X
Howlett	Patricia	Library Commissioner	City of Concord (Alternate)	X		
Johnson	Wayne	Library Commissioner	City of Pleasant Hill	X		
Leffmann	Robert	Library Commissioner	City of Lafayette (Alternate)	X		
Loeza	Porfirio	Library Commissioner	City of Pinole	X		
MacAulay	Bruce	Library Commissioner	City of Hercules (Alternate)	X		
Madfes	Sherry	Library Commissioner	Friends Council	X		
Marshburn	Peggy	Library Commissioner	Office of Education	X		
McClellan	John	Library Commissioner	Town of Moraga	X		
McGrady	Lloyd	Library Commissioner	City of El Cerrito	X		

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Mengel	Christina	Library Commissioner	Friends Council (Alternate)			X
Myrick	Dennis	Library Commissioner	Town of Moraga (Alternate)			X
Nolte	Pauline	Library Commissioner	City of San Ramon			X
Parker	Eleanor	Library Commissioner	Town of Danville	X		
Pearlstein	Helen	Library Commissioner	CCC District 3			X
Pricco	Susan	Library Commissioner	CC Central Labor Council (Alternate)			X
Ruscitti	Deirdre	Library Commissioner	CC Youth Commission			X
Ruehlig	Walter	Library Commissioner	City of Antioch	X		
Schmalenberger	Carol	Library Commissioner	City of Pittsburg (Alternate)			X
Shaffer	Ed	Library Commissioner	CC Council (Alternate)	X		
Simutis	John D.	Library Commissioner	City of Concord	X		
Smith	Alan B.	Library Commissioner	CCC District 4	X		
Tao	Jennifer	Library Commissioner	CC Youth Commission (Alternate)			X
Vasa	Utkarsh	Library Commissioner	CC Youth Commission (Alternate)			X
Villegas	James	Library Commissioner	City of Oakley	X		
Walters	Andrew	Library Commissioner	City of Hercules			X
Weinberg	Robert	Library Commissioner	CCC District 2 (Alternate)	X		
Wentz	Kelly	Library Commissioner	City of Brentwood (Alternate)			X
Whitley	Robert	Library Commissioner	CC Council	X		

Total Commission positions: 29

Commission positions filled: 26

Commission positions vacant: 3

Commission quorum: 14

With 21 Library Commissioners present, a quorum was established.

VOTING:

According to the By-laws of the Library Commission, in order for a vote to pass, a majority of the city representatives and a majority of the County representatives must approve it. Upon reauthorization of the Library Commission, the five special appointees to the Library Commission draw lots to determine whether their votes count with the cities or the County. Through June 2006 the special appointees will be counted as follows:

Three representatives votes count
with the cities

- Central Labor Council
- Superintendent of Schools
- Contra Costa Council

Two representatives votes count
with the County

- Youth Council
- Friends Council

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Also present at the meeting: Library Patron, Chauncey Lindquist; Vice-Chair Hercules Library Commission, Jacquelyn Harbert; Hercules Library Friends member, Brenda Souza-Hudson; Deputy County Librarian: Public Services, Rose-Marie Westberg; Information Systems Project Manager, Lorrie Butler; Executive Secretary, Corinne Kelly; County Librarian, Anne Cain.

5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vice-Chair Hercules Library Commission, Jacquelyn Harbert and Hercules Library Friends member, Brenda Souza-Hudson presented the Library with a check for \$25,000 towards the opening day collection for the new Hercules Library and said that the money was earned over six years of selling about 75,000 books for .25 and .50 cents each (*attachment #1 to the minutes*).

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Agenda Attachment 1

The minutes from the January 26, 2006 Library Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the March 23, 2006 Library Commission meeting was approved as submitted.

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners made announcements including:

Commissioner Burstyn (representing Walnut Creek) reported that following the defeat of Measure R, Walnut Creek City officials met with community members and many groups of citizens to listen to and discuss various issues relating to the Library. Following these meetings and a lengthy Town Hall meeting, the Council voted unanimously to move forward with a 42,000 square foot library with underground and grade level parking. Over 250 people attended the Walnut Creek Library's March 16, 2006 Civic Engagement event that featured constitutional scholar and Yale Law School Professor, Akhil Reed Amar. Amar is a consultant on the West Wing television show and author of America's Constitution: A Biography, and a former Walnut Creek student. A copy of the program was shared with the group.

Clayton Community Library Foundation will have a used book sale April 28-30, 2006.

The Orinda Library Friends gave former Senior Branch Librarian, Ann DeFraga, a retirement tea party. DeFraga's many accomplishments were mentioned during the party. Orinda Library's Acting Branch Librarian is Debbie Tyler. Orinda Library had good attendance for the two lunar new years programs.

Commissioner Leffman (alternate representing Lafayette) commented that the Library Commission tour of some of the other libraries was impressive. It was beneficial to get a feeling of the library organization as compared to being familiar with just one library. He encouraged Commissioners to take advantage of the library tours.

Commissioner Smith (representing CCC District 4) shared slides from State Librarian, Susan Hildreth's, presentation on the economic value of libraries that was given at California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC)'s spring workshop (*attachment #2 to the minutes*). She compared how much is spent on libraries to other industries. She included studies of economic values. For example, for every dollar put into libraries, \$5 of economic value is returned to the community. These studies are available on the American Library Association's (ALA) web site. Smith mentioned that CALTAC and CLA (California Library Association) are jointly working on a legislative effort to increase the Public Library Fund money provided by the State to all California public libraries. Smith added that the Contra Costa County Library Commission is very active as compared to others throughout the State.

Commissioner Madfes said that the Hercules Library is moving along well and that the lecture series is growing more successful and shared flyers for the April 15, 2006 lecture. The Hercules Friends are fundraising with the help of a local pizza parlor.

Commissioner Shaffer (alternate representing Contra Costa Council) mentioned that County Librarian, Anne Cain, will speak about the Library Construction Bond Measure, Proposition 81 at the Contra Costa Council's April 2006 meeting.

Commission Chair Ruehlig (representing Antioch) mentioned that he recently submitted a letter to the editor of the Contra Costa Times about Proposition 81.

Rose-Marie Westberg, Deputy County Librarian: Public Services, was recognized by the Library Commission for her 34 years of service and a list of her many accomplishments was read to the group. She was presented with a letter signed by the Commission (*attachment#1 to the minutes*) and flowers. Rose-Marie Westberg

thanked the Commission for their acknowledgment, and said that these past 34 years have flown by. She remembers driving down Highway 4 in 1972 and looking at the hills commenting that this is home. She said that she came to America from Sweden in 1963 to live in Los Angeles and then to Contra Costa County. She said that during the 34 years that she worked for Contra Costa County Library, her best supervisor has been Anne Cain, who always looks to the positive. She is proud of the part that she has played in Contra Costa County Library and happy that she will not actually be leaving, but staying on to see the Hercules Library become a reality.

9. CORRESPONDENCE - Agenda Attachment 3

The Library Commission correspondence included a letter from Maureen Kilmurray, Concord Senior Branch Librarian and BALIS Public Information Committee Representative, regarding the Bay Area Library Information Systems' (BALIS) campaign, featuring the theme "your library card – get it use it". The campaign will include bus signs and other items listed in the letter.

10. REPORT FROM COUNTY LIBRARIAN - Agenda Attachment 4

County Librarian, Anne Cain, updated Commissioners on the Library's Strategic Plan. She described the January 9, 2006 meeting with the city managers, followed by the March 1, 2006 meeting with the City and County Relations Committee, which included two Board of Supervisors and mayors from eight or nine cities. She also met with the Public Managers Association (PMA) on March 9, 2006, which included the city managers and the County Administrator. She then took the Strategic Plan to the Board of Supervisors on March 14, 2006, asking that the Library be authorized to present the Strategic Plan to the Mayors' Conference on April 6, 2006. The Board of Supervisors approved this and also voted to support Proposition 81, the Library Construction Bond. Commissioner Smith was present to speak on behalf of the Library Commission. Bob Stewart, Programs Administrator for the City of Pleasant Hill's Redevelopment Department, spoke for the City of Pleasant Hill and said they are looking forward to the Pleasant Hill Library serving as a strong community library rather than as a central library. The Strategic Plan is posted to the Library's public web site and public comments on the Strategic Plan can be submitted via the site. The Strategic Plan is also available on the Staff Intranet for staff review and comment.

A Commissioner questioned how long the Strategic Plan will be posted to the Library's website for public comment. Cain explained that the Library always accepts public comments, but depending on what happens at the April 6, 2006 Mayors' Conference, public comment on the Strategic Plan will be accepted for at least two months.

The public information fact sheet on Proposition 81 was distributed (*attachment #3 to the minutes*). The fact sheet, which is not advocacy, was approved by County Counsel for distribution. The Proposition 81 fact sheet will be available at Contra Costa County Libraries through the June 6, 2006 election. This fact sheet is different from campaign items.

Legislative Day is Wednesday, April 26, 2006. Cain distributed registration forms for Commissioners to register themselves if they plan to attend. (*attachment #4 to the minutes*) She also shared detailed information on the Public Library Foundation (PLF) (*attachment #5 to the minutes*).

Commissioner Enholm (representing CCC District 5) asked the status of setting a meeting with Senator Torlakson for Legislative Day in the District. Cain said that a meeting did not surface during Legislative Day in the District, but a date has been confirmed with Senator Torlakson for Legislative Day in Sacramento.

Concord's Monument Futures' opening day is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2006. More information will be made available as the date gets closer.

Commissioner Leffman requested information about the Pleasant Hill Library moving from a central to a community library. Cain explained that Pleasant Hill went through a collaborative study and found that the Central Library does not serve the Pleasant Hill community in the same way that other community libraries serve their community. The Central Library focuses on centralized resources such as government documents and has fewer children and author programs, as an example. Pleasant Hill wants to have a strong community library like the other communities.

- 11. BAY AREA LIBRARY & INFORMATION SYSTEM (BALIS) LAY ADVISORY BOARD REPORT**
Commissioner Smith mentioned the free event on April 29, 2006, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., jointly put on by BALIS and PLS, “Book Sales and Beyond – Winning Ideas for Library Fundraising.” It will be held at the San Francisco Public Library.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY BUDGET - Agenda Attachment 5

County Librarian, Anne Cain, reviewed the Library’s fiscal year 06-07 budget (*attachment #6 to the minutes*).

She explained how the Library estimates revenues. The Library does not receive County general fund money, but instead receives a special property tax fund, which provides 80% of Library funding. The Library goes through a process of estimating property taxes, working closely with the County Administrator’s Office and the Assessor. The Library looks at yearly trends and forecasts future trends. Intergovernmental revenue is also projected, which is the amount the Library receives from the cities. This year, the budget estimate for increases in property tax is less of an increase than in previous years because the housing market has slowed down. Cain shared a chart that identified the years when property taxes increased. The Library was not spending all its revenue then and set aside those funds, anticipating a time, such as the last couple of years, when there would not be enough funds. The Library is spending \$1.5 million of these funds in the current fiscal year and estimates that \$1.2 million will be spent next year. In 2010 – 11, the revenue and expenditures should come back together, which was indicated on the chart.

Cain explained that the Library develops expense projections by working with all Branch Librarians and Program Managers who identify library needs. Salary and benefit projections are received from the County’s Human Resource Department. Cain shared a chart on benefits that demonstrate the increase in retiree healthcare, employee insurance, and medical costs. The materials budget is increased by the Consumer Price Index, and is allocated to the libraries based on population and circulation.

The Library receives an estimate from General Services for maintenance and delivery costs, and estimates from other County departments that provide the Library with services, such as the Department of Information Technology, Auditor Controller, Tax Collector, and Human Resources.

Cain reviewed the revenue chart, which included \$18 million from property taxes, \$3.8 million intergovernmental, \$1.2 million in reserves, fines and fees, and \$375,000 from State’s Public Library Fund (which has decreased over a million dollars in three years).

Cain reviewed the expense chart that demonstrates actual costs and services of running a library. All 25 libraries have shared services, such as delivery, automation, and Countywide programs. Shared services costs are based on the functions in each area. Each service has a factor by which it is distributed.

Challenges and opportunities include development and implementation of the timeline for the Library's Strategic Plan. The shared services cost development plan also needs to be completed. It is also important that the Library continue pursuing grants and corporate sponsorship for programs.

The budget timeline was reviewed. The Library's budget was submitted on February 24, 2006. In early April, the Library will meet with the County Administrator's office and make changes or updates as needed. The Board of Supervisors is planning to discuss the budget early this year with the tentative date for adoption of the budget as May 2, 2006.

Commissioner Enholm questioned the Library's reserve.

Cain explained that the reserve fluctuates according to what is not spent each year and that there are multiple reserves, including an automation reserve. Revenues will catch back up to expenses by 2010, so the Library will not be spending more reserves.

Commissioner Shaffer explained that he finds the table showing the reserve slightly confusing, as it implies that the Library is spending down its reserves. He suggested adding the total fund for clarity.

Cain agreed this was a good idea and will include it in the future.

Commissioner Marshburn (representing the CCC Office of Education) asked if the Library has to keep a reserve.

Cain responded that the reserve allows the Library to maintain a consistent level of service (open hours, etc.) and not have ups and downs, such as in the early 90's, when the Library lost a third of its funding in one year due to the State's elimination of the Special District Augmentation Fund.

A Commissioner asked if once the budget is adopted, could the Library be asked to cut more.

Cain explained that the Library estimates an 8% increase in the property tax, but if revenue estimates are wrong or if the Public Library Foundation is eliminated, more could be cut from the budget. The Library makes budget adjustments throughout the year. A budget is a plan and will change throughout the course of the year. Commissioners will be kept informed of any changes or decisions that will impact the Library's budget.

ONLINE LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATION - *Agenda Attachment 6*

Lorrie Ann Butler, Information Systems Project Manager, was introduced. Cain explained that Butler came from the Denver Public Library a few months ago and Denver uses the same CARL system as Contra Costa County Library. Butler brought her CARL knowledge to make the Library's system work better for Contra Costa County.

Butler shared information about the new online library card registration called the library e-card. People can complete a library card application online and immediately access the Library's online resources including databases, live homework help, and electronic books; browse the Library's collection; and place holds on items. When patrons complete an online form, they receive an e-mail confirmation with their e-card number. A brochure about the library e-card services with the perforated e-card is mailed to them after they register for online. A preliminary version of the library e-card brochure is included in the Library Commission packet. When people register for the library e-card, they go through a validation process to confirm they are a resident of Contra Costa County. This is a requirement for many of the Library's database licensing agreements. Patrons may later come into the Library, and exchange their e-card for a regular library card with proper identification. This will allow them to check out books and other material. The online library e-card

implementation is planned for June 1, 2006.

Library staff often market electronic resources out in the community. With the library e-card, people will be able to immediately use those resources without visiting a library. The ed1Stop portal, demonstrated at the last Commission meeting, is an example of this outreach. The portal is accessed through the County Office of Education and will include a link to register for the library e-card. Teachers and students can then immediately access the library's resources with that e-card.

Commissioners shared their excitement about the Library's new e-card and commented on the attractive brochure. They recommended that it be promoted to city councils and in the schools, and suggested that the Library consider placing information about the library e-card in school registration packets. Librarians do visit the schools and will have information about the library e-card. A suggestion was made that when the librarians visit the schools, they have each teacher register for a library e-card while demonstrating the services. All of these ideas will be incorporated into the marketing plan for this service.

Commissioner Marshburn suggested that the link to the library e-card information be included in the Office of Education's *Dateline* publication that is e-mailed to teachers. Information on the e-card could also be announced in the parent and teacher resource pages, with a separate link in addition to the ed1Stop portal link.

Cain said that the Library has been working on the online library card registration for a while, and thanked Butler and Deputy County Librarian, Cathy Sanford, for making it a reality.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONER ENHOLM'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION

- *Agenda Attachment 7*

Library Commissioners considered a draft Resolution to encourage a study to expand public library services in Bay Point as presented by Commissioner Enholm (representing CCC District 5).

Commissioner Enholm mentioned that there are some things that are not included in the Resolution for good reasons that Commissioners would need to know before voting. The first is when the State Library Bond Act passes, there are many people in Bay Point who see this as an opportunity to secure part of the \$25 million set aside in the Act for joint use public/school libraries. Commissioner Enholm said that since the community has had a joint use library operating in the middle school for 12 years, he believes this strong history could be presented to the Bond Board who decides the allocation. Commissioner Enholm has lived in Bay Point for ten years and has been a Commissioner for two. Bay Point is not a city and unlike Antioch, Hercules, Lafayette, Orinda, Walnut Creek, and other area cities, there is no organization in place to provide the core support for this effort. Thus he is looking to the seventh largest school district in the State, Mt. Diablo, to be a willing participant in an effort to expand that joint use. He believes that there are ways that it could be done where Mt. Diablo would be very happy with it, such as if they get a larger share of the space for their existing middle school library. Commissioner Enholm thinks they would be willing to do that if the State pays for it.

Commissioner Enholm called attention to the letters from local legislators indicating their support for the study. Commissioner Enholm pointed out that it is important to be aware that there are local organizations that have budgets. Commissioner Enholm added an historical note that Senator Torlakson was Supervisor back when the original homework help center/library was set up and feels a very strong personal commitment to this, which is unusual with legislators. Also, Senator Torlakson used to teach there, so he is connected two ways and is very willing to be helpful on this.

Commissioner Enholm said that he is an elected board member for the local recreation and park district, which is the only governmental agency in Bay Point that has a budget and a staff. There is a Municipal Advisory Council that has neither a budget nor a staff. Commissioner Enholm reported that he has met with most

members of the Board of Supervisors and all Mt. Diablo School Board Members, including the new one. He also met with the Chair of the Ambrose Recreation and Parks District, Gloria Magleby. After meeting with Mt. Diablo School Board President, Linda Mayo, and Superintendent, Gary McHenry, it is clear to him that the Mt. Diablo School Board will not agree to do anything until they see that improving Bay Point Library services is considered to be very important not just by Bay Point, but by other communities in their area, because they serve Concord, Pleasant Hill, Clayton, and Walnut Creek. He said they have made it clear that they have to look at their whole priority set, and if they see lots of support from lots of communities to do something, it will be higher on the priority list as compared to a request from just one community.

In looking specifically at the draft Resolution under consideration, Commissioner Enholm stated that Bay Point has 23,000 residents. He pointed out that this is actually more than Pinole and it is about the same as Hercules, so it would be appropriate for Bay Point to have a reasonable facsimile of their libraries just on that basis alone. Commissioner Enholm proposed a study of the existing 1,000 SF library to determine if an expansion makes sense. He feels, as a Library Commissioner, that the entity most qualified to do this is our County Library staff, not the Mt. Diablo School District, and others feel the same way. Commissioner Enholm envisions the same sort of work that was done in Pleasant Hill, where the Mt. Diablo Unified School District participated in the question of whether a community library should be planned. He stated that there is no commitment to prepare a bond application, although it may eventually lead to an application. He is also hoping that there is no requirement for funding.

Commissioner Enholm reviewed the packet that he handed out (*attachment #7 to the minutes*), which includes a Resolution of support from the City of Pittsburg. He reported that the San Marco development south of Highway 4 is getting bigger and bigger by the day. All of those people live in the City of Pittsburg, but their students go to the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. There are projections that there will be more Pittsburg resident students in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District than are in the Pittsburg Unified School District in about ten years. The City Council of Pittsburg cares very much about what will happen to Riverview Middle School, because a lot of their residents' children will be going to it. Therefore, it was very easy to get this unanimous vote asking for a study, which is all he requested. Commissioner Enholm stated, "Now of course, if something comes out of that where there is some money is needed, the City of Pittsburg obviously is in position to provide some funds. The Pittsburg Unified School District was easier than the City of Pittsburg, because there are School District Board Members who strongly believe in libraries. They want to improve their own libraries and they feel that if their library should be improved, then other school districts should improve their libraries."

Commissioner Enholm asked if Commissioners had heard of the Los Medanos Community Health Care District, which went bankrupt. He reminded the Commissioners that when K-mart went bankrupt, when they came out of bankruptcy, the first thing they did was buy Sears. When an entity comes out of bankruptcy, it is in great shape. The Health Care District literally has millions of dollars that are not allocated and that they are thinking about allocating. He is talking with them, in a one-on-one effort, to convince them that improving the Bay Point Library would make sense because they are already spending money on the Bay Point Health Care Center, which is on the same campus. He is hoping to convince them to provide money to make a better library, where there would be an emphasis on health in one section.

Commissioner Enholm reported that he sits on the Ambrose Park and Recreation District Board and serves as Chair of the Finance Committee. He has previously been Chair of the Board and has a four-year term. He said that the District has gone from a having an audit report that said there was danger four years ago that they would go insolvent to having a very sound report.

Commissioner Enholm reviewed the Ambrose Park and Recreation District audit report, which he provided to

Commissioners. He provided the one page audit report that he thought most relevant to those people concerned about costs associated with this resolution. He said that, as Chair of the Finance Committee, he is very proud that they have \$385,765.25, as they are a tiny district with an annual budget of \$1.3 million. He believes that if this Resolution is passed and if the Mt. Diablo Unified School District approves it, then he can get three votes of the APRD to approve partial funding for an initial study. Commissioner Enholm also said that he firmly believes that the people of Bay Point would be willing to pay a parcel tax for libraries. He repeated this saying, "And from a practical standpoint, as long as two efforts that we have underway, with Joe Canciamilla, and you have already seen his letter in your packet, and Tom Torlakson, to make it clear that recreation would include the ability to put a parcel tax on the ballot for the public to vote on to fall within the district's jurisdiction."

Commissioner Enholm summarized that he believes this is a pretty complete picture assuming that the application is rated a go with the Library Bond, which may not happen. The process will consider the feasibility of the joint use of land and facilities with other government agencies in order to minimize school facility costs. The benefits that already exist with the existing joint use library, if it were expanded, would go up and their desire to benefit joint-use would be realized.

In concluding his presentation, Commissioner Enholm asked Commissioners to look at the Resolution (changing the typo "injunction" to "in conjunction," so that it reads "Now therefore be it resolved that the Contra Costa County Library Commission requests that the Board of Education for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District consider initiating a study, in conjunction with the County Library Staff, for the feasibility of improving library services for joint use school library/public library at Riverview Middle School"). He said that, as a courtesy, this recommendation will be reported to the County Board of Supervisors, but he does not think that it requires any action on their part. He pointed out that at a board meeting attended by Anne Cain, Supervisor Federal Glover mentioned library services in Bay Point and Supervisor Mark DeSalunier also said something that Commissioner Enholm really likes to hear - that we really need to support Bay Point's efforts for a library. He thinks that with two Supervisors who feel this way, it is worth a try to see if we can get the school together with the County Library, and see what can be done.

Commissioner Enholm moved adoption of the Resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Dudiak, (representing the City of Pittsburg). Commissioner Dudiak said that he talks to people at the Library all the time and this is certainly a natural development, especially since Bay Point was once known as West Pittsburg.

Chair Ruehlig asked for questions or comments.

Commissioner Smith (representing CCC District 4) asked County Librarian Anne Cain what the cost would be for a typical study such as this.

Cain responded that the figure most of the cities use to do an application is about \$250,000, with the needs assessment ranging about \$40,000 to \$50,000. That is really a ballpark figure because it depends upon what a consultant is asked to do, how many meetings they have to attend, whether they are working with a steering committee, whether they are going to a lot of public meetings, etc.

Commissioner Smith asked, if this was to be done, and listening to the Board of Supervisor meeting and Chair Gioia making it so clear that there is no extra money coming to the Library, would something not get done in the Library if you have to spend money on a needs assessment?

Cain responded that one of the issues would be why money would be spent on one community verses another community. There are several other unincorporated areas that are looking at improving their libraries, such as Kensington, and Byron and Discovery Bay, which don't have any library service at all. Cain said that yes,

something from the previous budget presentation would not get done, but there is also the issue of what is said to the other communities that have been told there is no money to do a needs assessment?

Commissioner Enholm reminded the group that all he has to do is to convince the two other Ambrose Board members and he can bring a check. He said the funds will actually come out of the same pot, since their money is with the County.

Commissioner Smith said that Supervisor Piepho (representing CCC District 3) raised an interesting idea last week. She is looking at her East County area, trying to see what services are needed and how things are equitably distributed throughout the County in terms of buildings, facilities and so forth. They've got a task force now that is going to be looking at this whole process. He wondered whether it might be appropriate to address not only just Bay Point, where he concurs that there is a real need, but also other areas with similar needs.

Commissioner Enholm interjected that not a lot of the other areas could come up with \$50,000 for the needs study.

Commissioner Fuller (representing Martinez), said that the Friends of the Martinez Library raised half and the Council raised half of the cost to conduct their needs assessment. The Martinez Friends are doing the bulk of the work, so that they don't have to pay somebody.

Commissioner Smith said that perhaps libraries could be included as a part of what Supervisor Piepho has the County doing and take a complete look at the unincorporated areas. He thinks four Supervisors mentioned the unincorporated areas as an issue at their March 14, 2006 meeting. "Let's see what the whole picture is and perhaps maybe have a resolution that would address a bigger concern throughout the County rather than what has been talked about here," said Smith.

Chair Ruehlig said that he thought Mr. Smith's idea is a reasonable compromise. He stated that he is a good friend of Mr. Enholm and he considers himself a good friend of Bay Point. He finds this a slippery slope and has a lot of problems with it. He runs into this on the school board all of the time, and has been groping for the perfect analogy. One that comes to mind is a recent review of a charter application for a school in Antioch. The school asked for his endorsement under the feasibility study on their application and he refused it, but not because he is against charter schools. He is quite inclined in that direction and likes educational choice. However, he felt endorsing the school would open a Pandora's box for the next person. What if their charter turns out to be a bust, as happens to 4% of all charters? Someone also approached him about endorsing a feasibility study for synthetic turf at Antioch High School, which costs about a million dollars. It might be a wonderful thing, but there happens to be another high school in Antioch, Deer Valley High School. If he endorses one project for one school, will he be endorsing it for the other? Even if there were only one school in Antioch, in endorsing that one project, is he possibly saying that he endorses that million dollars over other needs that the school might have? Chair Ruehlig said that the study is a wonderful idea and if he could, he would probably vote right now for Bay Point, but he just doesn't think that this is the right venue to be endorsing projects. Someone down the line will say the County Library Commission endorsed this project and he has difficulty with this.

Commissioner Brown (representing Orinda) said this is initiating a study. She doesn't see it as endorsing, because you can't endorse until you have a study. You have to see whether it is feasible first.

Chair Ruehlig said that Antioch has already been through the process, but if Antioch were asking us to initiate a study, he would stand back from his own love of the City of Antioch and say that he doesn't think Antioch

should be approaching the Commission to endorse their study.

Commissioner Enholm said the issue Chair Ruehlig is missing, is that Antioch is a city. If there were a City of Bay Point, then he wouldn't be asking for this. He asked "What is the point of having a County Library Commission if the unincorporated areas of the County, which by definition do not have local government, can't come to the County Commission and say look, are you willing to overcome a very legitimate concern by the school district, that they would like to see that it is more than Bay Point that is interested in this?" He stated that he has a Resolution from the City of Pittsburg and a Resolution from the Los Medanos Community Health Care District that represents both Pittsburg and Bay Point. So he feels that that is a valid issue if all we are looking at is Bay Point. He also pointed out that Tom Torlakson, who is our elected State Senator and Joe Canciamilla, who is our elected State Assemblyman, both endorse this and don't have these problems. Commissioner Enholm said the reality that he sees is that Bay Point doesn't have an alternative. He said that if there was a City of Bay Point, then we could be like Hercules and go through the same process, but we can't. Commissioner Enholm said that Arne Simonson, who is on the Antioch City Council, believes that Prop 1A basically wipes out the chance of anyone setting up a city by wiping out the money that could be potentially advanced to a group setting up a city. He suggested Commissioners talk to Arne because he is quite adamant about that and wants to see it changed. Enholm continued, "So now you're saying that in the context of the State government, it is unlikely that Bay Point could get a city, so we're stuck. There is no way that we could convince the one entity that would allow us to expand the existing library without Commissioner Enholm or Gloria Magleby or both of them or whoever go to the City of Antioch." He "guesses that Arne would probably vote for a resolution like this. But that seems a little odd that we have to go to these distant communities that don't even have any relationship to the Mt. Diablo School District, to ask Chair Ruehlig's City Council to endorse this."

Chair Ruehlig said that he appreciated Commissioner Enholm's argument, and he "wouldn't speak that quickly for Arne." He said that they could "go on a long discussion with politicians but it doesn't surprise him that a politician would endorse something like this who happens to have them in his constituency base. I am not deprecating the advantages..."

Commissioner Enholm interrupted to say "But you just said that you are not willing to endorse. So there must be some difference here. I'm a politician too by the way."

Chair Ruehlig responded that he is not taking a position as an Antioch School Board Trustee, as a politician; rather he is taking a position as a Commissioner.

Another Commissioner interrupted to ask that other Commissioners be allowed to speak.

Commissioner Howlett (alternate representing Concord), said that as a former affiliate of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, and one who still works with them on a number of committees, she knows that the Mt. Diablo School District makes every effort to include that area because they know there isn't local government there that they can work with on issues, like they can in Concord or Walnut Creek. They made a point to try to have someone on every committee from that area to provide representation there. She thinks that as far as a library is concerned, although she cannot speak for them obviously, but as someone who has worked with them, she knows that they would be willing to talk about this and study the issue. She said she would like to see the Commission try to explore it.

Commissioner Smith asked if it was possible to expand the Resolution to also potentially recognize the needs of others.

Commissioner Dudiak (representing Pittsburg) said there should be a separate resolution encompassing

Commissioner Smith's ideas.

Commissioner Bednarz (representing CCC District 2) said, "Since we have a Library Commission, why not support the initiative? We don't know about others, let's open the Pandora's box." He would be happy to discuss other proposals here. "We are not talking about artificial turf in the high school, we are talking about libraries."

Commissioner Howlett asked if a subcommittee would be possible.

Another Commissioner asked if the study would come out of the County budget.

County Librarian Cain said that as far as she knows, nobody has stepped forward to provide the money.

Commissioner Enholm said that no one is going to step forward until the Commission passed the Resolution and Mt. Diablo says they are willing to do it. Just like Chair Ruehlig, Commissioner Enholm doesn't "take things to his board and say if, if, if, if, if, if, will you give us \$50,000?" They would look at him and say, "well, when and if it occurs, we'll do it." Enholm said this is the key - demonstrating to the Mt. Diablo School District that this is not just a Bay Point issue. Commissioner Enholm said they "do take care of us, but they try to take care of us like children in a family. You have to have a reason why this particular child is going to go off to Disneyland and the others aren't. The reason is that we have crafted a group of organizations that are financially able to provide money to this, but they are not going to offer the money until you show the willingness to do the work. I mean, I don't go to a contractor and say, okay I will give you \$10,000 if you do something. It works the other way, the contractor comes to me and says how would you like to have your house fixed?"

Commissioner Marshburn (representing Office of Education), said that she was a little bit confused. She said, "So, Mt. Diablo has said that they can't do this unless they get more input from other areas. And what you're saying is, that if the Library Commission, which represents all areas of Contra Costa County, passes this Resolution, then Mt. Diablo would say okay? That's kind of the chicken and the egg, with which thing comes first. Mt. Diablo is not saying...there is no resolution from them. They haven't agreed to this."

Commissioner Enholm said, "No, but they are willing..."

Commissioner Marshburn asked, "Is this forcing Mt. Diablo to do something?"

Commissioner Enholm said, "No, it's telling. Mt. Diablo, if you read the newspaper, the Superintendent said that he is willing to explore this. And that is consistent with what he has told me. But he also, in the process of telling me that he is going to explore this, gave me a list of ten things that are more important to him. And basically what he told me was, 'Greg, if you can show me that this is something that the community of (and by the way, if we were the Mt. Diablo Library Commission this would be a lot simpler) Mt. Diablo Schools thinks is worth looking into, we'll look into it.'" Enholm said that he does not see that as the chicken and the egg. He sees this community saying "This is the Library Commission, we should promote libraries, and if we are opening a Pandora's box and what comes out of this is more libraries, I think that is great. If Discovery Bay comes in here and says look, we've got \$50,000 and we have all of these resolutions, and we would like you to endorse or whatever, there is a Liberty Union, obviously they would want to do that, and obviously we already have out there, the Freedom High School in Oakley, so joint use is not a surprise to this District and County, joint use is something that makes sense. The question is, does it make sense to expand an existing joint use? And obviously, the County can't do it, right? And the Superintendent made it very clear that the District can't do it, your office probably can't do it, right?"

Commissioner Marshburn responded, "Absolutely not."

Commissioner Enholm asked "Who can do it? The Board in Sacramento that will be allocating the money from the State Bond, which I assume will pass. By the way, if the State Bond doesn't pass..."

Commissioner Marshburn clarified, "So this is something to get money? This is going to make a difference to them, in order for you to get money for what you want to do?"

Commissioner Enholm replied that there is nothing actually difficult about this. It will be necessary to have money to do the needs assessment, and subsequently, if it is appropriate, an application.

Commissioner Marshburn said, "I see, so what you are trying to do is to get the needs assessment done through this piece and then after that comes the application if the State Bond passes, like the City of Walnut Creek, Hercules and all the others that have applied."

Commissioner Enholm said, "And what the district that I sit on will have to do is put a parcel tax on the November ballot and it would have to get 2/3rds. Remember Walnut Creek was that close, so this is not something where we could afford another two months to let go here. Remember, I delivered this in January, in hopes that I would get approval in January. It is now March, and we are talking about May. It becomes increasingly difficult to mount a campaign to win when you have to get 2/3rds. So it is my belief that whatever referrals this Commission would like to have for an unincorporated area to come and ask, can you help us with another entity that would result in a library being expanded, I think we have it."

At this point. (8:55 p.m.), County Librarian Anne Cain apologized and excused herself, explaining that she had a flight at 10:30 p.m. and that Deputy County Librarian Rose-Marie Westberg would sit in for her for the rest of the meeting.

Commissioner Madfes (representing Friends Council) said that this was also not clear to her. She asked, "If, when you are unincorporated, you pay your taxes to the County, but your school district is Mt. Diablo and the cities that feed into Mt. Diablo are...?"

Commissioner Enholm said, "Concord is the large one, also Clayton, Pleasant Hill, and parts of Walnut Creek are the big ones. It is the seventh largest school district in the State." He then said, "You have to be realistic. If this was the Pittsburg Unified School District, do you think that I would be asking for this? I already have a resolution from them."

Commissioner Howlett said that there was not a high school out there yet, but given the way that area is growing, Mt. Diablo is recognizing the fact that there may well have to be a high school built out there.

A Commissioner asked if there could be a resolution that the Library is not responsible in any way financially for this type of study.

Chair Ruehlig asked Commissioner Enholm what he thought of this.

Commissioner Enholm responded that he "thought that was included, but maybe it isn't."

Commissioner Shaffer (alternate representing Contra Costa Council) said that was his concern, that if this is done in conjunction with Library staff, that implies Library staff spending time on this, taking away from other services.

Commissioner Enholm said, “We could add a sentence that no County funds will be expended as a result of this Resolution.”

Commissioner Villegas said he’d like to call for the question.

Commissioner Loeza seconded the motion.

Commissioner Smith asked if the question includes the suggested amendment.

Commissioner Enholm said that he was happy to include it. It is fine with him and that none of the other entities would have any problem saying that the County won’t spend any money on this. So, he’ll accept it as long as they get the wording down. He asked, “Is it just Library? Why don’t we make it comprehensive to say the County. No County funds will be expended as a result of this Resolution. Put that at the very end.”

Chair Ruehlig, with that amendment to the wording, called for the vote.

Secretary Kelly called the Commissioners and if the Commissioner was not present she called the alternate.

Antioch- No	Brentwood -Not present	Clayton -Yes
Concord –Yes	Danville –Yes	El Cerrito -Yes
Hercules –Yes	Lafayette –Yes	Martinez -Yes
Moraga –No	Oakley –No	Orinda -Yes
Pinole –Yes	Pittsburg –Yes	Pleasant Hill -Yes
Richmond –VACANT	San Pablo –VACANT	San Ramon -Not present
Walnut Creek –Yes	District 1 (John Gioia)-Vacant	District 2 (G. Uilkema)-Yes
District 3 (M. Piepho)-Not present	District 4 (M DeSaulnier)-Yes	District 5 (F. Glover)-Yes
Supt of Schools-Yes	CCCentral Labor Counsel-not present	CCCouncil-Yes
Friends Council-Yes		

18 aye and 3 nays.

Chair Ruehlig said, “The motion carries and is adopted. Congratulations Mr. Enholm, if I might.”

Commissioner Enholm responded, “I applaud you. Let me say that the 23,000 residents of Bay Point thank you.”

LIBRARY COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION - Agenda Attachment 8

Commissioners agreed that since the Commission has accomplished good things for Contra Costa County communities over the years that the Library Commission unanimously agreed to request that the Board of Supervisors reauthorize the Library Commission for a term of five more years, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011.

14. AGENDA SETTING FOR NEXT MEETING

- Demonstration in May of WorldCat/California Libraries Catalog.
- Commissioner Smith suggest that unincorporated areas having a potential resolution tying into the study that is going to be going on with other County services
- Commissioner Brown suggested that the Library Commission agenda packet be available online instead of by mail or discuss other options to save money from the mailing of the packets.

15. ADJOURNMENT TO THE MAY 25, 2006 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

The Library Commission meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Corinne Kelly
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Contra Costa County Library