

**NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 27, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

5:00 P.M., North Las Vegas Library District Community Room
2300 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada

PRESENT

Chair Shari Buck
Trustee Michael Montandon
Trustee Stephanie Smith
Trustee Felizia Hernandez
Trustee Vernie Borgersen

EXCUSED

Vice-Chair William Robinson
Trustee Robert Eliason

STAFF PRESENT

Library Director Anita Laruy
Deputy City Attorney Noel Eidsmore
Engineering Project Manager Bob Garlow
Assistant Library Director Kathy Pennell

WELCOME

Chair Shari Buck

VERIFICATION

Kathy Pennell,
Assistant Library Director

1. Approval of the agenda for the North Las Vegas Library District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 27, 2005.

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Trustee Smith

SECOND: Trustee Montandon

AYES: Chair Buck, Trustees Montandon, Smith, Hernandez, Borgersen

NAYS: None

2. Approval of the July 25, 2006 North Las Vegas Library District Board of Trustees Annual and Regular Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Trustee Smith

SECOND: Trustee Montandon

AYES: Chair Buck, Trustees Montandon, Smith, Hernandez, Borgersen

NAYS: None

3. Discussion and action regarding the letter from Clark County Commissioner Tom Collins regarding partnering on the development of a library at Alexander and Martin Luther King.

ACTION: CHAIR BUCK AND LIBRARY DIRECTOR LARUY TO MEET WITH CITY MANAGER, FINANCE DIRECTOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS OPTIONS AND COSTS FOR A LIBRARY AND SENIOR CENTER

MOTION: Trustee Smith

SECOND: Trustee Montandon

AYES: Chair Buck, Trustees Montandon, Smith, Hernandez, Borgersen

NAYS: None

Director Laruy reported that a letter was received from Commissioner Tom Collins wherein he proposes to sponsor a request to fund a senior center, park or other amenity to complement the library that is planned for the site on Alexander and Martin Luther King. Since the receipt of the letter, she has spoken with Commissioner Collins and he wants us to present him with an plan and the amount of funds we are willing to put up. He would match it and work with us to get the remainder of the money that we need.

Trustee Montandon recalled the situation with the Silver Mesa Recreation Center where Commissioner Gates put up some discretionary funds for the construction. The City put the \$300,000 per year amount along with the City's annual capacity to repay the debt in the hands of our bond counsel and were able to borrow about \$10.5 million. Eventually we received about \$2.95 million from the County, but the City put in over \$7 million into the project. He suggested that we check with the Finance Department regarding what our bonding capacity would be and then convert what we could do in an annual commitment to a bonding number and go back and negotiate further with Clark County.

Trustee Smith asked if the City built the senior center, could Commissioner Collins build the library because we have a senior center slated in our capital improvements plan. Director Laruy reminded the Board about the problem with Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's opposition to North Las Vegas Library District receiving money from

Clark County which resulted in Commissioner Gates' funding going to build Silver Mesa rather than a library as was originally intended. Trustee Smith replied that another option would be for the City to pay for the library and the County could pay for the senior center, as long as it is the same number of dollars we are willing to spend. This would require a policy decision by the City Council.

4. Approval to redirect the \$248,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development EDI grant to the construction of a future library due to the ineligibility of the Aliante Library project.

ACTION: APPROVED THE REDIRECTION OF FUNDS FOR THE PLANNING OF A FUTURE LIBRARY AND DIRECTED THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER ALONG WITH A COPY OF DOUG BELL'S LETTER TO SENATOR REID THANKING HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS AND INFORMING HIM THAT "RED TAPE" WOULD NOT ALLOW FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT

MOTION: Trustee Montandon

SECOND: Trustee Smith

AYES: Chair Buck, Trustees Montandon, Smith, Hernandez, Borgersen

NAYS: None

Director Laruy stated that at the last meeting she had come to the Board asking for the approval of a contract with PBS&J to conduct an environmental review of the Aliante Library project to fulfill a requirement from HUD for the release of the funds. Prior to asking for that approval she had contacted the regional and national offices of HUD and let them know that the project was already under construction. At that time she was told that we just needed to get an environmental review. Now both Clark County and the regional HUD office have said they will not sign off on this project unless we stop construction. So that we do not lose the funds, Director Laruy recommended that we submit an application to use the funding for the planning of a library at the Alexander site, as an environmental review is not required for planning. We would have five years to expend the funds.

5. Acceptance of a \$22,353 State Collection Development Grant for fiscal year 2006, and \$22,353 for fiscal year 2007.

ACTION: ACCEPTED

MOTION: Trustee Smith

SECOND: Trustee Montandon

AYES: Chair Buck, Trustees Montandon, Smith, Hernandez, Borgersen

NAYS: None

Director Laruy reported that the State Legislature awarded collection development funds for libraries throughout the State during the last legislative session. The awards were based on the District's collection development budget for the previous fiscal year.

6. Update on the construction of the Aliante Library.

ACTION: UPDATE GIVEN

Bob Garlow, Project Manager, reported that there has been a slight slip in the schedule. While 57% of the time has elapsed, only 35% of the construction is completed. We have granted two extra days because of weather and are looking at February 23, 2006 as the new completion date due to some problems in procuring the block. The contractor will be accelerating their schedule.

He informed the Board that the masonry wall is now complete and they have started placing beams. The trusses will be delivered in two weeks. Interior framing, rough plumbing and electrical are in process.

7. Approval to amend library staffing as follows:

Upgrade (2) Library Assistant II TNS 13 to Library Assistant III TNS 14

Change Reference Assistant and Children's Assistant TNS 13 to Library Assistant II TNS 13 (Title Change Only)

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Trustee Smith

SECOND: Trustee Montandon

AYES: Chair Buck, Trustees Montandon, Smith, Hernandez, Borgersen

NAYS: None

Director Laruy reported that the reason this item appears on the Library Board agenda is that after a discussion with the City Manager, he agreed that since this involves library employees and the library budget, it should be approved by the Library Board.

8. District Library Director's report

Director Laruy reported that the bids for the furniture, fixtures and equipment for the Aliante Library had come in lower than expected. They ranged from about \$156,000 to \$220,000. She will schedule a special meeting for approval of the bid.

The library held a job fair in conjunction with the City's Human Resources department in September. It attracted many exhibitors and attendees.

The reservation and print management system has been installed at the Main Branch. There are still a few glitches that are being addressed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bob Borgersen, 7617 Island Rail Drive, North Las Vegas inquired if we would have been eligible for the \$248,000 HUD EDI grant if an environmental study had been conducted prior to breaking ground. Director Laruy responded that we were notified of the grant after we had already commenced construction, but had we been notified prior to beginning construction, we should have been eligible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.