

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

March 28, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

5:02 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 Robert Eliason
Trustee Felizia Hernandez
Trustee Vernie Borgersen

EXCUSED

Vice-Chair William Robinson

STAFF PRESENT

Library Director Anita Laruy
Deputy City Attorney Noel Eidsmore
City Manager Gregory Rose
City Finance Director Phil Stoeckinger
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 March 28, 2006.

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Trustee Smith

SECOND: Trustee Montandon

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

NAYS: None

2. Approval of the January 24, 2006 North Las Vegas Library District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Trustee Smith

SECOND: Trustee Montandon

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Trustee Eliason

3. Progress report on Consolidated Tax bill draft.

ACTION: REPORT GIVEN

Director Laruy stated that at the November 25, 2005 Library Board of Trustees meeting the Board directed her to meet with the North Las Vegas legislators and ask them to sponsor a bill during the next legislative session to include the North Las Vegas Library District in the distribution of Consolidated Tax. She relayed this directive to the City Manager and the City's lobbyist, Kimberly McDonald. Ms. McDonald agreed to set up meetings with the legislators, but did say that meetings should be delayed due to some tension between the legislators and the City Council.

During a meeting with two other library directors in the valley, Director Laruy brought up the issue of the Consolidated Tax. Both directors said they would support the efforts of the North Las Vegas Library District to be included in the distribution, but they would not support the City of North Las Vegas efforts to increase their portion of the distribution.

At a luncheon two weeks ago, Director Laruy ran into Assemblymen McLeary and Parks and discussed the Consolidated Tax issue with them. They were supportive and asked her to meet with them and two other legislators who would possibly introduce the measure.

Last week, Director Laruy met with the City Manager, Ms. McDonald, the City's contract lobbyist and other City staff members. The City Manager stated that it was his intention to use one of the City's bill draft requests to seek the Consolidated Tax for the Library District and the lobbyists recommended that she not speak to any other legislators until the City's strategy had been defined.

Trustee Montandon asked if the City has an available bill draft request and questioned whether it was preferable to have a legislator sponsor the bill if they are willing.

City Manager Rose said that the City's ability to guide the legislation may become challenging if we do not sponsor the bill.

Chair Buck and Trustee Montandon each stated that they agreed with the City Manager and Chair Buck asked that the item be placed as an action item on the Board's next agenda so that they could revise their action of November 25, 2005.

4. Update on the construction of the Aliante Library.

ACTION: UPDATE GIVEN

Director Laruy told the Board that the original completion date for the Aliante Library was January 25, 2006. Subsequently, it was extended in writing to February 25, 2006, at APCO's request. When it was clear that APCO would not finish the project by February 25, Director Laruy asked when they would be done. Their project manager, Joe Pelan, said that if she would give him until March 10, 2006, the project would be complete. The completion date was then extended again, in writing, until March 10, 2006. As the project was not even close to being completed on March 10, liquidated damages were instituted as of March 11, 2006, at \$2,000 per day per the contract.

She stated that even today, the project is not complete and the Library District is incurring charges of approximately \$500 per week for storage of shelving and furniture that cannot be delivered to the building.

Director Laruy also thanked Trustee Montandon for placing a call to APCO Construction's Golden Welch in an effort to bring the project to completion.

Bob Garlow, Project Manager, reported that APCO had scheduled a walk through for the purpose of developing a punch list on March 21, 2006. The architects, Mr. Garlow and several of the pertinent consultants and inspectors arrived and it was clear that APCO was nowhere near ready. The City's team instead developed a construction completion list which has been sent to APCO Construction and Golden Welch.

Mr. Garlow spoke of the lack of performance, poor workmanship and the lack of attention to detail and stated he has repeatedly discussed these issues with APCO's project superintendent.

He further informed the Board that there has been a problem with the application of the anti graffiti coating for the exterior block. The coating was applied to a large portion of the building prior to being properly cleaned resulting in an unacceptable appearance. After that was done the general superintendent for APCO, Billy Platt, stated at a recorded meeting that the resulting appearance of the exterior building was not up to APCO standards and they would do whatever they had to do to make it right. It was agreed that they would have to sandblast the coating from the building prior to reapplication. Mr. Garlow stated that a few days ago he received a letter from APCO revisiting this issue and asking the City to pay for the sandblasting.

Mr. Garlow went on to say that the project specifications permit liquidated damages for failure to adhere to the completion date and allow for the assessment of further damages for any other costs the City incurs.

Chair Buck informed the Board that Pardee has a check for the Library District in the amount of \$5,000 which should arrive next week.

5. Discussion and action on the construction of a library on Alexander and Martin Luther King.

ACTION: NO ACTION TAKEN

Director Laruy stated that the City Manager has recommended the inclusion of \$4 million in the FY 2006/2007 budget toward the planning and construction of a library on the Library District's property on Alexander and Martin Luther King.

City Manager Rose said that he has spoken with Commissioner Tom Collins who has expressed his interest in partnering to build a library on that site. He will continue to pursue this matter with Commissioner Collins.

6. District Library Director's report

Director Laruy reported that the Grand Opening for the Aliante Library has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

She went on to say that on Saturday, February 25 area children were invited to cast their hand print in a plaster column in the children's room at the Aliante Library. It was very successful and over 75 children participated.

Director Laruy reported that we will again sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Main Branch and invited the Board Members and their families to attend.

She further stated that the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District has changed their automation system and that we no longer have access to their computer system. This has resulted in requiring materials be returned to the library systems where they were borrowed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bob Borgersen, 7617 Island Rail Drive, North Las Vegas, noticed that the trash enclosures were closed when he approached the library and thanked Chair Buck for taking action on the matter. He also stated that there is a security guard posted at the Aliante Library during the evening hours.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.