

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Sunrise Mountain Branch Library
May 11, 2009

A **special** meeting of the Library Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened in open and public session at the Sunrise Mountain Branch Library, 21109 N.98th Ave at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Barry Spiegel, James T. Abraham, Rhona Cohensitt, Joan Leone, and Steve Poe.

Members Absent: Shirley Berow, Jack McCleary

Member Emeritus: 0

Other Municipal Officials Present: J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director; David Hunenberg, Library Manager; Heather Cammarata, Executive Assistant; Kathie Jackson, Senior Librarian

Audience: 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

1C MINUTES:

Steve Poe made a motion to approve the items on consent agenda including meeting minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting. Rhona Cohensitt seconded the motion, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2R INTRODUCTION:

David Hunenberg introduced Kathie Jackson, Senior Librarian. Ms. Jackson was recently promoted at the Branch Library. No action was taken.

3R ROOM RENTAL FEES:

David Hunenberg, Library Manager, reviewed the current fee structure for the Main Library and the need to extend rates to the new Branch Library facility. Board members discussed that other City facilities have a range starting at zero and the library does not. Steve Poe made a motion to revise the resident and non-resident ranges to \$0 to \$40 and for the amended fees to apply to both the Main and Branch Library facilities. Rhona Cohensitt seconded the motion, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4R ARTWORK AT SUNRISE MOUNTAIN BRANCH LIBRARY:

Steve Poe made a motion to approve the donation of two pieces by local artist Bob Eckel for the Sunrise Mountain Branch Library art collection. Rhona Cohensitt seconded the motion, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (Non-Agenda Items)

Reports from Staff:

1. Staffing update

David Hunenberg indicated that there are currently two open positions in various stages of recruitment. Both are part-time positions. The first is the Library Assistant for the computer lab at the Main Library and the second is the Teen Librarian at the Branch Library.

2. Friends Report

David Hunenberg reported that the Friends group is doing well at both locations after the donations were given for the grand opening. The Friends have a new book sale area at the front of the Branch Library. The book sale held at the Festival of the Arts is always a big draw and the Friends of the Library brought in over \$2000 during the event.

3. Polaris Update

David Hunenberg indicated that staff is currently in the stage of area profile creation in Polaris. Training will begin in late September/early October. Polaris should go live late October/early November.

4. Grants Update

David Hunenberg reported that the library currently has one grant application outstanding. The application is for \$16,000 from LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) for a workforce re-entry program. If the Library receives this grant, job hunting classes and materials will be available to the public.

5. Summer Reading Programs

David Hunenberg informed the Board about upcoming Summer Reading Programs. Programs for children, teens, and adults will be run similar to those in the past.

6. Grand Opening Feedback

David Hunenberg reported that all feedback regarding the grand opening and the new Branch Library has been positive. Grand opening day was a huge success with 3500 people through the door. Items checked out in both March and April more than doubled the average rate circulated monthly at the previous facility.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD:

Various members of the board indicated that the Boards and Commissions Dinner on Friday was a nice event. The new pace worked well.

Rhona Cohensitt thanked everyone and enjoyed serving on the Library Board for the past eight years.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rhona Cohensitt made a motion to adjourn. Steve Poe seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Barry Spiegel, Chairperson

Heather Cammarata,
Executive Assistant