

# OCPL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2007 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Tustin Branch Library ~ Conference Room  
345 E. Main Street ~ Tustin, CA 92780

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

### OCPL-CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Lara Anderson (Dana Point), Guy Carrozzo (Fountain Valley), Dr. Steven Choi (Irvine), Tom Beamish (La Habra), Kenneth Blake (La Palma), Jane Egly (Laguna Beach), Gary Capata (Laguna Niguel), Milt Robbins (Laguna Woods), Gary Thompson (Rancho Santa Margarita), Joe Soto (San Juan Capistrano), Gordon Shanks (Seal Beach), and Ed Royce Sr. (Stanton).

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVES

Chris Norby (Chair – OC Board of Supervisors, Fourth District).

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Leslie Keane, City Manager, Laguna Woods (Alt)

### OCPL REPRESENTATIVE

John Adams, County Librarian; Helen Fried, Manager, Asst. County Librarian; Dave Sankey, Director, Fiscal & Budget Services; Steve Siemion, Manager, Fiscal Services; Laura Lynch, Executive Secretary.

## **MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND (PRIOR NOTIFICATION RECEIVED)**

### OCPL-CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Greg Ficke (Aliso Viejo), Ron Garcia (Brea), Linda Dixon (Costa Mesa), Prakash Narain (Cypress), Bill Dalton (Garden Grove), Randy Bressette (Laguna Hills), Kathryn McCullough (Lake Forest), Dean Grose (Los Alamitos), Stephanie Dorey (San Clemente), Jim Palmer (Tustin), Deborah Pauly (Villa Park), and Tri Ta (Westminster).

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVES

Supervisor Bill Campbell (OC Board of Supervisors, Third District)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ken Blake called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed Royce, Sr. (Stanton).

## **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2006 MEETING:**

Motion to approve Minutes as presented made by Joe Soto (San Juan Capistrano), and seconded by Gary Capata (Laguna Niguel). Abstain noted from Lara Anderson (Dana Point), Tom Beamish (La Habra), Gary Thompson (Rancho Santa Margarita), and Ed Royce, Sr. (Stanton). Motion passes with no objections.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

County Librarian John Adams announced his upcoming retirement on March 1, 2007, after serving as the County Librarian

for nearly 16 years. California State Law mandates that the County Librarian must hold a Masters Degree in Library Science and be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. On February 27<sup>th</sup> County Executive Officer, Thomas Mauk, will recommend the appointment of Assistant County Librarian, Helen Fried, as the Acting County Librarian.

At this time Chair Ken Blake presented a plaque to John Adams from the Library Advisory Board honoring him for his many years of outstanding leadership and service. Since April 1991, Mr. Adams served as Director of the Orange County Public Library, which is now comprised of 33 branches. He has overseen the construction of a new branch library that is an architectural recreation of the historic Irvine Mansion, and is slated for completion in early 2008. Under Mr. Adams direction, state-of-the-art computer systems & Wi-fi access have been installed in each branch library, including two technology branches with over 60 computers dedicated to patron access, a national award-winning Adult Literacy Tutoring program has been implemented. Mr. Adams is the recent recipient of the California Library Association's Outstanding Literacy Librarian of the Year award for his support and innovations in bring literacy services to Orange County. He is also the recipient of the prestigious John Cotton Dana Award.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Agenda Item A: State of the Library Report – John Adams, County Librarian (1 handout)**

County Librarian John Adams presented the State of the Library Report – see handout for details. Mr. Adams closed the report by stating that the revenue sources currently looked stable and anticipated that they would be able to support the current level of services, with the addition of several new services. He thanked the Board for their support throughout the years.

### **Agenda Item B: Report on Friend's Recognition Event – Helen Fried, Asst. County Librarian (PowerPoint)**

Assistant County Librarian Helen Fried presented a visual montage of the Friends of the Library Recognition luncheon held on October 18, 2006. Each Friends group was presented with an award honoring them for their outstanding support and contributions to their specific branch libraries, and the entire OCPL system as a whole. It was noted that Mrs. Ed Royce, Sr., serves with the Stanton Friends of the Library

### **Agenda Item C: Election of Officers for 2007 – Ken Blake - Chairman**

At this time Chairman Ken Blake opened the floor for nominations for the position of Library Advisory Board Chair. Dr. Steven Choi (Irvine) was the unopposed nominee.

*A Motion was made by Ken Blake (La Palma) to appoint Dr. Choi as Chairman of the Library Advisory Board, and seconded by Milt Robbins (Laguna Woods). Hearing no objections, motion passes unanimously.*

Newly-appointed Chairman, Dr. Steven Choi, opened the floor for nominations for the position of Library Advisory Board Vice-Chair. Milt Robbins (Laguna Woods) was the unopposed nominee.

*A Motion was made by Ken Blake (La Palma) to appoint Milt Robbins (Laguna Woods) as Vice-Chair of the Library Advisory Board, and seconded by Tom Beamish (La Habra). Hearing no objections, motion passes unanimously.*

Newly-appointed Chairman, Dr. Steven Choi, opened the floor for nominations for the position of Library Advisory Board Secretary. Lara Anderson (Dana Point) was the unopposed nominee.

*A Motion was made by Chris Norby (Chairman, OC Board of Supervisors, Fourth District) to appoint Lara Anderson (Dana Point) as Library Advisory Board Secretary, and seconded by Gary Thompson (Rancho Santa Margarita). Hearing no objections, motion passes unanimously.*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Newly elected LAB Chairman, Dr. Steven Choi (Irvine), presented former Chairman Ken Blake (La Palma) with a plaque honoring his outstanding service over many years. Mr. Blake expressed his thanks to all the LAB members and added a special thanks to John Adams (County Librarian), Helen Fried (Acting County Librarian), and OCPL staff for their hard work and dedication.

## BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Choi asked each LAB member to introduce themselves since there were a number of new members. He encouraged LAB members in the important roll they play in the enhancement of library services and facilities maintenance throughout all of Orange County. He believes that OCPL is an excellent system, but wants to make it even better in the future. He encouraged the close working relationship between the Library Advisory Board, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and the Orange County Public Library staff. Chairman Choi gave out his cell phone number (949-331-2294) and his e-mail address ([drstevenchoi@gmail.com](mailto:drstevenchoi@gmail.com)). He encouraged LAB members to contact him if they had any questions or concerns and suggested that each member give him their e-mail address.

County Librarian John Adams reaffirmed that one of the most important roll of the Library Advisory Board is in the approval of the budget for the upcoming year.

LAB members discussed various ideas for potential revenue sources to enhance library funds. Chairman Chris Norby (Board of Supervisors – 4<sup>th</sup> District) recommended seeking library grants whenever possible and welcomed the LAB members to contact their city's Board of Supervisors representative, if needed.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None noted.

## AGENDA BUILDING

The next proposed meeting of the Library Advisory Board is May 10, 2007 4:00 P.M., at the Tustin Branch Library conference room. There were not objections to this meeting date.

## ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.