

**PACIFIC GROVE LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 13, 2005
Pacific Grove Community Center

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m. Chair Mike Ottmar called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE: Mike Ottmar, Gerri Dicconson, Guy Francis, Nancy Hauk, and Ellen Pastore (Adult Services Librarian)

1. Adoption of September 13, 2005 Agenda: Ottmar asked to have item 6.a. (Status of Monarch Room Project: Report by City Manager Jim Colangelo) moved to follow item 4: approved (Francis/Dicconson)
2. Adoption of June 14, 2005 Minutes: approved (Francis/Dicconson)
3. Public Comments: Jim Colbert said he was attending because he had heard about Bobbie's retirement and was interested to learn what would happen about that.
4. Board Member Comments: Francis said he was shattered to learn of Bobbie's news and that it represented a major loss for the community. Every Board member agreed..
Nancy Hauk was welcomed to the Board, and Ottmar indicated that M.L. Wartenberg, the other new Board member, was unable to attend due to illness.
5. Old Business:
 - a. City Manager Colangelo reported that his intended report was probably not necessary now given fact that Bobbie had told him that he would be receiving a letter from the Friends Board suggesting that the project be tabled for now due to the ongoing controversy surrounding the project and the continuing steep increases in construction costs. He said that he had attended the last Friends' Board meeting and told them that as a result of the divisiveness surrounding the project, he suggested delaying the project for a short period, perhaps 3 to 4 months, during which time he would be willing to facilitate a limited public process to review how the project had evolved to this point with the idea that people who may not have been involved would then be able to focus on the real issues of why the expansion is needed. Colangelo said that given the Friends' decision to table the project for now, it's probably not timely to do this now.
 - Francis expressed reluctant agreement with tabling project. Stated he feared it would mean having to start over.
 - Dicconson agreed and further stated that tabling now would mean losing all momentum achieved to date. Feels there has been a very thorough process with lots of public meetings. .
 - Ottmar echoed those sentiments and added that he felt the project has been the victim of fallout from the golf clubhouse project. He said it was ironic that the library

expansion was a project that would not involve taxpayer dollars.

6. Reports:
 - a. Friends of the Library. Nothing beyond what was reported above. It was suggested that at a future meeting it would be good to discuss the relationship between the Board and the Friends.
 - b. Library Director Morrison: written report received.
 - City Manager was asked about recruitment process for a new director. Colangelo indicated there would be a recruitment. Ottmar stated that the Board would like to be involved in the recruitment, and Colangelo said he would welcome their input. He also indicated he had accepted Pastore's invitation to meet with Library staff on September 14 to discuss how they can provide input for the recruitment.
 - c. Pastore reported briefly on the LSTA Small Business Grant which is now close to completion. She stated that many new business titles had been purchased and that thanks to the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce, several successful "Good Morning P.G." sessions had been held.

7. New Business
 - a. Agenda items for October 11, 2005 meeting:
 - Status of the Monarch Room
 - Selection process for new Library Director.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Pastore
Adult Services Librarian

**Next Regular Board Meeting:
Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Grove Community Center
515 Junipero Ave.**