

LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION

Thursday, October 21, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Camarillo Public Library, Community Room
Camarillo, CA 93010
Tel: (805) 388-5222

Minutes

Present:

Supervisor Kathy Long, County of Ventura, District 3; Chair & Mayor Pro Tem, Carol Smith; Mayor, Kevin Kildee; Mayor Pro Tem, Sylvia Muñoz Schnopp; Mayor Bill Fulton; Library Director, Jackie Griffin.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 30, 2010 Library Commission meeting.

Approved

5. Public Communications

One member of the public was heard.

6. Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Kildee reported that on October 13, 2010, the Camarillo City Council voted unanimously to withdraw from the Ventura County Library System. They also voted to open a City Library System operated by the private contactor LSSI.

Commissioner Muñoz-Schnopp reported that Port Hueneme had an event partnered by the Prueter Library, that raised \$3,000. She also wished Commissioner Kildee well.

Commissioner Fulton reported that in a joint session of the Ventura City Council, they agreed to agendaize the following at the November 22, 2010 City Council Meeting:

1. Possibility of giving six months notice to withdraw from the Ventura County Library System.
2. Possibility of issuing RFP for proposed Library Services.

The goal is one of transparency, while researching and determining what the City of Ventura wants. They will also ask for bids if they move forward with an RFP.

Commissioner Fulton thanked the E.P. Foster Library staff for their hard work in hosting an open house on Sunday, October 17th. The Foster Library will be open on Sundays starting in January 2011.

Supervisor Long congratulated Port Hueneme on their successful library fund raiser. She also expressed her appreciation for each of the Friends of the Library Organizations.

Supervisor Long gave a brief explanation for how the MOU came about. The design and set up of the service areas was based on self determination. The library got to determine what they wanted to have above the model for the service area. The Library Commissioners came together to set up the system.

7. **Discussion on Operation and Governance of the Ventura County Library.**
Discussion of Library Governance and method of cost allocations for expenses including updates on MOU Subcommittee and possible next steps.

Discussion/Action

8. **Process for Separating the Camarillo and Ventura County Libraries Report**

Director Griffin asked that the two agenda items (Item 7 & Item 8) be combined.

She reported that in the last year, three commissioners and staff from the cities and county made an attempt to more equitably share the service areas. The Commission needs to decide on the next steps regarding what to do about where we are now and what to do in the future.

Commissioner Fulton asked if the revisions in the spreadsheets hold services at current levels.

Director Griffin replied, "Yes."

Public Communications

Three members of the public were heard.

Supervisor Long thanked Commissioner Kildee for his service. She stated that Camarillo will get full cooperation from the Ventura County Library and the County during the transition.

ACTION: Each Commissioner is directed to bring back information from their Individual city if they think contracting will better meet their city's needs.

Director Griffin will go to all the cities and give reports on all the libraries.

Director Griffin stated that she will come to the next Library Commission Meeting with a budget model for both scenarios.

She further reported that as a result of Camarillo leaving the Ventura County Library System, there will be 30 staff laid-off. These lay-offs will be based on seniority. Extra help will be laid off first and this will create staffing shortages.

Commissioner Long asked each Commissioner to have a conversation with their city leadership and come to the next meeting with a plan.

The Commissioners agreed to cancel the November 18th Library Commission Meeting.

The last meeting of the calendar year will be held on:
December 9, 2010
at Foster Library in the Topping Room
starting at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.