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June 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Lillian Hunter called the June 23, 2012 Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The meeting was held at the Main Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma.

ATTENDANCE

Library Board: Vice President Lillian Hunter, Trustee Wayne Williams, Trustee John R. (Jack) Connelly, Jr., and Trustee John Wallace were present. President Julio Quan was not present.

Library Staff: Library Director Susan Odencrantz, Business Manager Lynn Uglick, Human Resources Manager Kathleen Earl, and Confidential Assistant Karen Meyer were present.

Public: Jennine Trachier

STRATEGIC PLAN

RESOLUTION 12045: Adoption of the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan for the Tacoma Public Library

RESOLVED, That the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan for the Tacoma Public Library is adopted as presented.
The motion was tabled on June 20, 2012. The motion was made, seconded, discussed, and passed on June 23, 2012.
After adopting the Strategic Plan, the Board will begin to work on a Vision Statement and the Director (with her staff) will draft an Action Plan based on the Objectives of the Strategic Plan.
Trustee Williams said the Strategic Planning process was collaborative and thanked Director Odencrantz for her help with the Plan. Director Odencrantz thanked staff for their assistance.

BUDGET

Director Odencrantz explained that the Library's 2013-2014 budget has been given an initial target of a $3.6 million cut. She presented two models for possible cuts.

One model showed cutting Main Library to 40 hours/week, keeping both Regional Libraries (Wheelock and Moore), keeping one of the three Mid-Sized Libraries (Fern Hill, Kobetich, or Swasey), and keeping both Small Libraries (Mottet and South Tacoma).

The second model would close the Main Library to the public and keep it as an Administrative Center. This model would keep both Regional Libraries (Wheelock and Moore), two of the three Mid-Sized Libraries (Fern Hill, Kobetich, or Swasey), and both Small Libraries (Mottet and South Tacoma).

The primary drawback with the first model is closing two Mid-Sized Libraries.

The primary drawback with the second model is closing Main to the public.

The primary Performance Measure for each model is circulation. Based on last year's circulation data, Model One showed the most circulation for Main and Swasy (611,533) out of the three scenarios. Model Two showed the most circulation for Fern Hill and Swasey (364,355) out of the three scenarios.

The Board of Trustees asked about a third model which would keep all the libraries open and cut collections to equal a savings of $3.6 million. [The biennium budget for library materials was $2.7 million for 2011-2012.]

The Board also asked to meet with T.C. Broadnax, City Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennine Trachier encouraged the Board to preserve as many library facilities as possible. She said that the City cannot keep cutting funds every year and expect to have a Library. Mrs. Trachier said that we need to keep the public better informed and more aware of the budget constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

Following proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

LILLIAN HUNTER
Vice President
Tacoma Public Library Board

SUSAN L. ODENCRANTZ
Library Director and Secretary to
the Tacoma Public Library Board