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ACTION SUMMARY

March 20, 2013

**Solvang Courtroom
1745 Mission Drive
Solvang, CA 93463**

Meeting officially convened at 10:12AM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Supervisor, Doreen Farr, Patricia Manuras, Claire VanBlaricum, Neil Baker, Laura Selken, Jean Bailard, Judith Dale, Alice Down, and Shirley Stacy.

Members Absent: Barbara Raggio, Pamela Holst, and Carl Kraemer.

Directors Present: Ashlee Chavez, Irene Macias and Mary Housel.

County Staff Present: Herman Parker and Jessica Rauch.

Other Representatives: Margaret Esther, City of Santa Barbara Public Library; Maureen Theobald, interested in City of Santa Maria seat and Black Gold Director, and Margret Connell, interested in City of Goleta seat.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order: by Chair, Supervisor Farr.
- II. Roll Call: Committee Members Raggio, Holst and Kraemer were absent.
- III. Welcome New Members
i. Laura Selken – 5th District
- IV. Public Comment: None.
- V. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2012.

ACTION: A motion was made by VanBlaricum and seconded by Dale to approve the minutes of December 12, 2012 with the following revisions:

- Corrected the spelling of Shirley Boydston, Claire VanBlaricum and Laura Selken.
- Added “since 2009” to the end of V. Member Reports/Roundtable Discussions, third sentence.

Motion passed.

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STANDARD AGENDA

1. Cuyama Library Construction Project – *General Services*

ACTION: Todd Morrison of General Services gave a presentation to the Committee on the Cuyama Library Construction Project.

2. Santa Ynez Library Renovations – *Shirley Stacy*

ACTION: A motion was made by VanBlaricum moved and seconded by Dale to approve the Santa Ynez Library Renovations.

As a note, the library will be closed for about a month. Everything will be properly secure when the renovation is occurring.

3. Online Survey Results – *Herman Parker*

ACTION: The Library Advisory Committee had the following comments on the Library Survey results:

Claire VanBlaricum was pleased with the comments, but not surprised. The comments were not bad and worded in a constructive way. Jean Bailard is interested to see how the data gets used. Judith Dale said this data will be helpful if Buellton goes for a parcel tax. Irene Macias mentioned that many of the comments indicate a lack of awareness. For example, someone said they would like Sunday hours at the Central Library and there have been Sunday hours for decades. Supervisor Farr suggested having CSBTV do a clip of the public library system to help promote the County libraries. Neil Baker agrees with the lack of new books and believes the Friends groups do a great job funding our libraries as best they can.

4. Library Directors Zone Updates

i. Zone 1 – Irene Macias

ACTION: Irene Macias, Director of the Santa Barbara Central Library reported the following: New self-check-out stations have been installed and take credit cards and cash. The stations have social media features that connect to the library calendar. The Eastside Library will have an unveiling of a mural that was painted on April 6th at 4PM. There have been two break-ins at the Goleta Library. They took the donation money and damaged the self-checkout stations to get the money. The Central Library has lost funding to remodel the outside courtyard, however, is still moving forward with the redesign process. The UCSB and Santa Barbara Library Reads Program was a success. 200 people had to be turned away from the author lecture. “Moon Walking with Einstein” was

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the book discussed. The City of Santa Barbara's recommended budget will be released in April. Ms. Macias and Ms. Housel attended the California State Public Library Forum.

ii. Zone 2 – Ashlee Chavez

ACTION: Ashlee Chavez, Director of the Lompoc Library reported the following: The budget for the City of Lompoc will be released in May and service levels are the same. Receipt machines have been installed at the Lompoc Library, which has made the checkout process simpler and will also be receiving funding for self-checkout stations in May. \$30,000 of grant funding was received and the Lompoc and Village Libraries will be getting new computers. The Buellton Library got six computers donated from the Santa Ynez Valley Christian Science Society. There was also a new circulation desk installed with ongoing fundraising for funding. The Charlotte's Web Program is in its last stages of getting the MOU revised.

iii. Zone 3 – Mary Housel

ACTION: Mary Housel, Director of the Santa Maria Library reported the following: Maureen Theobald was introduced as a possible representative for the City of Santa Maria seat on the Committee. She is also the Director of Black Gold. Ms. Housel welcomed Laura Selken, the new Fifth District Representative. The Santa Maria Library hours have extended from 48 to 56 hours and it is going great. The new Orcutt Library is doing well; story time is starting again and there will be a poetry reading tomorrow. It was discovered that the Guadalupe Library facility does not have the proper cabling required to have internet. The Cuyama Library will be closed April 12th, reopening April 22nd. Ms. Housel gave a presentation on the Guadalupe Library Parcel Tax Measure I at the California Public Library Advocates meeting in Whittier, CA on March 2. At that meeting, Mary met John Chrastka, founder of EveryLibrary.org, who spoke about his non-profit group "EveryLibrary" that helps library groups plan tax initiatives <http://everylibrary.org/about-everylibrary>. Mary also shared information on Senator Wolk's SCA 7, a senate constitutional amendment to change the 2/3 vote needed to pass library parcel tax measures to a 55% majority for passing.

5. Member Reports/Roundtable Discussions

ACTION: Library Committee Members reported on what is going on at their respective City and County libraries as follows:

Judith Dale thanked Supervisor Farr for attending the meeting. Reported that there was a meeting with the Friends of the Solvang Library, which discussed the Solvang and Buellton Libraries coming into Zone 2 instead

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of staying in Zone 1. She asked staff what would the process be to do this? Mr. Parker stated that the process would start internally with the Library Directors and staff will look into it. Also, the Buellton Library is having an open house for Library Week on April 28th from 4-6pm and it is free to the public. Jean Bailard asked when the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Library Agreement will be coming forward to the committee. The agreement will be coming to the committee at the June meeting and staff is proposing no budget changes. The Friends of the Carpinteria Library will be working on remodeling the library multi-purpose room and they are also still thinking about taking the library parcel tax forward to the Carpinteria City Council. Supervisor Farr proposed that the committee or staff should write a letter to support the SCA-7 bill and take it to the Legislative Platform Committee for approval.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Bailard to adjourn the March 20, 2013 Library Advisory Committee meeting.

Adjourned at 11:49AM

The next Library Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 from 10:00AM-Noon at the Solvang Courtroom, 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, CA. To place an item on the agenda, please contact Jessica Rauch at (805) 568-2467 at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.