

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NICHOLSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
March 12, 2012**

The Library Advisory Board met Monday, March 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the Central Library, Children's Program Room.

Members Present:	Chair	Bettye Haynes
	Board Member	Robert Brandon, Jr.
	Board Member	Julius Irozuru
	Board Member	Mike McCorstin
	Board Member	Jerry Redden
	Board Member	Barbara Stanley
Members Absent:	Board Member	Barbara Chick
	Board Member	Adriana Liberto
Staff Present:	Assistant Director	Connie Moss
	Support Staff	Gail Brigham-Payne
	Managing Director- PRCAD	Jim Stone

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chair Bettye Haynes.

**CITY BRANDING
CAMPAIGN AND
NEW CITY WEB SITE** PARD Managing Director, Jim Stone presented an overview of the City's Branding Campaign and briefly discussed the New City Web site.

**READING &
APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES** **Motion** made by Julius Irozuru, seconded by Bob Brandon to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2012, meeting with necessary corrections. **Motion carried.**

**PRESENTATION ON
WEE READS
PROGRAM FOR
BABIES** Mollie Lancaster, Children's Librarian, presented learning and socialization concepts of the *Wee Reads* Program for Babies, storytimes for infants through 18 months of age. She also demonstrated techniques and explained resources used to teach babies and encourage participation in the activities. *Wee Reads* activities are designed to help babies excel in reading and writing later in life. *Wee Reads* programs are held at the North Garland Branch on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**FISCAL YEAR
OPERATING
BUDGET REPORT**

Asst. Director Moss reviewed key budget process dates for the budget process with Board Members and shared information about technology funding requests. Board Members were queried for other issues or concerns to be considered as Library Staff prepare their budget submission.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Facilities and Technology Systems

There are two mobile applications for the Library now offered: BookMyne and LibraryAnywhere.

A malfunctioning parking lot light at the South Garland Branch Library has been referred to the City's Facilities Management Department.

Graffiti discovered at the Central Library on the exterior stairwell outside the North Meeting Room has been reported to Facilities Management.

B. Staff

There are currently 16 vacant positions and 6 employees on intermittent health-related leave.

C. Programs & Services

Spring Break Programs for school-age children will be offered at all libraries March 12-15. Children will discuss their favorite series titles and enjoy related games and crafts.

Senior Social Hour on March 15 will be "Garland Goes Gaelic," and will feature **The Broken Man Band**. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the local husband and wife duo will perform a variety of Celtic music selections.

Family Game Time will be held Sat., March 17, at the South Garland Branch Library. The event is open to gaming enthusiasts of all ages and gaming options will include Wii and Playstation 2, as well as traditional card games and board games.

Page Turners Book Discussion Group will discuss *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave. The Group will meet at 7 p.m., Thurs., March 22 at the Central Library.

To celebrate *Children's Book Week*, the Library will host a "**Draw Your Favorite Story @ the Library**" bookmark design contest for children in grades kindergarten through 8th grade. This contest will start on Sun., April 8.

D. Friends of the Library

Friends Book Sale will be held at South Garland Branch Library on Thurs., March 29, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri., March 30 and Sat., March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**DISCUSS FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS**

No future items were discussed.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Haynes at 7:40 p.m.

Library Advisory Board

Signed:

Attest:

Bettye Haynes, Chair

Claire Bausch, Director of Libraries