MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NICHOLSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
March 21, 2011

The Library Advisory Board met on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the North Garland Branch Library

Members Present:	Chair	Bettye Haynes
	Board Member	Grace Smart
	Board Member	Robert Brandon, Jr.
	Board Member	Julius Irozuru
	Board Member	Jerry Redden
	Board Member	Adriana Liberto
	Board Member	Barbara Stanley
Members Absent:	Vice Chair	Mike McCorstin
Staff Present:	Director	Claire Bausch
	Support Staff	Gail Brigham-Payne
	Support Staff	Kathleen Cizek
	Branch Manager	Dianne Dupont

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

READING & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion was made by Barbara Stanley, seconded by Julius Irozuru that the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting be approved.
Motion carried.

ELECTION OF NETLS LAY REPRESENTATIVE

Nomination was made by Bob Brandon, seconded by Julius Irozuru, to elect Adriana Liberto as NETLS Lay Representative.
Motion carried.

TEXAS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Nicholson Memorial Library System is being awarded the 2010 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association. Of more than 500 public libraries in the state of Texas, only 27 will receive this award. The award will be presented by Mayor Ronald Jones on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, during the Regular Council Meeting.

ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SERVICES AND FACILITIES, 2011 REVISION (LONG RANGE PLAN)

Director Bausch explained the need to approve the 2011 Revision to the Library's long range plan approved by City Council in March 2006. To maintain Texas Library System membership, libraries must have a long range plan updated at least every five years. The plan must include a collection development component. After discussion, Grace Smart moved and Bob Brandon seconded a motion to approve the 2011 Revised Assessment and Strategic Plan for Information Technology, Services and Facilities. All in favor.
Motion carried.

CENTRAL LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT REPORT

The Central Library renovation is progressing. Noise and dust are the main problems. Patrons seem to have adjusted to the temporary north entrance.

Jennifer Shoulders, the Facilities Management Project Manager, is assisting the Library by removing barriers and helping the Library avoid unnecessary expenses.

Due to the timing of the bids to reupholster existing furniture, and the need to have a large number of chairs away from the building, patrons using the library may have to utilize stacking meeting room chairs until the upholstered pieces are returned.

The Library will close for two weeks around the last week of April through the first week in May for moving of furniture. Staff will take advantage of the closure to do deferred weeding and shifting of materials. Completion is planned for May 9, with an Open House in early June.

OPERATING BUDGET FY 2011-2012

Director Bausch discussed preliminary calendar handout with the Board members.

STATE FUNDED LIBRARY PROGRAMS UPDATE

Director Bausch shared information about the proposed House Bill 1 which includes severe cuts to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The local impact would be for resource sharing between other libraries through interlibrary loan and the courier service. Still facing elimination are the Library Systems Program and NETLS, the TANG Grant Program for library technology, and the public library Loan Star Program grants. TexShare databases would no longer be subsidized. Systems cuts for consulting and continuing education would also be in jeopardy.

STAFF REPORTS

Facilities and Technology Systems

Following the Library's requests, the Walnut Creek Branch Library has been approved for connection to the City's higher speed fiber network. This should help improve computer speeds at the Branch.

Staff

Interviews for both Assistant Director and the Cataloging Librarian have taken place.

Programs & Services

South Garland Branch -- GISD Art shows
South Garland Branch -- Model Railroad Exhibit
South Garland Branch -- Guitar Hero Team Tournament.
South Garland Branch – Computer Workshop: Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition
Central Library-- Senior Social Hour: Arlene Colbert performs H*arper Lee: The Last Interview*
North Garland Branch -- Early Literacy Series workshop by Dr. James Thomas, funded by NETLS

Friends

A Book Sale was held on March 18 and 19, with a Member preview held on March 17.

DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The new tutoring service will be presented at the April meeting.

ADJOURN

Chair Bettye Haynes adjourned the meeting at 7:44

p.m.

The North Garland Branch Library tour by Manager Dianne Dupont began at 7:45 p.m. and ended at 8:02 p.m.

Library Advisory Board

Signed: Attest:

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Bettye Haynes, Chair Claire Bausch, Director of Libraries