

**MINUTES**  
**LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING**  
**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**  
**April 8, 2010**  
**(approved May 20, 2010)**

The Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District met in regular session in the Rainbow Library, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2010.

**Present:**

Board:	F. Barron, Chair	A. Aguirre
	V. Davis-Hoggard	R. Kirsh
	K. Benavidez	K. Crear
	L. Carrasco (via telephone)	M. Saunders
	C. Reese	R. Ence

Counsel: G. Welt

Absent:

Staff: Jeanne Goodrich, Executive Director  
Numerous Staff

Guests:

F. Barron, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Roll Call (Item I.)** All members listed above represent a quorum. Trustee Carrasco attended via telephone until 7:15 p.m. Appendix A.

**Agenda (Item II.)** Chair Barron said there was no need for an Executive Session (Item IV.) at this meeting, that she had nothing for the Chair's Report (Item VI.) and moved Item IX.D. to occur after Item V.A-C. Trustee Kirsh corrected the year of the March 11 minutes listed on the Agenda to March 11, 2010. Trustee Benavidez moved to approve the Agenda as changed. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

**Rainbow Library branch presentation (Item III.)** Rainbow Library Branch Manager Teresa Manix began her presentation by welcoming Trustees and Executive Director Goodrich to the branch on behalf of her staff. She then introduced herself and her department heads.

Ms. Manix has been branch manager at Rainbow for seven years. Prior to that, she was the assistant manager at Summerlin Library for ten years. She will be retiring in a few months along with other staff in the District taking the VESP. The assistant manager, who is also the head of the Adult Services Department, is Vickie Barnett. She joined the District in 1984 and has been at Rainbow since 2003. Lucia Taylor is the Circulation Department Head and also has seven years at the Rainbow Library. Mary Rowan, head of the Young People's Department, has been at Rainbow for 14 years and started at the District in 1989. Scott Clonan has been acting as Rainbow's programming and SPS staff since the SPS Department Head vacancy began in January of 2010. Rainbow staff present were asked to stand.

Ms. Manix then provided some branch history. She noted that Rainbow was the number one branch in terms of circulation from 1994 until Sahara West opened in 1997. Rainbow moved from a storefront operation at Jones and Decatur into the current building in spring of

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1994. Until the Centennial Hills Library opened in January 2009, Rainbow was almost the only library in the north of the valley. Now the areas to the north and northeast of the branch have three very recent library additions including the Centennial Hills Library, and the Aliante and Alexander libraries which are part of the North Las Vegas Library system.

Ms. Manix explained that the Rainbow Library is one of the busiest branches in the District with an annual circulation of 1.2 million items. The branch usually ranked second in activity behind the Sahara West Library but the Centennial Hills Library is fast closing in on that position. Since the opening of the Centennial Hills Library, branch circulation has dropped 5-6% but it seems to be holding at a circulation level of 100,000 items per month. The gate count is high and steadily rising to the level it reached prior to the remodel that began in 2008. The branch collection numbers over 220,000 items.

The Rainbow Library is approximately 27,000 square feet, not including the outdoor amphitheater. Meetings and events are scheduled in the small conference room, the large meeting room, the gallery and the story room in the Young People's Library. Other popular services include the public access computers located in both the adult and children's areas, along with Wi-Fi access.

Ms. Manix said that the Rainbow Library has been remodeled at least twice since the building opened in 1994. The latest remodel began in September 2008 and ran until March 2009. There is new tile flooring plus many new efficiencies. With the addition of the RFID equipment, self-check stations and automated return system, the interior has been opened up which gives the branch a more spacious appearance. Branch staff has had many positive comments from the public about the recent work.

The Rainbow Library is located in zip code 89128 that has a diverse population of 40,000-50,000. Of the population, about 66% is composed of family households. Surrounding zip codes have similarly diverse populations with one noticeable demographic variation of zip code 89134. This zip code is home to Sun City which has a high senior population: 60% are 55 and older and are loyal library users. The branch is also a heavy drop-off location for patrons using other libraries due to its prime location on a busy bus line and at the corner of a major intersection.

Ms. Manix reported that the branch area has become more diverse over the past five to seven years with a mixture of white, Latino and African American patrons coming in for services. The area also has a high population density with mixed-use housing, as well as office and business corridors on Buffalo Drive and Cheyenne Avenue.

Ms. Manix then summarized the expectations for library services and collections from the Rainbow population base:

- Free computer access and Wi-Fi (which are in high demand).
- Story times and programs for youth (which are well-attended).

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- Popular materials for adults including movies, music, bestsellers, large print, language learning materials and an increasing number of downloadable materials from the District's website.
- Popular materials for younger patrons and teens including graphic novels, manga, movies and teen fiction (such as the vampire series).
- Study rooms. With so many people retooling because of the economy or going back to school, many patrons are getting certifications and new degrees and need quiet study space.

Ms. Manix closed her presentation by saying that the Rainbow Library and its staff are focused on bridging the new RFID technology and self-service efficiencies that resulted from the remodel with good customer service skills to continue providing the outstanding service patrons have come to expect. She invited interested Trustees to join her in a tour after the meeting and invited questions.

Ms. Manix and her staff were given a round of applause. There were no questions.

### **Executive Session (Item IV.)**

Removed from Agenda.

### **Approval of Proposed Minutes: Finance and Audit Committee, March 4, 2010, Risk Management Committee, March 11, 2010 and Regular Session, March 11, 2010. (Item V.A-C.)**

Trustee Davis-Hoggard moved to approve the Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting held March 4, 2010. There was no opposition from Committee members and the motion carried.

Trustee Davis-Hoggard moved to approve the Minutes of the Risk Management Committee Meeting held March 11, 2010. There was no opposition from Committee members and the motion carried.

For the March 11, 2010 Regular Session Minutes, Trustee Saunders requested that on page nine, the fifth paragraph in Item IX.C. be corrected to remove his name as he had not been present at the meeting. Trustee Aguirre moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held March 11, 2010 as corrected. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

### **Discussion and possible Board action regarding the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) June 30, 2011 Tentative Budget submittal to the Department of Taxation and preparation for the May 20, 2010 Budget Hearing. (Item. IX.D.)**

Deputy Director, C.F.O. Fred James reported that the Finance and Audit Committee had met immediately prior to this meeting. At the last Finance and Audit Committee on April 1, Committee members had requested a review of the Tentative Budget using two different tax rates. At the committee meeting earlier in the day, members had reviewed the two tax rates and after discussion had voted to recommend to the full Board of Trustees that the Tentative Budget be prepared for submission to the State Department of Taxation using tax levy .0941.

Trustee Crear moved to recommend tax levy .0941 as the basis for preparing the Tentative Budget for submittal to the State Department of Taxation on April 15, 2010. Chair Barron and Trustees Benavidez,

Carrasco, Crear, Davis-Hoggard, Kirsh, Reese and Saunders voted yes. Trustees Aguirre and Ence voted no. The motion carried (8-2).

**Chair's Report  
(Item VI.)**

Removed from Agenda.

**Executive Director's  
Report  
(Item VII.A.)**

Executive Director Goodrich commented that she liked to start off her reports with some late-breaking news and in this case she had some good news to report. Tina Frolund, who directs the Homebound Services outreach program, reported that the service has become very popular. Ms. Goodrich said that in the last month, the number of items circulated through Homebound Services is the highest it's ever been. They have added new users, while clearing up their list to remove those patrons no longer taking advantage of the service. In addition, due to a user survey conducted by staff, users now know that they can get music on CDs and are taking advantage of the availability. Goodrich is very pleased that one of the most vulnerable populations served by the District is able to take advantage of the District's offerings. She added that District staff is trying to find out what patrons and potential patrons need and want and surveys are one way to obtain that information.

Ms. Goodrich then reported on the recent Public Library Association Conference that was attended by only a few staff due to budget restrictions. Goodrich said she mainly attended sessions that focused on management issues and she said that every presentation she attended was excellent and very relevant to the harsh budget climate virtually every public library in the country is operating within. She said she has asked all staffers who attended to send her reports of their experiences which she will combine with a CD she purchased that provides summaries and handouts from each session, into a report available to all interested staff.

Ms. Goodrich also congratulated Development Director Danielle Milam on the quick turnaround for the recent Second Round Broadband Grant Application. Goodrich was very pleased to report that the District was able to partner with the Las Vegas-Clark County Urban League and other local partners to submit a second application for public computing support. The District's piece of the grant would provide additional funding for public workstations and laptops, training and technical support positions, and increased bandwidth and Wi-Fi coverage in all facilities. She noted that there has been a tremendous uptick in usage of these resources as District residents cope with job loss, job searches, and challenges to household financial stability.

Ms. Goodrich added that a major new study was unveiled at PLA, *Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at US Libraries*, which reported that 45% of public library visitors connected to the Internet during their visit to the library, making Internet access one of the most sought after public library services. A copy of the executive summary of the study was distributed to Trustees at the meeting.

Goodrich emphasized that the District experience is right in line with this finding: over the last two fiscal years, the usage of public computers within the District has increased 25%! She noted that people use District computers to complete all kinds of activities, from job searches, applications for school and jobs, coursework, research and many other tasks. She added that the services the District provides to patrons are changing and evolving as community services are increasingly related to internet access.

Trustee Aguirre asked how much money was requested in the Broadband Grant Application. Ms. Milam said that the Southern Nevada Broadband Coalition which consists of the District, Urban League, Clark County, North Las Vegas and several other partners, requested a total grant of \$6.4 million, of which the District's share is \$3.9 million.

Chair Barron asked if any Trustees wanted to pull any other reports.

Trustee Aguirre had a question about the Security Report (Item VII.A.1.).

Trustee Reese had questions about the Business Office Report and General Services Report (Item VII.A.2. and Item VII.A.5.).

These reports were pulled.

Trustee Aguirre moved to accept Reports VII.A. 3, 4, 6 and 7. There was no opposition and the reports were accepted.

**Public Services and  
Security Report  
(Item VII.A.1.)**

Trustee Aguirre noticed the shooting reported at the Whitney Library on February 28, 2010 in the Security Report. He asked about the security at the branch and procedures in place to deal with these types of situations.

Deputy Director, C.O.O. Robb Morss said that shootings are rare at the District. Security regularly patrols both inside and outside the building. In the situation at Whitney, Technical Production Services (TPS) staff member Mike Singleton was actually taking a break when the shooting began across the street and lasted just a short time. Mr. Morss applauded Mr. Singleton's reflexes as he quickly ensured patrons went back inside, even picking up a small child and getting him back into the branch. Police came, secured the property and took witness statements. There has been no follow up from police to say they have caught the perpetrators. The community around the Whitney Library is transient and incidents occur but the staff is well-prepared to deal with them.

Trustee Aguirre felt the security reports are very useful.

Trustee Reese asked for more details on the PC Reservation system roll-out and if there had been an increase in complaints as patrons can now only reserve time the same day, as advance reservations are no longer available. Mr. Morss said that there have been a few complaints, but as the reservation system is introduced across the District, patrons are learning to call in the morning. Patrons are able to get their preferred times that day as computers are not booked a week

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in advance and there are now computers available for same day reservations. Computers are still booked by 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. every day.

Trustee Ence moved to approve the Public Services and Security Report. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

### **Business Office Report (Item VII.A.2.)**

Trustee Reese asked for information about and progress on the payroll software discussed in Mr. James' report. She also asked if it will save money once it is in place. Mr. James explained that the payroll software is a simple addition to the current payroll system that is a joint project of the Business Office and Human Resources. The upgrade allows the District to pay staff without issuing physical paychecks. Staff can go online at their District computer to review their paystubs and print them if they so choose. Tax forms such as W-2s and W-4s are also available and staff may update their contact information as well. Initial reports from staff are favorable; it is being rolled out in stages to the entire District. Mr. James said that the online process will streamline the use of staff time to process payroll and reduce paperwork.

Trustee Reese also wanted to confirm staff is being trained. Ms. Goodrich said she is part of the group in the initial rollout of the system. Her training took less than four minutes and she is very sure that if she can do it, everyone can easily use the system.

Trustee Davis-Hoggard moved to approve the Business Office Report. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

### **Human Resources Report (Item VII.A.3.)**

Accepted.

### **Technology Report (Item VII.A.4.)**

Accepted.

### **General Services Report (Item VII.A.5.)**

Trustee Reese commented on the wide range in the dollar amounts of the roof replacements bids received for the West Charleston and Whitney libraries. For the West Charleston Library, the low and high bids were \$150,000 apart. The difference in the bids for the Whitney Library was approximately \$65,000. Reese asked how much staff checked into the quality of the bids and to ensure the low bid contractor can provide what is expected.

General Services Director Steve Rice said that the specifications are very clear in the bid documents about what is required, such as license requirements, ability to get bonding, ability to bid on public works projects, the type of materials that can be used, as well as proof of payment of prevailing wages to workers. He commented that staff has been experiencing the situation in pricing for around two years as contractors really want the work and are pricing their bids widely, depending on their needs.

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Mr. Rice said that the low bidder on the West Charleston project is the roofing subcontractor on the Windmill Library so he is reasonably comfortable with the contractor.

Trustee Aguirre thanked Mr. Rice for providing photographs showing the progress of the Windmill Library and Service Center. Mr. Rice added that the Marketing Department updated the District's website quarterly with photographs of the construction.

Trustee Saunders moved to approve the General Services Report. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

**Marketing Report  
(Item VII.A.6.)**

Accepted.

**Development Report  
(Item VII.A.7.)**

Accepted.

**Unfinished Business  
(Item VIII.)**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

Trustee Benavidez moved to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety:

**1. Discussion and possible Board action to approve contract terms for Library Automation Services provided to the Boulder City Public Library, the Nellis AFB Library, the Springs Preserve Library and the North Las Vegas Library District.**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute new contracts for library automation services for the 2010-2011 fiscal year with the Boulder City Public Library, the Nellis AFB Library, the Springs Preserve Library and the North Las Vegas Library District, subject to review by Counsel.

Authorize staff to award a contract for the roof replacement at the West Charleston Library in accordance with Bid No. 10-07 to The Original Roofing Company for the amount of \$128,627.00; and to award a contract for the roof replacement at the Whitney Library in accordance with Bid No. 10-08 to Commercial Roofers, Inc. for the amount of \$97,800.00.

There was no opposition and the motion carried.

**2. Discussion and possible Board action regarding contract awards for roof replacements at the West Charleston and Whitney libraries.**

**(Item IX.A. 1-2.)**

**Discussion and possible Board action regarding the**

General Services Director Steve Rice explained that in June 2000, the District entered into Recreation & Public Purpose leases with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for future library sites. Three of

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### renewal of Bureau of Land Management Recreation and Public Purpose leases. (Item IX.B.)

these leases are up for renewal and Trustees are being asked to consider renewing two of the three leases.

Two of the leases are located in the southwest part of the Las Vegas Valley, the current Compass Point (Windmill Library and Service Center) site at Rainbow Boulevard and Windmill Lane and the future Cactus South site at Jones Boulevard and Cactus Avenue; and a third located in the northwest part of the Las Vegas Valley, the future Lone Mountain West site between Alexander and Craig roads west of the 215 Beltway. A fourth lease, the Town Center site, was relinquished by the District in December 2002 in favor of the City of Las Vegas for the realignment of Durango Drive in exchange for the current Centennial Hills Library site. The three remaining leases expire on June 30, 2010.

Mr. Rice said that since the District has commenced the development of the Compass Point (Windmill Library and Service Center) site, the BLM has approved a renewal of the lease for 25 years commencing on June 30, 2010. The annual rental cost for the 15 acre site is \$30.00 (\$2.00 per acre per year). Staff recommends renewal of this lease.

Mr. Rice does recommend that the 15 acre Cactus South site be renewed for an additional 25 years for future development. The annual rental cost for the 15 acre site will be \$30.00 (\$2.00 per acre per year). The Southern Highlands master planned community is located immediately to the southeast of the site and Mountain's Edge is to the west of the site. These areas have been two of the most active expansion areas in the southwest part of the Las Vegas Valley. A revised Development and Improvement Plan will have to be submitted to the BLM for approval prior to them renewing the lease.

Mr. Rice concluded his presentation by recommending that the 15 acre Lone Mountain West lease not be renewed. Based on the way the area around this site has developed over the last ten years, the site is no longer a viable location for a public library in terms of convenient access, high vehicular traffic volume, adjacent commercial development, etc. — the attributes that ensure a high volume of patron traffic and that substantiate the significant investment required to develop the site. A more suitable site such as one near Lone Mountain Road and the 215 Beltway interchange may be able to be acquired in the future through the BLM and/or in cooperation with Clark County at their Lone Mountain Regional Park site.

In response to a question from Trustee Davis-Hoggard, Mr. Rice said that while leases could not be traded, the District could enter into an agreement with the County to site a library at the Lone Mountain park site, as was done with Centennial Hills.

Trustee Kirsh asked about any penalties for relinquishing the lease and Mr. Rice said that there are none.

Trustee Davis-Hoggard asked how often the leases become available. Mr. Rice explained that they are available as long as there is available land and the District has gone through an application process.



Trustee Reese commented that the \$2.00 per acre lease rate was very inexpensive. Mr. Rice said that it was a very good value which is why it made sense to continue with the lease for the Cactus South site until we need the location. Due to the fact that the Lone Mountain West site now sits at the end of a dead end street in a secluded residential area, it does not make sense to continue holding the land.

Trustee Ence moved to authorize staff to renew the expiring leases with the BLM for the Compass Point and Cactus South sites for a term of 25 years commencing on June 30, 2010 and to not renew the expiring lease for the Lone Mountain West site. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

**Discussion and possible Board direction regarding the policies governing conference rooms and Performing Art Centers use and fees.  
(Item IX.C.)**

Chair Barron asked Mr. Morss and Community Outreach and Adult Services Coordinator Jennifer Schember to give a presentation on the policies governing the use and fees of District conference rooms and Performing Art Centers. After the presentation, Chair Barron said Trustees would hear Public Comment on the item.

Mr. Morss provided history for Trustees on District meeting facilities and the importance they have played in the past:

- In the early 1980s when the District was building new branches it was important to staff and the Board that the libraries be seen as not only a place to check out books, but that they also offer the community the opportunity to attend a variety of library sponsored programs as well as provide spaces for the community to conduct their own meetings.
- At that time the city and the county were still growing and there weren't many places that offered available meeting spaces or cultural programs.
- As the District expanded so did the branches that had numerous meeting rooms and theater spaces.
- Because of this, prior Boards emphasized in each of the District's three *Strategic Plans* the strategic role of "commons," which was interpreted as the library being seen as a place that brings the community together to share information, attend programs and experience a sense of belonging.

Ms. Schember provided an overview of the current capacity and fee structure:

- There are meeting spaces in all urban branches as well as in the Laughlin Library.
- The District boasts a total of 22 conference rooms and 6 Performing Arts Centers (PACs) which are also known as theaters.
- These spaces are used by the District to host library-sponsored events (author visits, workshops, heritage month programs, festivals, etc.). In the last year the District presented over 3,200 events with almost 116,000 patrons in attendance.

- These spaces are also available to the public for meetings and performances, which the community is able to book for free or at a rental rate (depending on certain criteria).
- Last year, there were 3,850 free-use bookings from outside groups (non-profit organizations, government or special interest groups such as quilting and hiking clubs). All of these programs must be free and open to the public and are limited to two free uses/month.
- Groups that do not fall under the "free access" guidelines pay a rental fee. There were 1,644 rental uses last year (mostly private and commercial organizations such as theater companies, investment seminars — anything with commercial intent, charging or solicitation involved).
- The current fee structure is divided into 31 categories. Categories distinguish between the group type (non-profit organizations, government, community special interest, commercial or private) AND determine whether or not the meeting/performance is open or closed; before or after-hours; charging admission; conducting sales; or requesting donations.
- In general, rental fees for the conference rooms range from \$12.50 per hour to \$75 per hour based upon the category the group falls into. Non-profit organizations, government entities and community special interest groups generally are charged on the lower end while commercial and private users pay the higher rates.
- In general, rental fees for the PACs range from \$12.50 per hour to \$93.75 per hour based upon the category the group falls into. Non-profit organizations, government entities and community special interest groups general are charged on the lower end while commercial and private users pay the higher rates.
- Additional fees charged to user groups:
  - i) Technicians - \$12/hr per technician (2hr min)
  - ii) Security - \$10/hr (4 hr min)
  - iii) Dark Day/Storage Fee: \$40 per day
  - iv) 10% commission of all concession sales (excluding admission tickets)
  - v) PAC rental access requires user groups to obtain an insurance policy to cover occupancy

User groups are responsible for all rights, royalties and licensing to publishing companies, licensors or representatives of works being presented.

Ms. Schember pointed out that the additional charges mentioned are common and minimal compared to the city/county/university venues that charge for individual pieces of equipment such as microphones, remote controls, screens, podiums, easels – as well as hourly rates for staff working in the lobby (aside from the techs).

Mr. Morss reported on actual Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Revenues and Expenditures for the District's conference rooms and PACs:

REVENUES:	
Room Rent	\$92,684
Security	\$13,017
Tech Services	\$52,428
Concessions	\$840
TOTAL REVENUES	\$158,969

EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries and Wages	\$1,069,648
Employee Benefits	\$53,134
Services and Supplies	\$96,640
Capital	\$39,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,558,422

Excess expenditures over revenues generated: \$1,399,453.

These figures do include salary costs for staff including theater managers, scheduling specialists, and theater techs. The figures do not include some services and supplies encumbered by theater managers and scheduling specialists as they are expended under individual branch budgets. While the costs are high for operating our facilities at close to \$1.4 million, Morss noted that some of the costs are associated with in-house and library-sponsored programs and not just community use of District spaces.

Mr. Morss also pointed out:

- The current policy has not been amended since 1994.
- Demand of the space by the public has increased significantly.
- As demand has increased so have the overhead costs associated with the spaces.
- Staff inquired of other nonprofit agencies in the county and all charge some type of fee for use of their spaces.
- The hourly rate currently charged for security is \$10, but the District actually incurs a cost of \$13-\$21 to hire security for events.
- Users are charged \$12 for tech support in our theaters but the actual cost to the District in terms of salary expense is \$25-\$35 excluding benefits.

Mr. Morss said that staff is requesting some direction and discussion from the Board on possibly revising and updating the current policy. Recommendations that staff would like to propose:

- Charge all groups a rental fee excluding governmental groups who would get two free uses District-wide per year.
- Rental fees for meeting rooms could range from \$15-20 per hour for meeting rooms for nonprofit groups and \$75-100 per hour for for-profit entities.

- Rental fees for theater spaces could range from \$20-\$25 for non profit users and \$100-\$125 for for-profit groups. Fees for security and tech support would also increase to help cover the expense of these two services associated with the District.

Mr. Morss said that rental fees as well as security and tech fees could be established based on Trustee's desire to raise fees slightly to help offset overhead expenses OR increased to a level to help cover the majority of overhead expenses but definitely not all.

Mr. Morss concluded by saying that staff would like to hear any other suggestions the Board may want to entertain and, based on the discussion and direction, bring back a revised policy at a future meeting.

Trustees then questioned Mr. Morss and Ms. Schember to clarify the information provided and commented on the proposed changes to the current policy in a wide-ranging discussion. Trustees asked about the process staff used to make the proposed recommendation, security requirements for different groups and also requested clarification on what constituted government entities, non-profit groups and community special interest groups. They wanted to know if staff were able to confirm whether different groups were who they said they were and how staff were able to track how different groups used the spaces. Trustees asked about the rationale for limiting free use to government entities and how different library districts in the area as well as other groups offering space set their requirements. There was a lot of comment on the large number of pricing categories and the need to simplify the process as well as the need to better understand how different groups are using the space.

Trustee Carrasco commented that, while she understood that the District had economic issues and she can appreciate that there are costs involved in using District spaces, she was concerned about the implication of further limiting the community's access to free space when they are also having problems and need District services more than ever.

Mr. Morss reminded Trustees that the District still has the ability to sponsor and co-sponsor groups and events that help the District fulfill its mission. This can include donating space to covering the costs of TPS staff time.

After Trustees had had a chance to question Mr. Morss and Ms. Schember, Chair Barron asked for those members of the public wishing to comment on this item and signed up for public comment to speak.

Ruth Sunday – 4133 Bonita Desert Court

Ms. Sunday said she was the co-founder of the Sunrise Mountain Quilt Circle which has met monthly for 18 years at the Sunrise Library. The group, which has no bank account or source of funding, provides quilts and other quilted items for children through charities such as St. Jude's Ranch, Ronald McDonald House, Project Hope and also through hospital cancer wards. In addition, Ms. Sunday said the group has donated books to the District's Summer Reading Program, provided books and

quilts illustrating the story for library story times, as well as periodically sponsoring quilt shows. The group's classes and meetings are open to the public and that is how they acquire new members. She emphasized that they are a teaching organization.

Trustee Carrasco had to leave the meeting during Ms. Sunday's remarks.

Ms. Sunday said she is also the Vice President of the Las Vegas Quilt Guild, which is in the process of obtaining certification as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. She understood that the District is experiencing a shortage of funds while at the same time serving the public who is also experiencing the same situation. However, using groups such as the ones she has mentioned are not the place to obtain funding. They have used the community use rules to meet at the Sunrise Library and are not able to meet in churches or schools. She mentioned that a number of other quilting groups also used District facilities for meetings.

Ida Connors – 8140 Castle Hill

Ms. Connors said she was the President of the Las Vegas Quilt Guild and opposed any increase in fees. The group is a non-profit and less than three years old. They have approximately 100 members and each pays a \$20 annual membership fee. The group created the Metropolitan Police Memorial Quilt and provides quilts and pillowcases to charities such as the Nevada SPCA, Project Hope and St. Jude's Ranch. The group generally uses the West Charleston Library for general meetings and Centennial Hills for classes. She felt the proposed fees would lead to the group's dissolution as there is no other viable option for meeting space.

Ms. Connors requested the Trustees continue free access for non-profits or change the policy prohibiting fundraising in the meeting space as perhaps that would help the group raise money to pay the new rates.

Mary Catherine Straka – 8913 Signal Terrace Drive

Ms. Straka schedules two small quilting groups that each meet two times a month at District libraries. Their quilts are given to charitable organizations and neither organization charges dues. This March, as they have for the last six-seven years, the groups have donated 300 quilted bags filled with toiletries to the Salvation Army. They have also donated baby quilts to UMC and the Salvation Army, 100 regular sized quilts to a group home for handicapped individuals, stuffed animals to fire and police groups as well as providing beds for animal shelters. They have meetings and work groups at the library locations and people hear about the groups and go home and produce these items. She understands the economic situation facing the District, but asked for consideration for groups such as hers.

Juanita Clark – 137 Lorenzi Street

Represented Charleston Neighborhood Preservation, an independent non-profit. They generally hold a monthly meeting at various libraries, but during election season they sponsor candidate forums twice a

month at which the public is welcome to ask questions of candidates. They have events booked through the end of the year so she asked when the District plans to implement the proposed rules. Chair Barron said no date has been set at this time. Her group is concerned with neighborhood and community issues such as zoning. She requested that the current policy continue.

June Ingram – 505 N. Torrey Pines, Las Vegas

Ms. Ingram decided not to speak.

Trustee Davis-Hoggard recommended that staff tighten up their recommendations and bring back a version that is more palatable to the Trustees and the community.

Trustee Crear added that part of the recommendation should include capturing the full costs of security and TPS staff for the theaters. Trustee Benavidez was in favor of that approach as well.

Trustee Kirsh wanted to see a proposed implementation date and suggested the recommendations be brought back at the May meeting.

Trustee Saunders added that he also agreed that security and TPS staff costs should be recovered and recommended that for the conference rooms the current 31 categories be streamlined.

Trustee Ence requested several different options be provided for Trustees to review.

Trustee Reese agreed with Trustee Ence's request and agreed with the Trustees who believe 31 categories are too much. She also asked for a breakdown of the use of the conference rooms and PACs by the types of groups using the space (such as a non-profit group, government entity, community special interest group or a homeowners association) so that Trustees can see the amount of use by each group. She is personally more inclined to be more flexible to a group giving back to the community. Reese generally agreed with the other comments by Trustees.

Chair Barron confirmed that Mr. Morss and Ms. Schember understood their direction for policy revisions.

**Announcements**  
**(Item X.)**

The next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, 2010 in the Las Vegas Library at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**  
**(Item XI.)**

Haskell O'Brien – Did not respond when his name was called.

Steven Baskin – 3750 Grandview Place, Las Vegas

Mr. Baskin said he worked for the District and its patrons who use the District's online services. Baskin thanked Trustees for their service and their understanding that what they do for the District is important to the community. He said there has been a small groundswell of support for the District on an informal basis on sites such as Facebook and other online networking sites to make the public's opinions known to Trustees. He also wished Trustees a happy National Library Week.

**Adjournment**  
**(Item XII.)**

Chair Barron adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Kirsh, Secretary

# 2010 ATTENDANCE

## APPENDIX A April 8, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

		2010																			
Aguirre	Aldo	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Barron	M. Frances	P	A-E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Benavidez	Kelly	A-E	A-E	P	P	A-E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Carrasco	Liz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Crear	Keiba	P	A-E	P	P	A-E															
Davis-Hoggard	Verlia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Ence	Randy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Kirsh	Ron	P		P																	
Reese	Carol	P		P																	
Saunders	Michael	P	P	P			A-E	A-E													
		attended Committee meeting but not a member																			

A-E Excused absence  
 A-U Unexcused absence  
 as of 4/09/10