

**NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

September 27, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER

5:00 P.M., Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairwoman Cathy Lynch
Vice Chairwoman Rita Langford
Trustee Vernie Borgersen
Trustee Willie Stewart
Trustee Nona Whipple

EXCUSED

Trustee Delbert Leavitt
Trustee Julie Rose

VERIFICATION

Karen L. Storms, CMC
City Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2011. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Chairwoman Lynch

SECOND: Vice Chairwoman Langford

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Langford, Trustees Borgersen, Stewart and Whipple

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

PRESENTATION

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS.

Chairwoman Lynch presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Library District Board of Trustee members Monica Beasley and Aaron Hegji.

ACTION: PRESENTATION MADE

BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL OF NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2011. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Vice Chairwoman Langford

SECOND: Chairwoman Lynch

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Langford, Trustees Borgersen, Stewart and Whipple

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

3. APPROVAL OF NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2011. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Chairwoman Lynch

SECOND: Trustee Borgersen

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Langford, Trustees Borgersen, Stewart and Whipple

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2011-2012 PER BYLAWS ARTICLE VI.3. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

ACTION: TRUSTEE LYNCH ELECTED AS CHAIRWOMAN

MOTION: Trustee Langford

SECOND: Trustee Borgersen

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Langford, Trustees Borgersen, Stewart and Whipple

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

ACTION: TRUSTEE WHIPPLE ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRWOMAN

MOTION: Chairwoman Lynch

SECOND: Vice Chairwoman Langford

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Langford, Trustees Borgersen, Stewart and Whipple

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

4. APPROVAL TO SET REGULAR MEETING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2011-2012. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Library Director Kathy Pennell explained the meetings were generally held on the fourth Tuesday of the months of July, September, November, January, March and May. For the past two years, the Board had decided to meet on the third Tuesday of November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. She explained meetings were held at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

ACTION: APPROVED LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING DATES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011; JANUARY 24, 2012; MARCH 27, 2012; MAY 22, 2012; AND JULY 24, 2012

MOTION: Trustee Langford

SECOND: Vice Chairwoman Whipple

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Whipple, Trustees Borgersen, Langford and Stewart

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

6. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL SUBMITTED BY GARY BOUCHARD OF TRESPASS FROM NORTH LAS VEGAS LIBRARIES. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Library Director Kathy Pennell said the Library Board adopted a Patron Policy to provide a safe and peaceful environment for the library users and employees. On July 22, 2011, the Library Staff at the Aliante Library found it necessary to trespass Mr. Gary Bouchard from the library. While browsing at the new book display, Mr. Bouchard became angry at the display of a book by author Michael Savage. He approached the reference desk and began a long, loud, aggressive argument with the person in charge against Michael Savage and his politics and demanded to know why the City would subject him or anyone else to the "hate monger." The Staff members' efforts to explain the most basic principles of inter-electoral freedom were to no avail. Mr. Bouchard interrupted her several times with yelling and sarcasm and refused to allow her to speak. She insisted she would not engage in political debates with him and informed him he was disturbing the library environment. At that point he began to loudly address the patrons across the library regarding his perceived mistreatment and likened his situation to the persecution suffered by Jesus. At the mention of Jesus, a female patron was offended and asked him to stop. The Staff member warned Mr. Bouchard that if he couldn't control his emotions and behave reasonably in the library, she would call the Police. His response was "go ahead and call them." After several demands that he leave the library, the Staff member did call dispatch. In the meantime, Mr. Bouchard asked the same Staff member to find him book after book in rapid succession. The Staff member perceived it as an intimidation tactic and asked him to stop his demands and behavior. Mr. Bouchard did leave the building but came back a second time to apologize for his behavior, but immediately began the same tirade for a second time. At that point, the Staff member escorted him to the door and Mr. Bouchard eventually left the property before the Police could arrive. The Staff member was calm, confident and non-reactionary. In the past, Mr. Bouchard had been a difficult patron on more than one occasion at several libraries.

Gary Bouchard, 2611 Paradise Isle Avenue, North Las Vegas, explained that he was not disruptive in the past and said the situation would never happen again. He asked if the Library Board could remove the trespass from his record.

Trustee Langford explained that she had not seen a patron trespassed from the library over the past years and felt the situation had to be severe to cause the trespass. She explained the library did not promote hate, but the country was founded on free speech. Trustee Langford explained the library did not have the resources to have every book from every author.

Chairwoman Lynch said the Library Patron Policy stated that while in the library a patron must abide by the rules and regulations which included not interfering with library patrons or personnel in the performance of their duties.

Trustee Borgersen questioned whether Mr. Bouchard was the first trespass in three years or the first appeal. Director Pennell said it was the first appeal. She explained most of the trespasses were issued at the Main Library on Civic Center Drive and handled by the Marshals.

Chairwoman Lynch questioned whether the trespass information was shared with the Clark County Library District. Director Pennell said the record would state Mr. Bouchard was trespassed from North Las Vegas libraries.

Deputy City Attorney Sandra Douglas-Morgan said the Library Board needed to focus on what was on the agenda which was the trespass issue. Deputy City Attorney Douglas-Morgan explained conditions could be placed on the trespass.

Director Pennell said the decision was at the Library Board's discretion. If the Library Board decided to allow Mr. Bouchard back into the libraries, she recommended that a condition be placed on the trespass if the situation occurred again.

Trustee Langford recommended a probationary period of 90 days be given to Mr. Bouchard which would allow the Library Board to determine his patronage at the libraries.

Deputy City Attorney Douglas-Morgan questioned whether the Library Board wanted the trespass to remain for the 90 days or be lifted for the 90 day probation.

ACTION: TRESPASS TO BE TEMPORARILY REMOVED SUBJECT TO A 90 DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD WITH PERMANENT REMOVAL IF NO DISTURBANCES OCCURRED DURING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD

MOTION: Trustee Borgersen

SECOND: Chairwoman Lynch

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Whipple, Trustees Borgersen, Langford and Stewart

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

STAFF REPORT

Library Director Kathy Pennell said there were 3,786 participants in the Summer Reading Program. Some of the sponsorships for the program included swim passes from Silver Mesa Recreation Center; passes to the Lied Discovery Museum; passes to the Natural History Museum; kid's meals from Joe's Crab Shack and cookie coupons from Great Harvest Bread Company. Financial support was provided through the North Las Vegas Emblem Club.

Library Director Pennell explained the Children's Librarian at the Aliante Library retired in August. The City Council waived the hiring freeze allowing the redeployment of an employee laid off during the Reduction in Force process with a starting date of October 5, 2011.

BOARD ITEMS

Trustee Langford welcomed the newest board members Willie Stewart and Julie Rose.

Chairwoman Lynch spoke about the September Book Sale with a profit of \$460.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:37 P.M.

MOTION: Trustee Langford

SECOND: Vice Chairwoman Whipple

AYES: Chairwoman Lynch, Vice Chairwoman Whipple, Trustees Borgersen,
Langford and Stewart

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Trustees Leavitt and Rose

APPROVED: November 15, 2011

/s/ Cathy Lynch
Cathy Lynch, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen L. Storms
Karen L. Storms, CMC, City Clerk