

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

# MINUTES from Thursday, September 27, 2007

### 1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Commission Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. COMMISSION BOOKSHELF

Commissioners provided suggestions for current reading:

Down to a Soundless Sea  
Al Jazeera  
A Higher Kind of Loyalty  
Three Cups of Tea  
Goring: A Biography

Thomas Steinbeck  
 Hugh miles  
 Liu Binyan  
 Greg Mortenson  
 David John Cawdell Irving

### 3. ROLL CALL

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
		VACANT	CCC District 2			
		VACANT	City of Richmond			
		VACANT	Contra Costa Central Labor Council			
Atkinson	Joyce	Library Commissioner	City of Clayton	X		
Austin	N. Earl	Library Commissioner	City of Orinda (Alternate)	X		
Boyd	Jeanne	Library Commissioner	City of Clayton (Alternate)			X
Brown	E. Joy	Library Commissioner	City of El Cerrito (Alternate)	X		
Brown	Carol	Library Commissioner	City of Orinda			X
Burstyn	Deborah Prager	Library Commissioner	City of Walnut Creek	X		
DeLaVega	Rosalind	Library Commissioner	City of Hercules			X
Enholm	Greg	Library Commissioner	CCC District 5	X		
Fugazzi	Ron	Library Commissioner	City of Brentwood			X
Fuller	Kathy	Library Commissioner	City of Martinez	X		
Heidari	Shahrzad	Library Commissioner	CC Youth Commission		X	
Hoisington	Mary Ann	Library Commissioner	City of Lafayette	X		
Johnson	Wayne	Library Commissioner	City of Pleasant Hill			X
Leffmann	Robert	Library Commissioner	City of Lafayette (Alternate)	X		
Loeza	Porfirio	Library Commissioner	City of Pinole	X		
Madfes	Sherry	Library Commissioner	Friends Council	X		
Marshburn	Peggy	Library Commissioner	Office of Education	X		
McClellan	John	Library Commissioner	Town of Moraga	X		
McGrady	Lloyd	Library Commissioner	City of El Cerrito	X		
Mengel	Christina	Library Commissioner	Friends Council (Alternate)			X
Munson	Dr. Carol Anne	Library Commissioner	CCC District 1	X		
Myrick	Dennis	Library Commissioner	Town of Moraga (Alternate)			X
Nolte	Pauline	Library Commissioner	City of San Ramon	X		
Parker	Eleanor	Library Commissioner	Town of Danville	X		
Pearlstein	Helen	Library Commissioner	CCC District 3			X
Ruehlig	Walter	Library Commissioner	City of Antioch	X		
Schmalenberger	Carol	Library Commissioner	City of Pittsburg (Alternate)	X		
Shaffer	Ed	Library Commissioner	CC Council (Alternate)			X
Smith	Alan B.	Library Commissioner	CCC District 4	X		
Tang	Chris	Library Commissioner	City of Concord	X		
Thong	Phing	Library Commissioner	City of Concord (Alternate)			X
Trezek	Joan	Library Commissioner	CCC District 3 (Alternate)			X
Valdez	Cecilia	Library Commissioner	City of San Pablo		X	
Vasa	Utkarsh	Library Commissioner	CC Youth Commission (Alternate)			X

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Villegas	James	Library Commissioner	City of Oakley			X
Weinberg	Robert	Library Commissioner	CCC District 2 (Alternate)			X
Whitley	Robert	Library Commissioner	CC Council			X
Williams	Adoria	Library Commissioner	City of Hercules	X		

Total Commission positions: 29

Commission positions filled: 26

Commission positions vacant: 3

Commission quorum: 14

With 19 Library Commissioners present, a quorum was established.

## VOTING:

According to the By-Laws of the Library Commission, in order for a vote to pass, a majority of the city representatives and a majority of the County representatives must approve it. Upon reauthorization of the Library Commission, the five special appointees to the Library Commission draw lots to determine whether their votes count with the cities or the County. Through June 2011 the special appointees will be counted as follows:

Three representatives votes count  
with the cities

- Youth Council
- Friends Council
- Contra Costa Council

Two representatives votes count  
with the County

- Superintendent of Schools
- Central Labor Council

## 4. INTRODUCTIONS

Also present at the meeting: Peter Dragovich, Director of City Management, City of Concord; Laura O'Donoghue, Deputy County Librarian: Public Services; Corinne Kelly, Executive Secretary; and Anne Cain, County Librarian.

## 5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

## 6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A change in the May 24, 2007 Library Commission minutes was submitted by Michael Wright, Director of Reuse Planning for the Concord Naval Weapons Station, item #13, page 10, which was read to the Commission (**attachment to the minutes**).

- The minutes from the meeting of May 24, 2007 were approved with the change as noted.
- The minutes for the meeting of July 26, 2007 were approved as submitted.

## 7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioners moved and accepted the September 27, 2007 Library Commission agenda as submitted.

## 8. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Parker mentioned the film, **The Hollywood Librarian** that will be showing at the Canyon Middle School Library in Castro Valley; it is also showing throughout libraries in California. Parker shared the Danville Library Friends' newsletter that profiles Library Staff; she added that Senior Branch Librarian, Seng Lovan, was married on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Commissioner Smith mentioned the OLC's Western Trek article, *The Space Race*, by Pamela Bailey, about her Seattle experience with the taxi driver demonstrating his pride in the new Seattle Library. This article instigated Smith to write to the Contra Costa Times that Concord needs a

great library, which was published on the August 25, 2007. Smith mentioned that he received a copyright release for those that wish to copy OLC's article to share with their communities, as an example of the excitement and pride a new library brings. Smith added that the *CALTATICS* article on the new Camarillo Library drew a call for reprints from government staff of Ventura County so they could each have a copy. *CALTATICS* conducted a survey of what readers would like in future articles, and the response was a request for stable State funding of the PLF. Senator Torlakson plans to write a letter for future *CALTATICS*.

Commissioner Burstyn said that on September 6, 2007 the Walnut Creek Library had a "Live from the Library" program featuring John King of the San Francisco Chronicle, Ron Brown of Save Mt. Diablo, and Valerie Barone, Community Development Director for the City of Walnut Creek, who discussed local planning, traffic, and open space issues. Also on September 19, 2007 *Contra Costa Times* writer Gary Bogue, presented *All OUR Little Live Things: Wildlife in Suburban Walnut Creek. All the Little Live Things*, by Wallace Stegner, is the book for Walnut Creek Reads 2007 (September 17 - October 2, 2007). County Librarian, Anne Cain read from this book at a fun event at the Ygnacio Valley Library on September 26, 2007.

Commissioner Williams announced that the Hercules Library will mark a one-year anniversary on November 11, 2007. There will be an anniversary party on November 9, 2007.

Commissioner Madfes added that the Hercules Library has many children's programs, circulation is high and the community is happy with their library. There is a Mystery Writers event planned for October 16, 2007. She said that Commissioner Smith recently spoke to the Hercules Library Commission on what could be done to set priorities. His presentation was informative and will help the Commission to move forward. The Hercules Library Commission spent seven years planning for the Hercules Library opening, acquiring a State grant and the architect, the ground breaking and the building. Madfes expressed excitement for the anniversary.

The City of Concord's BIG READ event Kick-Off - Celebrate Reading! on Monday, October 1, 2007 at Supervisor Susan Bonilla's Office. The Concord Library is holding a series of events highlighting Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451*. Commissioner Tang, encouraged attendance to these exciting programs.

Commission Chair Fuller said that the Martinez Library's teen volunteers are planning a haunted "library" house on October 29, 2007. The Martinez Library reading garden has been postponed because the fence company closed for two months and a fence is required before benches can be placed in the garden.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

County Librarian, Anne Cain, addressed the Library Commission correspondence in the packet. She said that the Library has an ongoing relationship with the MAC Users Group. The Library does whatever possible to make all library services available on as many platforms as possible. The State Library's program, Live Homework Help, was not originally open to MAC users and with Contra Costa County Library's instance and the same goal of services for all by the State Library, Live Homework Help is now accessible by MAC users, which include iPods.

Commissioner Hoisington responded that Cathy Sanford, Deputy County Librarian: Support Services, should be commended for her response.

#### 10. REPORT FROM COUNTY LIBRARIAN

Project Second Chance, the Library's literacy program, produced a book of writings from students of the program. Copies of the book were distributed to the Commission, along with PSC's annual report (*attachment to the minutes*), which includes demographics from where the students and volunteers reside throughout the County.

All Contra Costa County Libraries will be closed on October 8, 2007 for an Annual Staff Training Day. This is the only one opportunity for all staff from the twenty-five locations to come together.

Cain arranged a last minute meeting on September 21, 2007 with Congressman Miller's District Director, Barbara Johnson, to encourage support of the SKILLS Act. This legislation is critical to the future of school library media specialists to have them trained and certified for school libraries. Four school librarians were able to join Cain at the meeting, which also offered an opportunity to discuss library services in general.

The annual County softball competition was held this month, and the Library lost to the Office of Education and General Services teams; but the Library team is improving and it was a lot of fun.

There was an item on the Board of Supervisor's September 25, 2007 Agenda about Library Branch Librarian and Senior Branch Librarian positions becoming unrepresented positions - Community Library Managers and Community Library Senior Managers. The Branch Librarians have been requesting this change over the past five years. Seventeen of the eighteen Branch Librarians supported this change and many of them were at the Board Meeting, which can be viewed on the County's Web site: <http://pbtech.org/clients/CCBOS/agenda/cccbos09252007.html> The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the change.

Laura O'Donoghue, Deputy County Librarian: Public Services, previously shared with the Commission that the Library set up a formal program with teen volunteers assisting with the summer reading program. This teen volunteer program now exists in ten of the twenty-five Contra Costa County Libraries. Cain shared with the Commission a letter from one of these teen volunteers who responded to the Library's request to evaluate the program. The teen wrote that "... it has been the greatest summer of my life."

Commissioners requested an update on the implementation of the library book-dispensing machine. Cain responded that library staff submitted a number of clever names for the machine and it was narrowed down to six, with the final name being "Library a Go Go". The first implementation will be at the Bay Point/Pittsburg BART Station, possibly in January 2008. A site has been determined in Discovery Bay, which is on Highway 4 - an excellent access point for the Byron and Discovery Bay communities (located in a shopping center that includes a 24 hour Safeway store). There will be a third machine at the Pleasant Hill Transit Station and a fourth somewhere in West County.

Commissioners suggested to put a notation on the Bay Point/Pittsburg BART's "Library a Go Go" machine that says "a community library is located at the Riverview Middle School in Bay Point", which may draw traffic to that community library.

The Library is working with Contra Costa County's Chief Public Communications Officer, Laura Darensburg, and BART on the press release about the "Library a Go Go", which will include national press.

#### **11. BAY AREA LIBRARY & INFORMATION SYSTEM (BALIS) LAY ADVISORY BOARD REPORT**

Commissioner Smith said that the BALIS Advisory Board's first meeting was held and he was elected Chair of the Board. He also attended the BALIS Administrative Council Meeting on August 17, 2007 that featured Mitch Baranowski, from BBMG, an award winning marketing firm that is working with BALIS to create a campaign brand message and image that resonates with the diverse libraries in the BALIS system. BBMG conducted surveys, directed unique aspects of various libraries, and identified specific messages that libraries should emphasize and reinforce.

Smith said that one key point made is to establish one catchy key word or phrase that reflects BALIS. Smith finds branding fascinating and is looking forward to the next meeting on October 9, 2007.

There are four organizations within Northern California like BALIS. They are BALIS, MOBAC, PLS and SVLS. There are three in the Los Angeles metro area. They are all looking at legislation that established libraries, written in the 1970's that is out of date and is now out of date, and considering budgets and what could be done to update legislation.

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

### CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION REUSE PLAN

Commissioner Greg Enholm explained that when the Navy decided to close the Concord Naval Weapons Station the City of Concord began considering a reuse plan. The area south of Highway 4 will be decommissioned and sold. Ultimately, the five members of the City Council will make the final decision on the reuse project. The City created a Community Advisory Committee, made up of 21 members, with three of the members from outside of the community (including Enholm). The Committee meets monthly.

Enholm drafted resolution for the Library Commission to consider that supports building a library as a requirement imposed on one or more developers at the Concord Naval Weapons Station as part of the Reuse Plan (**attachment to the minutes**). He explained the reason for the resolution is to demonstrate that supporting this resolution comes from other areas of the County, such as the Contra Cost County Library Commission represents.

Enholm added that Cal State East Bay (Concord Campus) hopes to relocate to be closer to BART, which would make it easier accessible. Cal State East Bay may consider a joint-use library. Michael Wright, Director of Reuse Planning for the Concord Naval Weapons Station, suggested at one of Committee meetings, that they might consider establishing a requirement of the purchaser of the land (developer) to be responsible to build a facility for the school district. Enholm said that he thought if the requirement is a good idea for the school district, that it would be a good idea for the County Library.

He distributed an internal (public) document, prepared by ARUP, a consulting firm hired by the Concord Reuse Project staff, about the need for a new library on the land (**attachment to the minutes**). The pages include a summary of the Concord City Council Members' comments. Enholm placed arrows where each Council Member mentions a library. Enholm suggests that according to these comments, all Council Members would support a library as a requirement to the purchaser. He added that if the Council receives a resolution from the Library Commission it could make the case for a library stronger.

Commissioner Burstyn questioned if there is opposition to the concept.

Commission Chair Fuller said that there is a large group that wants to maintain open space and does not want buildings.

Enholm said that the idea is to include a library in the plan, which may mean a reduction in the number of homes built.

Commissioner Smith distributed a revised resolution to the one that Enholm provided (**attachment to the minutes**).

The revision includes the same key points, but has more of a balance, less limitations, and

demonstrates the requirement to be commercially viable. Smith added that he appreciates Enholm's preparation of the draft resolution. He suggested that the Commission leave out the details to benefit conveyance. Smith mentioned the unity that a library brings to a community and mentioned that the community is concerned of having two sections to Concord, the old Concord and the new Concord. There was a library needs assessment conducted in 2002. Smith added that he used Enholm's draft resolution and tweaked it.

Enholm said that Smith's revised draft is a significant improvement and he supports it.

This is not necessarily a joint resolution, it only states that the Library Commission wants to see a library as a part of the reuse plan. Enholm added that a resolution from the Library Commission may encourage support in having a community library on a school campus as a way to leverage with Cal State East Bay.

Commission Tang thanked Enholm and Smith and added that Commissioners should visit the current Concord Library, which he considers a disgrace. Tang motioned that all Library Commissioners support the revised resolution provided by Smith.

Commissioners unanimously supported the resolution.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION (PLF) –**

Commissioner Smith mentioned the reduction in the PLF that was made when the State budget passed. Contra Costa County Library's PLF funding was reduced by \$175,000 and the Richmond Public Library's funding was reduced by \$20,000.

Smith attended the September 2007 Mayors' Conference and thanked them for their letters supporting the PLF and thanked Supervisor Glover for supporting advocating for full funding of the PLF with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Smith plans to draft letters to the Governor supporting funding the PLF, for Senator Torlakson and Assemblyman DeSaulnier to consider. Smith plans to draft a resolution for the BALIS Advisory Board supporting full PLF funding.

**ADVISORY BODY REFRESHER TRAINING**

The County Administrator's office conducted refresher training for advisory bodies to the Board of Supervisors on July 31, 2007. Kathy Fuller, Library Commission Chair, James Villegas, Library Commission Vice-chair and Corinne Kelly, Executive Secretary attended.

Chair Fuller said that Lara Delaney, County Administrator's Office and Mary Ann Mason, County Counsel conducted the training. There have not been changes to the responsibilities of advisory boards. Commissioners should remember that they are required to view the Brown Act and Ethics training tapes that are available to you through the Library and CCTV. Much of what was discussed at the meeting was about posting meeting notices. She recommended that Commissioners attend these yearly trainings.

Cain added that is important to remember that a meeting cannot be conducted if the Commission does not reach a quorum. That is the reason that it is so important to notify the Library if you are not planning to attend a Commission meeting. If it appears that a quorum will not be established, Commissioners could be notified of the cancellation in advance, knowing that so many Commissioners travel long distances to attend these meetings.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**2007 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2008 WORK PLAN PLANNING WORKSHEET**

The Library Commission is required to submit an annual report and work plan to the Board of Supervisors to satisfy the County's advisory body annual report requirements. Commissioners were asked to complete a form return it to ckelly@ccclib.org or fax to 925-646-6461, before October 26, 2007. A form in electronic format will be sent to Commissioners for those that prefer to respond online. The draft 2007 Annual Report and 2008 Work Plan that includes information submitted from the worksheets, will be available for Commissioner's consideration at the November 15, 2007 Library Commission meeting.

The Board of Supervisors is reviewing all advisory boards and commissions and requested three years of information from the advisory boards, including bylaws, annual reports and work plans, minutes, and attendance. The request memo is included in the September 27, 2007 Commission packet. The Library submitted a well-organized binder. Cain said that she cannot speak for the Board of Supervisors, but she knows that they are very appreciative of the Library Commission - who performs an invaluable service to the community, the Library and the County.

**NOMINATIONS FOR NEW LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFICERS**

Commissioners considered Library Commission Officers for 2008. the Library Commission bylaws allow for a two-year term if so desired. Chair Kathy Fuller and Vice-chair James Villegas could serve another year.

Commissioners unanimously nominated Fuller and Villegas to serve another year and no other nominations were made.

Chair Fuller accepted the position, and in his absence, Vice-chair Villegas was reappointed.

**GREEN BUILDING MEASURES**

Commissioner Deborah Burstyn requested that Commissioners check with their community library and/or city planner to identify if "green" building measures are incorporated into existing, new or future libraries. Measures such as changing out florescent bulbs, groundwater recycling, installing solar collectors, are just some of the possible measures that libraries take. All 25 Contra Costa County Libraries recycle. Burstyn would like to have answers to questions she receives of what libraries are doing to combat global warming. She requested Commissioners conduct a roundtable report to share the findings at the November 15, 2007 meeting.

The new Walnut Creek Library will be applying for "green" certification. There are different levels of "green" certified; platinum, gold, silver, basic. California is considered a world leader in this area and it would be interesting to see what neighboring cities and other County libraries are doing. Burstyn will contact those Commissioners that are not present and request their input.

Commissioner Hoisington suggested that this inquiry be included in the Library Commission annual report that is submitted to the Board of Supervisor's at the end of the year.

**14. AGENDA SETTING FOR NEXT MEETING and FUTURE TOPICS**

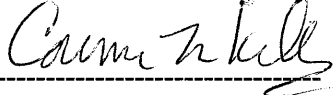
- Review 2007 Annual Report and 2008 Work plan draft
- Direct Loan Consortail Borrowing (*tabled from the July 26, 2007 Commission Meeting*)
- District III Supervisor, Mary Piepho, will attend the January 2008 meeting discussing East County library service
- Invite District IV Board Supervisor, Susan Bonilla, to a future meeting
- Commissioner Smith requested to extend an invitation to Supervisors Glover (District VI) and Uilkema (District II). Smith added that many years back Supervisor Uilkema made it possible for the Library to receive \$600,000 for additional books
- Commissioner Burstyn requested that a yearly update be given on the continued collaboration with schools in library technology and electronic resources, as a follow up to a

presentation last year on the collaboration

- Round table discussion on "green" library facilities

**15. ADJOURNMENT TO THE NOVEMBER 15, 2007 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING**

The September 27, 2007 Library Commission Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Submitted by Corinne Kelly  
Executive Secretary  
Contra Costa County Library

Wright said that the federal government has strong regulations to guide them. When military bases began to close there was interest in making them into homeless shelters because of the buildings already in existence. The McKinney Act drove the process in that direction; it has since been modified. Homeless ~~housing is~~ shelters are not expected for the Concord site. A needs assessment identified a ~~small component as being a~~ shortfall of multi-family housing, which will be addressed in the site's plan. Integrated town home projects may be a part of the plan with a designation of ~~one for this~~ specialized group, but the a portion of the units to accommodate homeless needs. Money from the property may actually go ~~somewhere else to~~ support off site programs that already exist.

**Annual Report  
(summary)  
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007**

**223 students enrolled in Project Second Chance in the 06-07 report period**

125 NEW people scheduled in-take appointments  
96 of these NEW people enrolled in the program  
127 students continued from the previous year

**DATA REGARDING THE 223 ENROLLED STUDENTS**

60% female 40% male

77% between the ages of 30 and 60  
13% under 30  
10% over 60

32% Caucasian  
24% Asian  
20% African American  
17% Hispanic

41% live in Central County  
29% in East County  
13% in South County  
8% in West County  
3% in Lamorinda  
5% live outside of the CCC library jurisdiction

Although most students come from Concord then Antioch, followed by Pleasant Hill, Martinez and Pittsburg, it is important to note that last year we also enrolled students who live in Alamo, Bay Point, Brentwood, Clayton, Crockett, Danville, Discovery Bay, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules, Lafayette, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pacheco, Pinole, Rodeo, San Pablo and San Ramon.

47% are employed  
53 % are not, however this number includes: students, people on disability and retirees

50% of the students have been educated in the US; ½ of them have a high school diploma

If we add the 50% that were educated outside of the US the number goes to 61% with a HS diploma or its equivalent.

9% have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education or below

49% list English as their first language; 51% do not. Of those who do not:

- 14% Spanish
- 8% Korean
- 7% Chinese
- 4% Farsi
- 2% Tagalog

At least half of the native English speakers were *diagnosed* as having a LD. However, we *suspect* that this is true for up to 3/4 of this population.

Major Accomplishments:

Of those who set the following goals in the last year,

- 54% read a menu
- 42% read for pleasure
- 50% shared a book with a child or other family member
- 50% wrote checks
- 59% read email

However as I have said a million times before, PSC students are more than numbers, they are real people with complicated lives who inspire us everyday. Or, as one of our tutors just wrote...

*"During my almost three years as a PSC tutor, I've learned how much we take reading for granted, and how terribly debilitating it is -- professionally and socially -- for those who are unable to read.*

*When one of my students began to read street signs, decipher road maps, and find Paris in an atlas, his world grew exponentially from what it was before.*

*My best moment came a few months ago when a student actually wanted to finish a Jack London short story even though our class time was over. He did it later that evening over a cup of coffee.*

*Project Second Chance is the most rewarding volunteer work I've ever done because you see results every time you meet with a student."*

September 25, 2007

TO County Library Commissioners

FROM Greg Enholm  
5<sup>th</sup> District Library Commissioner

RE Resolution on Library for Concord Naval Weapons Station on Sep 27 Agenda

Please find attached some additional information (prepared by Arup which is a consulting firm hired by the Concord Reuse Project staff) regarding the need for a new library on the land now occupied by the CNWS.

The attachment has a summary of comments made by the five Concord City Councilmembers on September 11, 2007 regarding their priorities/concerns for the CNWS conversion.

Please note that each of the five Councilmembers included "Library" as a priority/concern. An arrow in the margin indicates where each Councilmember mentioned "Library."

ATTACHMENT

## Mark Peterson

### Reference to core principles:

- Project should be environmentally sustainable
- World-class aspect is still missing

### Land Use

- Supports villages concept
- No problem with low intensity uses east of Mt. Diablo Creek
- Prefers alternatives that spread out development because they distribute impacts more evenly
- No problem with village at Bailey Road, perhaps good location for high-end housing w/ golf course
- Need range of housing — including high-end

### Golf course

- Relocate golf course (and make it less challenging)

### Transit

- Light rail or high-quality transit alternatives down the spine of the site

### Creek

- Good resource, but access could potentially be barred by environmental regulators for conservation, e.g. Dougherty Valley

### Facilities

- Explore options such as senior housing — higher density, near BART (e.g. senior tower downtown)
- Another senior housing opportunity is like Aegis, which has a different density and character
- Consider high-quality sports facility with numerous fields, e.g. Home Depot Center in Carson, CA
- Hotel, convention center
- Joint emergency response facilities
- • Cal State collaboration — sports, library, etc.

### Open Space

- Need to educate citizens on what is viable regarding turning the site into a park
- Mt. Diablo State Park is large, close by, and receives a limited number of visitors
- A large maintained park on the site would be too costly
- Active uses are more useful for the community than passive

### Buffer

- Supports idea of linear park
- Should vary depending on what is on the other side
- Should have multiple access points
- Having two Concords might be unavoidable

### Trails

- Support for trails. They are wanted in many new communities
- Integrate into the urban park system (e.g. Iron Horse Trail)

Laura Hoffmeister

### Transportation

- Support for transit village concept
- Question development along Bailey road → Low intensity and far from transit
- Development should be focused around BART area
- Supports idea of a transit spine to serve site to Willow Pass, maybe extend to Bailey Road
- Investigate connection from Bailey to Kirker Pass Road
- Look at how east-west parkway could help internal circulation and benefit current residents
- Link streets to avoid two Concords while remaining sensitive to current residents
- Explore using high school property to connect to Concord Blvd to reduce impact to existing streets

### Golf course

- If relocated can serve a dual purpose: Create a buffer and provide other uses on current site
- Add an indoor rental facility
- Build a better course

### Community facilities

- Explore new facilities (performance center, cultural arts) to replace Concord Pavilion
- • Library
- Active parks
- Make sure a park is flexible and large enough to accommodate fireworks

### Buffers

- Should vary in width depending on adjacent uses
- 200-foot buffer creates two Concords
- Should help link old and new parts of town
- Consider backyards of similar homes as buffer option taking into account height restrictions, setbacks, etc.

### Open space

- Need habitat information to make decision about distribution of open space
- Including contiguous open space, has benefits and drawbacks
- Think about maintaining balance between open space and density
- Find out if development east of the creek is viable

### Villages

- Supports village approaches to land use
- Concerned about development at Bailey
- Villages need to be connected to rest of the city
- Village concept is consistent with existent development in Concord
  - E.g., Clayton Rd, Newhall Park

Helen Allen

Land use

- No strip malls
  - No high density
  - Wants acreage for Cal State Hayward
    - ○ Library
    - Business school
    - Research
    - Arts/performing/entertainment theatre for community
- } Partnerships
- Corner stores would be good to have
  - Home buyers want space, not density
  - Affordable housing is not feasible with today's construction prices
  - Support village concepts and preservation of open space

Buffer

- Supports linear parks as connector

Facilities

- Place for Veterans
- High quality golf course with clubhouse
- Mark the meridian

**Contra Costa County Library Commission**

**Resolution requesting that the Community Advisory Committee and the Concord City Council consider requiring one or more developers at the Concord Community Reuse Project (Naval Weapons Station) to pay for a new Concord library facility including initial collections as well as contribute to continuing costs**

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the Contra Costa Library Commission state that the Commission is created to advise the Board of Supervisors, to provide a community link to the County Library, to develop and recommend proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian for the betterment of the County Library; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission's Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for 2007 have a goal of working with local communities on the various efforts to plan new library facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Library has successfully operated the present community library in Concord since 1959 and the City of Concord's population has risen from 40,000 to 130,000. A needs assessment completed in 2002 clearly demonstrated the present library is inadequate; and,

WHEREAS, the transformative power of a great new library would enhance the economic vitality of the region and promote community unity; and,

WHEREAS, the 21-member Community Advisory Committee on the Community Reuse Project Plan and the Concord City Council have sought community input. A new library and educational facilities have been strongly supported by the community through numerous meetings and planning sessions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Library Commission strongly supports and advises the 21-member Citizens Advisory Committee and the Concord City Council to require a first class library to be included in the re-use plans and that developers pay not only for the construction costs and opening day collection, but also contribute a significant amount towards the operating expenses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Contra Costa County Library Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 by the following vote:

Representatives:	Cities	County	Total
YES			
NO			
NOT VOTING			

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Kathy Fuller, Chairperson  
Contra Costa County Library Commission