

Citizen's Review Panel
May 20, 2009

Members present: Mike Wyrick, Debbie Ikeda, Fitzgerald Kelly, Bob Speechly, Jan Kafton

Members absent:

Others present: Pat Pondexter, Steve Nitta, Karen Bosch Cobb, Karen Coletti, Bernice Kao

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Wyrick.
2. Introductions and status report on appointments: Chairman Wyrick welcomed everyone. - Bob Speechly (District 2) was reappointed by Supervisor Anderson to a new term ending 1/7/13.
3. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted.
4. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2009: The minutes were approved as submitted.
5. Attendance Roster and Discussion about Attendance: All Panel members are in compliance with the Board of Supervisor's policy. This is the second meeting in the calendar year. The County Ordinance does improve attendance.
6. Job & Career Services: Karen Bosch Cobb introduced Bernice Kao who made a presentation to the Panel on Jobs and Career Services. Bernice passed out a copy of her Interview Clinic Brochure. Bernice explained her program on Resume makeover. She will help anyone with a resume makeover and a mock interview. She first helps with their resume, then sets up a mock interview. Bernice introduced her website; it is on the Fresno County Library site, under Jobs and Job Hunting. Bernice is going to change her web to Job Events instead of Jobs and Job Hunting. This is a very informative site especially when there are so many people in the job market. Bernice emphasized the product the library offers are all free. She has set clinics because they work better and are more cost efficient. Mike Wyrick asked if she kept any statistics on people that she helps that have actually received jobs. She did have some success stories. Karen Bosch Cobb had previously requested that core competency list be developed so that all staff could provide the same level of jobs and career services.
7. Budget Report
 - Karen discussed budget instructions to departments, 40 hr furlough for every employee, 36-hour work week. County negotiations with unions and departments are still underway.

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- Steve presented 3 different packages. The 1st was the Budget 7511 fiscal summary. The 2nd was on FY 2009-10 Budget changes compared to FY 2008-09, with detailed information. The last was on the Budgeted vs. Actual monthly sales tax proceed (cash basis) FY2008/2009. The budgets where all based on 36 hr work week and a 40 hr furlough. Karen stated that the Library is being used by people in tough times. Karen provided update on new libraries Orange Cove is under construction and Tranquillity is on hold.
 - Steve reviewed the annual letter that the Chair signs on behalf of the Citizen's Review Panel and sends to Board of Supervisors. He added Library Statistic FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09. to the letter as an addendum. Mike explained the letter and the meaning of it to everyone new. Mike asked for motion to approve letter it was moved by Bob, seconded by Debbie discussion followed Staff was asked information about increased use and new library cards and information about higher use at Fowler. Staff was directed to add information about increased use and the high number of library cards and the success of Fowler to the addendum.
8. Planning for the next meeting: The next meeting will be held in 3rd or 4th week of October. There is a possibility of meeting in new Orange Cove if enough progress on the building is made for next meeting. If the library needs to use reserves beyond \$3.5 million Karen will schedule an earlier meeting. If the meeting is not held in Orange Cove ask Roberta Barton to present to the group. The group also requested information on the impact of retirement on the Measure B long term plan.
 9. Adjourn: the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.