



## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** May 20, 2008  
**Item Number:** F-10  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services/City Librarian  
**Subject:** Acceptance of donations from the Friends of Beverly Hills Public Library, the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Nyegaard family  
**Attachments:**

1. E-mail from Robin Rush, President, Friends of Beverly Hills Public Library
2. Letter from Jacqueline Paynter, Director of Communications, Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce
3. Letter from the Nyegaards

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### INTRODUCTION

The Friends of the Library would like to pay for the purchase of a bench to be placed outside the north entrance of the library. This bench will meet City standards as determined by the Department of Community Services. The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce would like to donate copies of its newsletter dating back to 1923. The Nyegaard family would like to donate \$300 to the Public Library in memory of their grandson. The Beverly Hills Public Library would gladly receive these donations if approved by the City Council.

### DISCUSSION

The Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library would like to purchase a bench for the front of the Library. It would give elderly patrons a place to rest after walking from the parking lot as well as a place for patrons to sit who want to talk on their cell phones or have extended conversations. With input from the Friends, the bench would be selected by the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure that it is in keeping within the City standard. The Library staff believes that this bench would be a welcome addition to the Library. The bench is valued at approximately \$1700.

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce would like to donate its collection of newsletters, dating back to 1923, to the Special Collections section of the Library. As these newsletters provide insight into the history of the City and they fit well within the

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scope of the Special Collections section, they would be a welcome addition to the Library's Collection.

The Nyegaard family has made a donation of \$300 to the Public Library in memory of their grandson. The donation can be used at the discretion of the Library staff. Staff proposes to use it to purchase some interactive literacy software for the literacy students and educational toys and manipulatives to be placed in the children's area of the library.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

These three donations would bring welcome resources to the Library at no cost to the City's general fund.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council accept the donation of:

1. A bench to be placed outside the entrance of the Beverly Hills Public Library, donated by the Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library
2. A historic collection of newsletters from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce.
3. The annual Nyegaard donation for \$300 made in memory of the Nyegaard's grandson.

  
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Nancy Hunt-Coffey  
Approved By

## Nancy Hunt-Coffey

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**From:** Robin Rush [robinrush@ca.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 4:49 PM  
**To:** Nancy Hunt-Coffey  
**Subject:** bench for library

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Nancy- Hope all is well with you. Just wanted to follow up and get this sent to you.

The Friends of the Beverly Hills Library would like to donate a bench to be placed at the entrance of the Library for our patrons. I think the metal benches that have been shown to us look wonderful and would be a great addition to the front entrance. It can be quite a walk for some of the elderly patrons from the parking garage and this would offer them a chance to sit for a few minutes, especially if the Library was not open upon their arrival.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need me to send/sign to continue the process of ordering the bench.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Rush  
President  
Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library



To Whom It May Concern:

Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce would like to donate its newsletter archives to the Beverly Hills Public Library archives. The Chamber's newsletters reach back to the 1930s and spread over seven decades. We recognize the historical nature this information holds to the community of Beverly Hills, and we want it available to anyone looking to research the history of Beverly Hills. We also want the newsletters from decades ago to be stored in a more adequate setting than we can provide in our office. We have learned that such donations are final, and we are fine with that situation, as we know if we are ever in need of the archives they can be accessed at the local library.

Regards,

Jacqueline Paynter  
Director of Communications  
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Friends,

Once again we approach the birthday of our beloved grandson, Ian Nyegaard, with happy memories. As always, we want to send a remembrance gift to honor his memory by adding some new books to Ian's truck or puppets to the collection. We know by your letters that his Book Truck and the puppets bring smiles and happiness to all the children.

We can never thank you enough for your friendship to us and to Michele. Please acknowledge our gift to Ian's mother, Michele Saadeh, 426 So. Palm Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Thanks you very much,  
*Kate Nyegaard*  
Kate and Roland Nyegaard