



SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE
Compliance and Amendments Committee
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
MINUTES

Hearing Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

September 17, 2013 – 4:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Members: Allyson Washburn (Chair),
Richard Knee, Kitt Grant

1. Call to order, roll call, and agenda changes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m. Member Knee was noted absent. There was a quorum.

Speakers: None.

2. Adoption of August 20, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chair Washburn, seconded by Member Grant, moved to ADOPT the August 20, 2013, minutes as corrected.

Speakers: None.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 – Grant, Washburn

Absent: 1 – Knee

3. File No. 13013: Hearing on the status of the Order of Determination of Ray Hartz Jr., against Luis Herrera City Librarian for allegedly abridging public comment by allowing selective accessibility of library audio visual equipment.

Ray Hartz, Jr., (Complainant) stated the Library has not allowed access to its audio visual equipment, failing to comply with the Order of Determination. The Complainant stated the impact of having audio visual equipment could be damaging to the Library, when used to inform the public of the \$53 million the Library cannot account for. There were no speakers in support of the Complainant. Michael Jeffers, Library (Respondent) referred the committee to the Library's letter dated September 12, 2013, stating the Library

Commission voted 6-0 to bar use of Library-provided audio-visual equipment for public comment, because allowing members of the public to use audio-visuals during public comment would require the Library to expend significant resources to make the necessary accommodations to modify the technology set up that the Library uses. There were no speakers in support of the Respondent. A question-and-answer period followed. Respondent waived rebuttal opportunity. Complainant provided a rebuttal.

Member Grant, seconded by Chair Washburn, moved to refer the matter back to the Task Force with notice to be sent requiring the City Librarian to attend the Task Force's next proceedings on the matter; recommendation of referral to Ethics Commission.

Speakers: Male speaker discussed the San Francisco Library's budget of \$100.5 million.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 – Grant, Washburn

Absent: 1 – Knee

4. **Public Comment.**

Ray Hartz said that compared to other commissions the Library Commission is not open and transparent; Male Speaker addressed the constitutional framework of First Amendment law.

5. **Administrator's Report.**

The Administrator presented the report.

Speakers: None.

6. **Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items.**

Chair Washburn stated future agenda items may address amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Washburn, seconded by Member Grant, moved to ADJOURN.

There were no speakers. **The motion PASSED without objection.**

There being no further business, the Compliance and Amendments Committee adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

APPROVED: November 19, 2013

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Victor Young, Administrator
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force