San Francisco Public Library

Date: August 15, 2008
To: Library Commission
From: Luis Herrera, City Librarian
Re: Resolution Endorsing Acquisition of Property for Expansion of Bayview/Anna E. Waden Branch Library

In accordance with the Library Commission's direction, the City's Real Estate Division has negotiated a Purchase Agreement to acquire the property directly adjacent to the Bayview Branch Library at 5025 Third Street for One Million One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($1,175,000). The purchase of this property will allow for a new expanded one story branch library in the Bayview. The proposed purchase price is within the project budget approved by the Commission. Staff is recommending that the Commission approve the attached resolution endorsing acquisition of the property and urging the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to approve the Purchase Agreement.

Background

On March 1, 2007, the Library Commission voted to increase the project budget for the Bayview Branch Library from $3.6 million to between $9.9 and $10.3 million and to expand the project scope from a modest renovation to a new library.

On February 7, 2008 the Commission directed staff to continue to develop the following options for the Bayview Branch Library: (1) build a new two story building on the existing site; (2) build a new one story branch by acquiring an adjacent property; and (3) investigate the possible purchase of an alternate property for the library.

On April 21, 2008, a public meeting was held at the Bayview Branch to introduce the architects, discuss conceptual plans, and hear the community's vision for a new branch library. Prior to this meeting a survey was conducted in May 2007 in which 300 people gave their opinions about materials, facilities and service needs at the branch. The Library will hold additional public meetings as the design process moves forward.

On June 19, 2008 the Library Commission authorized the City Librarian to pursue schematic design for a one story building and to pursue property acquisition options to accommodate a new one story building.

Recommended Commission Action

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution endorsing acquisition of the property at 5025 Third Street and urging the Board of Supervisors and

the Mayor to approve the Purchase Agreement. The approval of this action will help us move forward towards achieving a new, larger branch library for the Bayview and its surrounding communities. In addition to the resolution, a copy of the Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 15, 2008 for reference purposes only is attached hereto.

Attachments: (1) Commission Resolution; (2) Purchase Sale Agreement dated 8/15/08.