

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes North Highlands Neighborhood Center May 21, 2014 ~ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynne King called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Suzi Ure

City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner, Mark Santos Johnson,
Thomas Puthoff

KCLS Staff: Fred Gurney

Absent

Members: Catherine Ploue-Smith

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laurie Beden, seconded by Erica Richey, to approve the agenda with amendment to move Mark Santos Johnson to front of agenda. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved with amendment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Erica Richey made a motion to approve April 2014 minutes, Laurie Beden seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved as written.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Suzi Ure advised the Board she has conflicts with the August and September meetings and will not be attending. The Board will discuss the meeting schedule later.

Terry Higashiyama introduced Tom Puthoff, City of Renton Recreation Coordinator. Tom welcomed the group to the North Highlands Neighborhood Center (NHNC) and is pleased to host the meeting. He talked about the building and new Meadow Crest playground just outside the NHNC. He discussed the programs available and said he is kept busy with day-camps and drop-in sessions. He said the lack of available space in programs and camps can be the biggest issues.

Tom talked about the different programs available at the North Highlands Neighborhood Center (NHNC), and other facilities such as Renton Community Center and the Highlands Neighborhood Center. He said a portion of the NHNC is leased to Sunrise Coop Preschool and their usual hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Tom said the kids also enjoy King County Library Association (KCLS) reading programs, the Library2Go van, cultural arts programs, puppet shows, etc. Tom said he loves his job and all he gets to do with and for the kids!

VI. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner

Mark Santos Johnson, City of Renton Senior Economic Development Specialist, talked about the progress on the Highlands Redevelopment. He provided a copy of the brochure, Sunset Area Community Revitalization Overview, from Spring 2013, and stated that Renton Housing Authority (RHA) is demolishing and pouring foundation for the second housing replacement. He talked about federal governments New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) and their allocation process for eligible projects. Mark said they are trying to position Highlands Project for an allocation.

The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program was established in 2000 as part of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000. The goal of the program is to spur revitalization efforts of low-income and impoverished communities across the United States. The NMTC Program provides tax credit incentives to investors for equity investments in certified Community Development Entities, which invest in low-income communities. Mark said this is their second and most likely final attempt to secure an allocation. The funding allocation announcement should be made in the next three weeks.

Mark provided a copy of a spreadsheet titled NMTC Leveraged Equity Structure - Smaller Allocation Scenarios / City leverage only and talked about different financing options. Mark also passed out copies of the Sunset Planned Action Park Conception Plan, the Sunset Terrace Development Plan, and the Sunset Park site drawing.

Peter Renner talked about the library over the Cedar River. He said the bid opening took place May 20 and came in under budget. The engineers estimate for the project remodel is \$6.3 million and the low bid received was from CE & C, Inc. They were awarded the contract and the site will be turned over to them at the end of June with construction expected to start in July. The Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) permit issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for projects on or near state waters requires the installation of auger cast pilings during the drier months of the year and planning is underway to install them prior to the September 30 deadline. A temporary location has been secured for library services during construction and is located at 64 Rainier Ave S., #A.

VII. KCLS REPORT/FRED GURNEY

Fred Gurney talked about Centennial Celebration and provided a copy of the brochure and shared photos from the event. He said there were approximately 250 to 300 people visiting throughout the weekend. The Library displayed old book, documents and memorability and

showed videos, the Friends of the Library book sale took place, and the patrons enjoyed the music of the band. Overall it was a great success.

Fred shared statistics about the different programs and classes. He talked about upcoming Lets Read and Deep Dive programs, the Summer Learning programs and the temporary site for the Cedar River Library.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

The annual REACH fundraising event will be held October 2, 2014, at the Renton Pavilion Event Center. Please mark your calendar!

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. INFORMATION

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Erica Richey and seconded by Suzi Ure to adjourn the May meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS

JUNE MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

**** DATE CHANGED ****

Renton City Hall

Seventh Floor, Council Conference Room

425.430.6574



JULY MEETING

~~**Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**~~

Meeting Canceled