

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes City Hall, Council Conference Room January 21, 2015 ~ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Erica Richey called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Suzi Ure

City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner

KCLS Staff: Fred Gurney, John Sheller

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Laurie Beden to amend the agenda to have Fred Gurney/John Sheller with King County Library Systems (KCLS) present first, seconded by Suzi Ure. All were in favor, motion carried, amended agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laurie Beden made a motion to approve December 2014 minutes, Suzi Ure seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved as written.

NOTE: Lynne King physically corrected the December Minutes with a spelling correction to her name.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

It was noted that this is Suzi Ure's last meeting. She is relocating and therefore resigned her Board seat. The board is actively seeking applications to fill the position. The Board greatly appreciates the time and dedication Suzi has given and wishes good luck in her future endeavors.

VI. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner

Peter advised that the contractor for the Liberty Park Library, CE & C, Inc., will be constructing the Highlands Library. He said they are making great progress at the Liberty Park Library and work is speeding-up. Peter said they have run into a small complication with the outside wall insulation and the fire resistant materials. Since there is so much construction in the region, they are having trouble getting the materials. They are now looking at a wider field for a solution. He said the construction is going very well and there are no issues causing large overruns. John Shelling shared a few pictures of the construction site.

Peter discussed the upgrade to the surveillance cameras in the Liberty Park area. He added there no cameras on the Library building itself per King County's request. Peter said the coverage areas have increased to include the Liberty Park Community Building, the tennis court area and 200 Mill building side of the park.

Peter discussed the progress at the Highlands Library site and said the floors and columns have been poured with about 235 yards of concrete in one pour. They will be pouring the floor post tensions for the ceiling and garage floor in February.

Terry commented that the Sunset Master Plan has been finalized and hard copies are now available. Most of the area property has been purchased with demolition to start soon.

VII. KCLS REPORT/JOHN SHELLER

John Sheller was formally introduced to the Board and it was explained how he will be working with the Board as KCLS main liaison and Fred Gurney will still support the board and occasionally attend the meetings. They briefly shared their roles with John involved with Operations as the Cluster Manager and Fred involved in Services as the Library Service Manager. Fred advised he will be talking with different community groups and asking questions to look at areas and services. He asked the group about the community they serve, the major needs / problems, how to help the community in need for a better life, services providers and groups, and who KCLS should be talking to, i.e. what other groups. Fred said they will get community input throughout January, in February they will develop strategies and in March they will initiate their plans.

John shared information on recent programs and events with Casper Babypants recently at the Renton Community Center; always a great turnout for this performer! He said there continues to be high participation at the Highlands Library. He also mentioned that the new director, Gary Wasdin, would eventually like to meet with all Library boards.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

The topic of Goals / Objectives was moved to the March meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Lynne King

Erica Richey was nominated elected the new Board Chair and Catherine Ploue-Smith was nominated and elected as the new Vice Chair.

X. INFORMATION

The Board Agenda meetings has moved from Fridays to Wednesdays. Terry advised that one application has been received for the Board opening with advertising to continue until the seat is filled. Catherine advised she will not be able to attend the February meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Erica Richey and seconded by Catherine Ploue-Smith, to adjourn the January meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS



FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Fairwood Library

17009 140th Ave SE, Renton

(425) 226-0522



MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor Council Conference Room