

## Renton Library Advisory Board



### Meeting Minutes Renton City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Conference Room June 17, 2015 ~ 5:30 p.m.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Erica Richey called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

##### **In Attendance**

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Catherine Ploue-Smith  
City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner  
KCLS Staff: Julie Acteson, Erin Johnston, John Sheller  
Excused: Kim Unti

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Lynne King made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Laurie Beden seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Laurie Beden made a motion to approve the May 2015 minutes with one spelling correction, Lynne King seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, amended minutes approved.

#### **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

#### **VI. ACTION / BRIEFING**

Julie Acteson and Erin Johnston, King County Library Systems (KCLS), were introduced and in attendance to discuss the library opening for the Liberty Park Library. The date has been confirmed for the event as Saturday, August 22. Julie commented that since the capital bond was approved and passed in 2004, KCLS has done about 33 ground breakings & openings. She said the largest so far was the Lake Hills opening with the crowd wrapped about the block and she stopped counting at about 1,200 people. She expects Renton's opening to be big. The ceremony will begin at 9:30am and they will set up near the building entrance and that is where the program and ceremony will start. Chairs will face the entrance along with the podium for speakers directed at the crowd and hoping the weather will be good so there will be no need for tents. Entertainment and music will be on the exterior and interior. They expect the program to last about 30 minutes with the Mayor, Architects, Library Board Chair, Friend President, and staff from KCLS to speak. They will have the large scissors for the ribbon cutting and help from speakers and some of the children in attendance. The doors will then open and there will be more programs/entertainment. They say the building and collection will be the star of the show! Julie then discussed what the City may want as part of

the program and Terry suggested, in order to keep from just standing in the line to get into the building, there be outdoor entertainment on or near the field, which has already been reserved, with children's entertainment such as Lolo the Clown and a possible barbeque, maybe hotdogs. The goal would be to spread out the crowd and provide entertainment and activities while waiting to get into the building. The barbeque would start around 11am and be served until about 12:30pm, starting after the actual opening ceremony.

Parking was discussed around the 200 Mill Building, the lot behind the Museum, the Liberty Park side, and possible the Renton Senior Activity Center, which is accessible to the library via the trail.

Terry and the group discussed the City's Trailer Equipment List which can be used for the event. Julie, John and Terry talked about other logistics such as parking, traffic control, designated parking for staff, dignitaries and volunteers and advertising such as social media, mailings and postcards, Renton Reporter, City's Press Release, barricades, ADA stalls, temporary signage, restrooms, building access, and the length of the event.

Julie also spoke about an event being held at the Renton Community Center this Friday, June 19. This is KCLS's second year of 'summer leaning' program and this year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story". They will be advertising the summer lunch program/free meal sites, which has been extended to include more libraries this year. They want to tie together learning and free meal sites and will start in Renton this Friday. They are able to do the program with amazing partners such as KIRO 7 Cares, KCLS Foundation, Reach Out and Read, Woodland Park Zoo, and Chipolte to name of few. There will be books for kids, information for parents, Lets Read section, healthy snacks, activities, performers, a designated teen room, award give-a-ways, and professional actors dressed as superhero's.

They will connect foods to each super hero, i.e. what goods give them their "super strength" such as Wonder Woman will have a basket with spinach, tomatoes, seeds/nuts, eggplant, zucchini, etc. Friday is also National Learning Day so the timing couldn't be better!

#### **VII. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner**

Peter Renner talked about the construction progress at the Liberty Park Library. The landscaping is largely done on the park side and looks good. The Stilt Walker is up as is the Boy statue. He said there are small leaks in irrigation and being addressed/coming along. The hand rails for the bridge are delayed /as they had to be removed to install the non-skip adhesive to the bridge deck and there are slight issues with the circuits in the hand rails so the bridge is temporarily closed. The electrical inspection will not be completed until this is complete. He also mentioned the carpet squares have been rejected due to some quality control issues but they look forward to a resolution soon. Peter also mentioned the parking lot will be resurfaced and will look great once complete.

The Highlands library is also moving along smoothly. He said there are issues with the road construction and serious discussions have taken place with the franchise utilities. He said there are all new lines going in and rebuilding of roads but there are a few issues with designs. They are making progress. Sufficient parking and pedestrian traffic is key traffic. So far, so good. The contractor has been flexible and willing to get it done.

Substantial completion is tentatively set for August 31 with an opening date in October. The storm water facility will finish ahead of time. The demolition of old housing will soon begin and the Renton Housing outside ring of buildings will be demolished soon too.

**VIII. KCLS REPORT/JOHN SHELLER**

John Sheller briefly talked about the event this Friday at the RCC as detailed by Julie.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Lynne King connected with Linda at Center of Hope and she would greatly appreciate the Boards assistance sifting through the library and getting rid of old, broken, destroyed material and cycling in more craft ideas, color books, etc. They will pick a weeknight date and work together in getting this project going.

Terry mentioned the date for the Council presentation should be in January and include information relating to the Library openings and photo's, etc.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Terry reminded the group about personal opinions vs. board representation/opinions.

**X. INFORMATION**

Several flyers were included in the packets such as Renton River Days, Fourth of July, and briefly discussed.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Lynne King made a motion to adjourn the June meeting. Catherine Ploue-Smith seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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## July Meeting Cancelled

No July Meeting

## August Meeting

**\*\*Please note date change\*\***

**August 12, 2015**

**Renton City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Conference Room**

