

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes Renton City Hall, 7th Floor Council Conference Room August 12, 2015 ~ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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
City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Diane Wagner
KCLS Staff: Erin Johnston, John Sheller
Excused: Kim Unti

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laurie Beden made a motion to approve the June 2015 minutes with a 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

Erin Johnston, King County Library Systems (KCLS), and John Sheller talked about the very exciting program for the grand opening of the new Renton Downtown Library. She said KCLS has mailed over 45,000 postcard-invites. They have secured the Hazen High School Band for the grand opening celebration and they will practice a bit prior but will play for about 15 minutes and be all decked out in their uniforms. There will be opening remarks by the invited dignitaries such as Mayor Law, Ruth Baleiko from Miller Hull, Friends of Renton Library, Erica will briefly speak, and Gary Wasdin from KCLS, among others. After the ribbon cutting, the public is invited into the library where there will be live music by Eli Rosenblatt, professional 'super-heroes', the Seahawk "Boom" mascot, and a BBQ outside in the park. Hot dogs will be served starting at 11am and stopping around noon with the board members serving. Please arrive about 9am and as a friendly reminder, dress according to the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

VII. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama

Terry Higashiyama introduced Roberta Graver, the new Community Services Administrative Secretary, who was in attendance. Terry talked about the final construction progress such as the sidewalk currently being poured, the trees being protected and she mentioned the minimum is being done in the bus stop area since Main Street will be changed in a couple years. She also talked about the traffic plan for the opening.

Terry then talked about the Highlands library and briefly discussed the window situation and the beefed up police patrol in the area and the contractor possibly hiring private security. The Mayor has offered a financial reward for leads resulting in the arrest/prosecution of those responsible for shooting out the windows. The siding will be delayed and the library opening could now be delayed because of the window / loss. Substantial completion is tentatively set for August 31 with the tentative opening date in October.

VIII. KCLS REPORT/JOHN SELLER

John Sheller passed out a few handouts and talked about some upcoming events.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Terry said the City is a finalist for the Choice Neighborhood Grant and we hope to find out more information sometime in mid to end September.

Lynne King commented on the REACH Center of Hope Library and said there is nothing new. Just need to pick a date that works and a get together to work on sorting of the library materials. Any day but the second Thursday of the month.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Terry briefly talked about the Board Terms and reminded Laurie her term is just about to expire. Laurie decided to continue with the Board for another term. Thank you for your dedication Laurie!

X. INFORMATION

Riverview Bridge is scheduled to have an opening / dedication on September 18, from noon to 1pm. Invitations will be mailed soon.

There is a walk-thru of the new downtown library that will happen August 19 with the Mayor, Jay Covington, Dri Ralph, and the Board. Everyone is looking forward to the evening.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Lynne King made a motion to adjourn. Laurie Beden seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Signature

	<p>September Meeting September 16, 2015 Downtown Renton Library King Parker Meeting Room</p>	
	<p>October Meeting October 21, 2015 Renton City Hall Council Conference Room, 7th floor</p>	