

# Renton Library Advisory Board



## Meeting Minutes Downtown Renton Library King Parker Meeting Room September 16, 2015 ~ 5:30 p.m.

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

Chair Erica Richey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **In Attendance**

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

### **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 August 2015 minutes, Lynne King seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

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

None.

### **V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

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

The group discussed the Library opening celebration held August 22. Everyone was very happy with the turnout and gratitude expressed by the patrons. Pictures of the event were passed around along with a couple sets of Thank You cards made up for the Board. The group talked about who they would like to send the cards to. John said the event went very smooth and the staff felt ready to open. The attendance was great, there were many comments from patrons about how happy people were to be in the library, overwhelming to finally be in this position where as the library is open. John said they are guessing over 2,600 people were in attendance ~ stellar, amazing attendance. There are just a few final projects yet to be completed such as the plaque and signage, and the electrical for the overhead projector, etc. Peter said it was gratifying to hear the positive comments as people entered and what a great job that was done, overwhelmingly positive. John said they received about 215 new Library Card applicants.

Terry thanked the board for their support during this long process.

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

Peter Renner talked about the Highlands Library and some of the setbacks. One being the window situation, where as they were shot with pellets. It takes a long time to order the new windows and remove the old and remove and clean the panes. They are now looking at the end of November for completion. The other issue has been the franchise utilities and the road. The City will do the road around park property / going to bid in January. The franchise utilities near/at 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunset some utilities have been hard to coordinate and there have been many changes. Bob Carnes has been staying on top of it and should be ready for install Thursday and should only take a few days for all to be installed. All utilities underground and there will be about seven vaults, with four transformers for the library. Meanwhile contractor using generator to install elevators. Substantial completion was tentatively set for August 31 with an opening date in October but that has obviously been pushed back.

Peter and Terry then talked about the camera project at Liberty Park, and other locations around the City. Peter was able to point out a few of the cameras, none of which are actively recording anything inside the library per KCLS request. The cameras record the bridge, the park, the skate park, the parking lot, etc. Peter was also able to show some of the recorded filming from previous days via a portable laptop and mentioned that live video is accessible by computer by Police on patrol. Cameras are already installed at many of our parks throughout the City. Cameras have also been installed on the roof of the new Highlands Library and can record activity day or night. Parks and Facilities crews can also view history to see activities that may have occurred the previous nights upon arrival the next morning, where they can check for any vandalism situation that may need to be addressed. It recently worked well at the City Garage where there was as small groups of people “hanging” out at the garage and the police were easily dispatched and able to easily deter the people from causing trouble.

Terry talked about the capital improvement projects for Liberty Park that will happen, most likely, next spring. The cut back of blackberries, rhododendrons, new picnic shelter, move restroom, refinish trail, fencing etc., and the play area will be replaced, along with other projects. She said the City will work with the community by doing surveys, open houses, etc.

**VIII. KCLS REPORT/JOHN SELLER**

John Sheller talked about moving forward with the new director, Gary Wasdin, new KCLS Director. There is a theme emerging, and they are going through a vision process. He has an exhaustive list in need to be prioritized, community meet their goals, work with public, get their input. Cluster to add staff, librarian, increasing size of Highlands so more staff there, retirement cycle, etc.

John briefly talked about summer wrap up and shared some of the highlights. He shared photos from some of the different programs and talked about how they are pleased with the all-around turnout of the annual activities.

John shared a copy of Governor Insley's proclamation about Food Literacy where he declared September as Food Literacy Month to promote food education, inspire food choices that are good for people and good for the planet and encourage parental involvement and motivate communitywide support. This goes well with the movement and motion of KCLS's recent themes, such as A Place at the Table.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Terry will pick a few evenings and send the information out so the group can choose a date to work at the Center of Hope Library.

Terry mentioned there has been no word yet on the Choice grant...we are still waiting to hear.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

The Board would like to invite the Friends of Renton Libraries to the October 21 meeting. John will check into this.

**X. INFORMATION**

The latest What's Happening brochure was included in the packet. The group talked about the Library Forum scheduled for November 4 at the downtown Renton Library and possibly forgoing the November meeting depending on the scheduled opening of the Highlands Library.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Lynne King made a motion to adjourn the September meeting. Laurie Beden seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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	<p><b>October 21, 2015</b> Renton City Hall Council Conference Room 7<sup>th</sup> floor</p> <p><b>November 18, 2015</b> Renton City Hall Council Conference Room 7<sup>th</sup> floor</p> <p><b>December 8, 2015**</b> Renton History Museum</p>	
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\*\*note date change / joint meeting with Parks Commission