

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes

Renton City Hall, 7th floor
Council Conference Room
February 17, 2016 ~ 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, Kim Unti
City Staff: Kelly Beymer, Margie Beitner
KCLS Staff: Fred Gurney
Excused: Catherine Ploue-Smith

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A request was made to move the City Report up on the agenda as Kelly needed to leave the meeting early. Laurie Beden made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Lynne King seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Unti made a motion to approve the January 2016 minutes with corrections to the "Draft" 2016 Goals, Laurie Beden seconded. (*Corrected the word "Supper" to read, "Support"*) All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Laurie Beden noted she will not be attending the Literary Lions meeting. The family/friends rate increased to \$175.00 this year. She will not be attending because the cost is too expensive. She will respond to the correspondence she received and let them know why she is not attending. Feels this is important to let them know they should be considering other options to make it more affordable for those attending.

Fred Gurney indicated he would make note of Laurie's comments and concerns. KCLS Foundation has a new executive director.

Lynne King mentioned that she attended the Skyway Library Opening. The event was well attended and people seemed to be tickled pink about the amenities. Fred Gurney reported that 1,000 people attended the event (even in the pour down rain). The new library building is beautiful and the public seemed to be really thrilled. Six teens and friends walked books over to the new library. "*History of Skyway*" by Kathleen Sidwell was one of the books brought over from the old location; important to maintain that history as we move forward to the new system.

VI. ACTION / BRIEFING

None.

VII. CITY REPORT / Kelly Beymer

Kelly Beymer announced that she would introduce Michael Kirk at the March meeting.

Laurie Beden noted that the board has not seen the Construction Meeting Minutes since December 9. She asked if we could request those from the Facilities Director and forward to boardmembers for review.

Lynne King also pointed out that the City's website did not mention the opening delay and thought there could be more detail as to why they are not opening to better inform the public.

Kelly Beymer indicated she would talk with Jay Covington and possibly the city could make some sort of announcement about the opening schedule.

Kim Unti commented that she would also like to see more publicity about Sunday opening – Renton Community Resources posted announcement.

Kelly provided a short update for on-going Capital Improvement Projects within the Community Services Department.

Sunset Redevelopment Plan – The city received a grant for the Phase 1 portion of this project which is complete. As part of Phase II of this project, this year the city will be working on grading, restroom facilities, and design. Phase II work is contingent on Sunset Lane (roadway); if there are delays in transportation that could affect the schedule and project is also dependent on funding and grants that go along with this project.

Liberty Park – 2016 Design Phase – south end of field, between fields and library. As part of the Liberty Park updates we have purchased some outdoor exercise equipment.

VIII. KCLS REPORT/Fred Gurney

Fred Gurney spoke to the board about KCLS 2016 Annual Theme, "Everyone's Talking." KCLS introduces topics of interest to the public and sponsor related programs that offer discussion among interested parties. He provided copies of the brochure which lists the topics and related dates for programs or events being held and also handed out copies of the February 17, 2016, Report to the Renton Library Advisory Board.

Fred highlighted some of the programs being offered and gave samples of discussion topics. "The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution" by Stanley Nelson was held at Skyway Library on Feb 9. One program being offered will be held at the Fairwood Library, Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. – Drones / Introduction to Drones/Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Fred noted KCLS has three target areas (for service areas) they are focused on: Teen programming, adult, and children ages 6-12. For example they facilitate a program called "Teen Talk," a place for youth to explore social justice and equity in our society. KCLS has two facilitators who provide a place for teens to get together and talk about issues. This program is sponsored by Friends of Renton Libraries.

Laurie Beden inquired as to whether KCLS could invite Jennifer Wooton to one of the RLAB meetings to debrief the Library Board or possibly schedule a meeting at one of the Libraries. Fred indicated that suggestion would be passed on to John Sheller for consideration.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

2016 Goals: The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing and reprioritizing goals. Each board member selected their top goals and Erica Richey helped re-group and prioritize the top goals selected. Goals were re-grouped under four main areas with smaller action items under actual goals. The group felt this would be a more productive way to achieve goals throughout the year. A revised list of goals will be drafted for review at the March 2016 RLAB meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Renton Library Advisory Board Terms: A list of terms for current RLAB members was provided during February 17, 2016 meeting.

XI. INFORMATION

No additional information provided.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Lynne King made a motion to adjourn the February meeting. Laurie Beden seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Signature

Next Meetings:

March 16, 2016

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April 20, 2016

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