

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes City Hall, Council Conference Room July 17, 2013 ~ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynne King called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Suzi Ure
City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner
KCLS Staff: Judith Zelter
Guest: Chip Vincent, City of Economic Development Administrator

Absent

Members: Erica Richey

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Catherine Ploue-Smith, seconded by Laurie Beden, to approve the agenda. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Catherine Ploue-Smith made a motion, seconded by Suzi Ure, to approve the June 2013 meeting minutes. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VI. CITY REPORT/ Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Chip Vincent

Chip Vincent, Economic Development Administrator, presented the Power Point Presentation that was given to Renton Council Committee of the Whole on Monday, July 15, 2013. Chip provided an update/overview for the Renton Library at Liberty Park. He talked about the project history such as when the application process, the comment period, the permit reviews, the agency and non-profit comments, the environmental review process and reports, determinations and mitigations, the public hearing process and report to the Hearing Examiner, and the land review process.

Terry Higashiyama talked about the appeal process and letters and responses. She said the next Hearing Examiner hearing is scheduled for July 30, 2013 at 10:00 am, which will not be televised but is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Peter Renner gave a brief update on the Highlands Library. The next Design Committee meeting is scheduled for July 30. He talked about the boundaries on Sunset Boulevard and Sunset Lane. He said if all goes well, permitting could be completed by the end of the year with construction starting sometime in 2014.

VII. KCLS REPORT/JUDITH ZETLER

Judith presented the Road Map Project, the initiative supported by the Community Center for Education Results (CCER) that focuses on students from a very young age, pre-kindergarten, to Collage to Career.

Judith said that schools are not seeing higher levels of academic progress despite a number of good programs that support student achievement. The Project focuses on the South King County School District and brings together those from the district to work together on solving the problem. The CCER is a group of public and private organizations, parents, and civic leaders who want to improve academic achievement for these students.

Judith talked about the statistics of the area such as those who speak different languages, students of color, low income and English language learners. She discuss the summer reading programs at the different community centers, such as Renton Highlands, and the combination of features such as Magic Shows and summer lunch programs and the Library2Go vehicle.

Judith also gave an update on some of the different programs and events such as the FIESTAS DE ALFABETIZACION TEMPRANA EN Español, a program supported by KCLS and the KCLS Foundation for "Early Literacy Parties in Spanish".

Judith briefly updated the Board on the Library Card Kits and showed some promotional boards / signs and hopes to have more materials available at the next meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Judith gave an updated on the Fairwood Library. She said it is schedule to close but they are not sure exactly when. A temporary location, with limited hours and computer use, will be opened on Petrovitski near the Safeway and Bartell's that will support hold-pickups, a small collection of books, and possibly some DVD's. Patrons will be encouraged to use the Highlands Library and Renton Library at Liberty Park.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Library Card Kits were discussed by Judith above.

X. INFORMATION

Terry shared information on upcoming events such as the IKEA Renton River Days, the Neighborhood Picnics, and Movies in the Park.

A motion was made by Suzi, seconded by Catherine Ploue-Smith, to cancel the August meeting due to many scheduling conflicts. All were in favor, motion carried, August meeting canceled.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Suzi Ure, second by Catherine Ploue-Smith, to adjourn the July meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS


~~**AUGUST MEETING**~~
Meeting Canceled



SEPTEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7th Floor
Telephone 425.430.6574

 