

## Renton Library Advisory Board



### Meeting Minutes

Renton City Hall

Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

October 17, 5:30 p.m.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-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, Suzi Ure

City of Renton Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner

KCLS Staff: Angelina Benedetti

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was modified to move the guest speaker between Oral Communications / Public Comments and Board Communications. A motion was made by Suzi Ure, seconded by Lynne King, to approve the modified agenda. All were in favor, motion carried, modified agenda approved.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynne King made a motion, seconded by Suzi Ure, to approve the September minutes with corrections. All were in favor, motion carried, corrected minutes approved.

#### IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Terry Higashiyama introduced Dr. Linda Smith. Dr. Smith told the Board she has been a Renton resident since the early 80's, she feels Renton is a dear part of her life and enjoys being a resident. Retired after 35 years in the corporate life, she now pursues more personal passions. She is a Pastor at Mary Magdalene church in Seattle and works with homeless woman with children. Mary's Place was established in 1999 in response to homeless women's cry for a complete resource center. She mentioned they have been looking for a place to open a day center in or near Renton and have been working with Renton's Human Services department to look at options.

They have come up with a phased proposal with a day center being phase-one and a short-term, overnight facility as phase two. They would like a place where woman can work on resources, take showers, wash clothes, get a meal, and if need be, retreat to a church for the evening. This would be a place to make connections and maintain a sense of hope.

Peter Renner talked about the SCORE jail collaboration which left available a secure space for such a place in Renton City Hall. People would first go through a screening process then come

to the City via a church. The facility would hold approximately 25 - 30 people at a time. The space would need renovations such as carpet, electrical, and paint. It is thought that some of the renovations, such as the painting, could be accomplished with volunteers. The group is raising funds for other renovations and hope to have the space up and running sometime in February of 2013.

**VI. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama ~ Peter Renner**

Peter talked about the second Library Open House/Meeting held yesterday, October 16, at Renton City Hall. Bill Ptacek, KCLS Director, and Greg Smith, KCLS Facilities Director, were on hand along with City representatives Doug Jacobson, Peter Renner, Chip Vincent and others. Chip Vincent facilitated the discussions, which was a little different from the first open house where it was set up more to get ideas from the public as to what information they want out the meetings.

Peter talked about the engineering work, the design process, schedules and the physical attributes of site, such as the water survey and structural inspections. They are looking at accurately locating utilities, the soil bearing capacity, and alternate methods for strengthening the structure. No one knows all the possibilities but they all are looking for the best approach with the best results with the least expenditures.

In regards to the Highlands Library, Peter talked about the traffic-flow options and how the building is set back more due to the width dictated by the parking structures, which pushes the library more to the northwest than thought. He mentioned that Sunset Lane will be part of phase two of the development. He also mentioned that eight residents have yet to be relocated although housing has been secured. November's open house / meeting will include engineering updates.

**VII. KCLS REPORT / ANGELINA BENEDETTI**

Angelina handed out information related to the Sikh Culture and said there was a workshop held on October 14. There will be another workshop on October 20 at the Crossroads Community Center.

Angelina distributed information related to the Preliminary Budget / Board Forum scheduled for early November.

Angelina passed around a copy of the KCLS Capital Improvement Plan, Eight Year Plan and said she will see about getting each board member a copy.

Angelina talked about the Newcastle Library, which is scheduled to open December 8. Invitations to the preview party will be mailed soon.

**VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Future Design Meetings / Board assignments for the official record:

Highlands: Erica Richey, Suzi Ure  
Downtown: Catherine Ploue-Smith, Lynne King

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

A question was asked about the comments from yesterdays Open House / Meeting and when they would be posted to the City website. Terry advised they will be uploaded shortly along with comment cards which are now available online. The agenda for the upcoming Open House / Meeting will also be posted on the website soon.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

Terry advised the Annual Report from the Board to the Renton Council will be due soon and that possibly a retreat should be scheduled sometime in January or February of 2013.

**XI. INFORMATION**

The group briefly talked about the Cedar River Salmon Journey handout and the volunteers at the different stations around the area who are talking to people and answering questions about the salmon runs. One location is the Renton Library in Liberty Park.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Erica, seconded by Catherine, to adjourn the October meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS**

**NOVEMBER MEETING**  
\*\*\* *Note date change* \*\*\*

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Telephone 425.430.6574**

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**DECEMBER MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
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