

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes Renton City Hall Council Conference Room, 7th Floor November 21, 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laurie Beden 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, Jennifer Wiseman, Public Services Project Manager

Excused

Member: none

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Suzi Ure, seconded by Erica Richey, to approve the agenda. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynne King made a motion, seconded by Erica Richey, to approve the October 17, 2012, minutes with one spelling correction. All were in favor, motion carried, corrected minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Riches commented that she attended the Library Open House / Meeting yesterday, November 20, and thought the Highlands Library is coming along beautifully but she has a concern about the height and elevation of the building in contrary to the Colpitts building. It appears to her that there is a big wall between the buildings and the Library appears at a lower elevation.

Peter advised that these are only drawings and the Colpitts building is only shown as a place holder, to show that there will be a building there, and that the building drawings have not yet been completed. Peter said the Illustrations do no justice to the volumes of the buildings and more design drawings on behalf of KCLS will be available at the next Open House / Meeting. Peter also mentioned that when they get to the point of full design there will be more public meetings.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Laurie Beden talked about the KCLS Board Forum held in early November. She said there was a presentation on Community Connect and she is very excited about this new tool. She said those in attendance split into groups and had the opportunity to see first-hand how the

program works with Library service areas and to see the different demographics of the people in Renton, i.e. the population, cultures, age groups, etc. Laurie also said it was nice to meet other Advisory Board Members and see KCLS staff members in attendance.

VI. CITY REPORT/ Terry Higashiyama ~ Peter Renner

Peter passed out a copy of the Schematic Design slide from the PowerPoint presentation from the Library Open House / Meeting held yesterday, November 20, 2012. He said this is a rough presentation and shows the roof as one level, and the left margin of the drawing shows the flood plain elevation, normal high water mark, and floor grade. He said an approach that does not enter the flood plain level is desirable to avoid the need for permitting by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Peter went on to talk about the schematic design, the pilings, and soil. The soil samples showed that the soil on both banks are subject to liquefaction so is quite unstable. An approach that involves a spread footing resting on piling that go fairly deep and tying into the existing floor structure would stabilize the entire structure, resists typical earthquake motion which would help prevent the Library from sliding towards the Cedar River. So this approach has promise. At the Open House, Ruth from King County did a good job of responding to concerns. She discussed the electrical distribution, the raised floor, the possible entry areas, the type of heating, and plumbing systems that are available.

Peter advised that people can make comments on the City website.

Terry mentioned the landscaping changes and talked about redoing the lighting and playground area.

Mark Gropper was also on hand at the Open House to do a presentation on the entire Sunset Terrace redevelopment efforts. The new Highlands library is in Phase I of the redevelopment. Mark is working with HUD and state and local officials to proceed to Phase II. Peter briefly described housing and park elements that will be part of Phase II.

Mark also made reference to progress of various mutual agreements which are part of the redevelopment effort. An extended survey is a necessary part of finishing the agreements.

Terry also provided update information on the Open House.

VII. KCLS REPORT/ANGELINA BENEDETTI

Angelina passed around a sheet titled, "2013 Key Areas of Focus" and discussed the service direction of King County Library Systems. She gave a brief background and talked about two themes: Reach people who have never been to a library before; who do not have any currency in what a library is or does and; Engage with communities that are disadvantaged / low-income and that remain unseen in library services.

She talked about the strategies and themes within the service goals and how they can be implemented and what can be done to meet the goals. Angelina added comments about what the Renton Library will be doing to meet goals.

Angelina talked about the Summer Outreach program and said they hope to increase the program next year. The Renton Library will also continue the Job Club thanks to Friend of Libraries who agreed to financially support this program along with funding a proposed project, "Teen Talk Time." This program provides an opportunity for teens to practice their English skills and will be held at the Highlands library.

Angelina talked about Community Connect and mentioned that they recently experienced the program first hand. She said she thought it would be good to look at the program during the upcoming retreat where everyone can see how it works.

Angelina talked about "A Place at the Table, Inspiring Cooks, Nourishing Communities." She said this is a new program for 2013 and will run approximately March through December. It's an adult program focusing on food: everything from chef authors and preservation of food, farmers markets, cooking, etc. This is a fun theme with fun ideas and links to diverse ethnic groups with online elements along with programs in the library.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

The Annual Report from the Board to the Council will be made sometime in January 2013 and presented by Laurie. The report should include goals and the vision statement with big attention on buildings and locations. Angelina put together some notes using the Board's objective and Renton's Business Plan, Vision, and Goals and how the library applies to the City's vision and mission plans. Terry said the group will need to provide a synopsis of what the Board has been working on in 2012, what has been accomplished and goals for the upcoming year. This will provide a good place to start. The Annual Report will be a topic at the upcoming retreat scheduled for February 2013.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed possible dates for a retreat, either February 2 or February 9, 2013. The retreat will be held either at City Hall or the downtown library.

X. NEW BUSINESS

The Board unanimously approved Lynne King's nomination as Chair and Erica Richey as Vice Chair for the next two years.

XI. INFORMATION

Terry alerted the Board to many upcoming activities and advised of the many flyers attached.

She also reminded everyone to RSVP for the Newcastle Library Dedication scheduled for December 8.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the November meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS



DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, December 19, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

**** PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE ****

**Renton Historical Museum
235 Mill Avenue South
Telephone 425.255.2330**



JANUARY MEETING

**Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Renton City Hall, Council Conference Room, 7th Floor
Telephone 425.430.6574**