

## Renton Library Advisory Board



### Meeting Minutes City Hall, Council Conference Room October 23, 2013 ~ 5:30 p.m.

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

Chair Lynne King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

##### **In Attendance**

Members: Laurie Beden, Lynne King, Erica Richey, Catherine Ploue-Smith, Suzi Ure  
City Staff: Peter Renner, Diane Wagner  
KCLS Staff: Judith Zelter  
Guest: Mark Santo's Johnson, City of Renton, Senior Economic Development Specialist; Nancy Henkel, King County Library Systems Fairwood Managing Librarian/Cluster Collection Liaison

##### **Excused**

Members: Erica Richey

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Suzi Ure, seconded by Laurie Beden, to approve the agenda with one amendment, adding the Pacific NW Collection and Files to Item VIII. All were in favor, motion carried, amended agenda approved.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Laurie Beden made a motion to approve September 2013 minutes, Suzi Ure seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

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

None.

#### **V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Catherine met with the Superintendent of Renton School District a few weeks ago and is planning a presentation with Judith on Monday, October 28, 2013. She said the presentation will be similar to the Community Connect but shorter, and will illustrate King County Library Systems services and programs, and library card promotion.

#### **VI. CITY REPORT/ Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner**

Terry introduced Mark Santo's Johnson, City of Renton Senior Economic Development Specialist, who gave a presentation regarding the Sunset Area Community Revitalization. The Sunset area is 269 acres near City Center with good highway and transit access, close to shopping, employment and entertainment, has 100 public housing units, along with quality Senior public housing.

He talked about the vision of a safe and inviting area for all levels of income and diversity and place where people want to live and visit. He went on to discuss the outreach and planning involved over the past years that developed nine adopted strategies with one of the highest priorities being the new library. The strategies include the Sunset Terrace Redevelopment, the pursuit of the Sunset Area Planned Action EIS, the public plaza, community gardens, pedestrian and landscape improvements on Sunset Boulevard, better utilizing parks and recreational facilities, and exploring the development of a “Family Village” in North Highlands.

Mark discussed the key partnerships for implementation, working with local, county, state, federal, and private partners, the plans for housing and improving transportation choices, and investing in the existing community. In closing Mark talked about the timeline for projects such as the Meadow Crest Accessible Playground, the Kirkland Avenue Townhomes, the Sunset Park Master Plan, the stormwater improvements, the Phase I of Sunset Terrace apartments, and the construction of the new Highlands Library. Mark also provided the group with an updated copy of the Sunset Area Community Revitalization overview.

Terry talked about name tags and vests for the groups and passed around a sample vest for size trials. The City will order these items for the group to help identify them as Board Members when out in the public on official business.

#### **VII. KCLS REPORT/JUDITH ZETLER**

Judith introduced Nancy Henkel, KCLS Highlands Managing Librarian and Cluster Collection Liaison, who discussed collection development. A power-point presentation was shown that included information related to “weeding” materials from a Library. Weeding is a collection management tool. She discussed removing unwanted or unneeded materials, making room for more current or more relevant materials, how to identify damaged materials, i.e., damaged page covers, spines, etc., dated or inaccurate content, and evaluating day-to-day collections which is complemented by ongoing purchasing of new and replacement materials. For every reader there is a book and connecting a reader to something is always a good thing.

Judith talked about traffic statistics for the Highlands and Downtown libraries. There has been a slight increase at the downtown Library since the Fairwood Library closed. Judith also discussed several programs and attendance numbers including Baby Story-time, English Languages Story-time, Teen programming, Adult Literacy, Career and Education classes, one-on-one computer programs, and diversity programs such as ELS Classes.

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Terry briefly discussed the Pacific Northwest Collection and Files from the downtown library. The items will not be thrown out! There is a volunteer project to sort and inventory/catalog important items from the collection for future reference. Items include newspaper clippings, photo's etc.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Due to time constraints, the discussion regarding "Coordination of Closures in the greater Renton Area" has been moved to the November meeting.

**X. INFORMATION**

Terry shared the Winter Blast publication and information relating to upcoming events in Renton including holiday events such as the Tree Lighting, etc.

Terry advised the group the next Board meeting will be held at the North Highlands Neighborhood Center. Diane will send directions to anyone needing them. The December meeting will be held at the Renton History Museum.

Terry reminder the group about the November 18, 2013, Community of the Whole Presentation regarding the update to Council on both Libraries. The start time is 5:30 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Laurie Beden and seconded by Suzi Ure to adjourn the October meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Signature

**NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS**



**NOVEMBER MEETING**

*\* \* Location changed \* \**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

**North Highlands Neighborhood Center**

*3000 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Renton, WA 98056*

*Telephone 425.430.6744*



**DECEMBER MEETING**

*\* \* Location changed \* \**

**Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 5:30 p.m.**

**Renton History Museum**

**235 Mill Avenue South, Renton, WA 98057**

*Telephone 425.255.2330*