

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes

City Hall, Council Conference Room

September 17, 2014 ~ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance

Members: Lynne King, Erica Richey, Catherine Ploue-Smith

City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner, Karen Bergsvik

KCLS Staff: Fred Gurney

Excused: Laurie Beden, Suzi Ure

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Erica Richey, seconded by Catherine Ploue-Smith, to approve the slightly amended agenda with change to have Karen Bergsvik speak first under item six, City Report. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved as written with slight amendment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Erica Richey made a motion to approve June 2014 minutes, Catherine Ploue-Smith seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved as written.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Terry commented that Maggie Breen, REACH Executive Director, advised they will recognize the Library Board for recent donations and ongoing support in their event brochure for their Gala. The Gala is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, at the Renton Pavilion Event Center.

VI. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner, Karen Bergsvik

Terry introduced Karen Bergsvik, City of Renton Human Services Manager. Karen provided a presentation regarding the Community Needs Assessment for Human Services and Housing. Karen talked about why the report was completed and how it co-insides with the City update to the Comprehensive Plan and said it will establish policy for many years. The report looks at demographics, economic development and collects data and indicators on 13 needs and is explained in document. Karen says they are developing an outreach team to do presentation to different city department, agencies, and communities.

Peter Renner briefly commented on the Library over the Cedar River. He said we are updating the City's website consistently and uploaded progress pictures and videos. He said there haven't been a lot of new developments since the tour August 27. He said the Architect is busy with submission reviews and Request for Information/RFI's. Terry commented on the cottonwood trees near the library and along the Cedar River.

The Call for Artist Review is scheduled for September 29 with presentations schedule for October 4 at City Hall in the Council Conference Room. It is a public meeting and is open to all. The art from the library is being reassigned throughout the City, including pieces here at City Hall.

Peter also remarked the first construction meeting for the Highlands Library is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, September 18.

VII. KCLS REPORT/FRED GURNEY

Fred commented that this months' statistics are some of the best ever presented. He provided statistics for KCLS programs including the Let's Read, which welcomed over 1,789 participants in over 21 visits between May and June and another 1,700+ participants over 20+ visits between June and September. He said they had over 400 participants at the Latino Family Event at Kiwanis Park and over 250 people attended the Break Dance Programs at the Renton Community Center, to name just a few.

He said they have numerous partnerships within the City for attendance at neighborhood picnics, summer lunch programs, programs at the community centers, school district etc.

Fred said the temporary downtown Library site had a slow start but the sign is up and all computers are being used along with WI-FI table. He remarked that the Fairwood Library opening has been delayed and that the shelving is being installed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

The Board received a letter from REACH acknowledging receipt of a donation received from Judith Zelter in honor of the Board and expressing their gratitude.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Lynne King

None.

X. INFORMATION

Information was provided in handouts and orally regarding the many events throughout Renton such as the Farmers Market, etc.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Erica Richey and seconded by Catherine Ploue-Smith, to adjourn the September meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS

NOVEMBER MEETING

November 19, 2014

City Hall Council Conference Room



DECEMBER MEETING

December 9, 2014

Holiday Party with Park Board

Renton History Museum