

Renton Library Advisory Board



Meeting Minutes

Renton City Hall, 7th floor
Council Conference Room
January 20, 2016 ~ 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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, Kim Unti
City Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Kelly Beymer, Peter Renner, Diane Wagner, Margie Beitner
KCLS Staff: John Sheller
Guests: King Parker

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lynne King made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kim Unti seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, agenda approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Unti made a motion to approve the October 2015 minutes, Lynne King seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VI. ACTION / BRIEFING

The group discussed the 2016 goals and the steps to initiate the goal process. They talked about ongoing education on intellectual freedom, community connection and how board can better use the data and assist. They also talked about technology, i.e. e-books, where does KCLS see itself in five years. Some of the other goal items discussed are attached and it was decided the February meeting may be a good time to discuss prioritizing the list and add action items and assigning duties.

VII. CITY REPORT / Terry Higashiyama, Peter Renner

Peter Renner talked about the Highlands Library and the length of time to get electricity to the building, test commissioning of equipment such as HVAC system, and while overseeing the commissioning one must decide to slow down reviewing all equipment and make sure it is all working to the best of its ability. There is also cleanup and more presentation and power, which was expected three weeks ago. The equipment testing includes elevators, HVAC, etc. The conditions are very muddy right now due to the rain and the driveway is not yet done.

Delay is okay, better to have things work! Note on the vandalism with the windows: the police are confident they have an idea of who did this as the person is known to have done this elsewhere and they just need a little time to put together a case. The grand opening is obviously pushed back at the minimum one month but the board will be updated as soon as the information is available, hoping for mid to end of March.

One of the items still outstanding from the Downtown Library is the change order from electrical contractor, mostly having trouble agreeing on numbers between subs-contractors, the City, etc. and noted there is a one-year warranty of work after completion. Still working on the railing across bridge, installation of three plaques, the landscaping, and a few other items.

VIII. KCLS REPORT/JOHN SELLER

John Sheller talked about the Skyway Library and the local staff who were unable to proceed with anything until after January 3 but went in while furniture was being installed and set up laptop/card area, etc., and he said the collection is approximately 1/3 new and discussed the shelving, having the movers keep everything in order to unload shelf by shelf full collection January 4, (2-3 day turnaround). The Skyway Library has industrial feel high ceilings, cool windows, with lights that change colors, conference table with large glass top and airplane tail stabilizer, and a real feel of Renton. John will set a date, maybe a Tuesday or Wednesday before the opening and will invite the group for a walk thru.

Highlands shelving is not ready. The new building is larger and over ½ of the facility will be new collection. Once occupancy is received, KCLS staff will close existing library to move and fine tune to new library. Walk thru between now and opening but not yet ready.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Terry mentioned that unfortunately, Renton was not selected for the Choice grant.

X. NEW BUSINESS

The Board Council presentation will be in either March or April. Erica and John will need to get together and plan on about a 10 minute presentation.

City Staff changes were briefly discussed and the group was advised both Terry and Peter will be retiring and Diane is moving out of her current position so this is their last meeting. Kelly Beymer and Margie Beitner were introduced as the new City contacts.

XI. INFORMATION

Miscellaneous handouts were included in the packet for the group and briefly discussed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Lynne King made a motion to adjourn the January meeting. Catherine Ploue-Smith seconded. All were in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Signature

Next Meetings:

February 17, 2016

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March 16, 2016

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