



#### MOTIONS APPROVED

1. Motion to approve the Board agenda
2. Motion to approve the October 30, 2007 minutes
3. Motion to approve Payroll expenditures
4. Motion to approve General Fund #0010 expenditures
5. Motion to approve Construction Bond Fund '88 #3020 expenditures
6. Motion to approve Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 expenditures
7. Motion to approve Gift Fund #6010 expenditures
8. Motion to approve Resolution 2007-06
9. Motion to approve Resolution 2007-07
10. Motion to approve Resolution 2007-08
11. Motion that KCLS go forward with the co-development project in Newcastle.

#### CALL TO ORDER

LeRoy McCullough called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Kampen urged the Board to vote against co-development of the new Newcastle Library. He said KCLS has a great site and asked the Board to keep it and leave room for parking and expansion. Gary said he believes the proposed co-development is a bad deal for KCLS, patrons and Newcastle. He listed drawbacks including: an inferior design, inadequate parking, limited expansion and financial issues. Enveloping the Library in apartments constrains the design, he

added. He noted that the Newport Way Library at 8,000 square feet has 50 parking stalls that are often close to capacity. He said the 10,000-square-foot Newcastle Library would be served by a four-lane parkway much busier than Newport Way and those 35 parking stalls would not be enough. He added that the streets and adjoining businesses won't take up the slack. He explained that expansion will eventually be needed and expanding to 15,000 square feet isn't feasible with this plan. He said the Newport Way Library, which serves a smaller population with more limited access, will be expanded to 10,000 square feet. He said Newcastle is growing, and the reciprocal agreement between Renton and KCLS assures heavy use from the Renton Plateau. The proposal is not good for KCLS, he said, because KCLS is proposing to give most of its \$2 million property to Lorig for less than \$1 million. He finally urged the Board to focus on its primary goal of delivering top-notch library services to an expanding population. He said affordable housing, co-development and saving money are laudable, but secondary goals, and there are better ways to meet them all.

Sue Beverly, representing the Hazelwood community, said all the enthusiasm of the KCLS staff and the developer won't cancel out one central problem with co-development: there's not enough parking. She said the average number of parking spaces for a 10,000-square-foot Library is 51 spaces while the co-development proposal for Newcastle has 35. She noted that the nearest branch, the 8,000-square-foot Newport Way Library, has 50 spaces and that the last two times she was there she had to wait to park. In fact, she added, the most common type of improvement to KCLS libraries has been the addition of parking spaces. She said if there were room to grow, it might make sense to put off building adequate parking at Newcastle, but the co-development plan leaves no room for that. She said buses that will stop at the site don't serve the neighborhoods of Newcastle. She noted that the only way to get downtown is by car, particularly for residents of the high side of town. She explained that the professionals will say that when 35 spaces prove inadequate, KCLS can just rent space in the apartment garage. She asked where the residents will park when the management sells out their spaces, considering the fact that the current design allows only the minimum spaces mandated by Newcastle City code. She mentioned that sharing parking with the apartments could reduce the parking requirement by up to 50%, but only if "the normal hours of operation for each use are separated by at least one hour; or a professional traffic engineer documents that the uses won't conflict." She asked what would happen on Saturdays and Sundays. She expressed

#### PRESENT

##### KCLS BOARD

Jessica Bonebright  
Judge Richard Eadie  
Lucy Krakowiak  
Judge LeRoy McCullough

##### KCLS Staff

Bruce Adams  
Julie Brand Wallace  
Linda Glenicki  
Kay Johnson  
Lauren Mikov  
Jed Moffitt  
Bill Ptacek  
Charlene Richards  
Bruce Schauer  
Greg Smith  
Nancy Smith  
Jennifer Wiseman

##### GUESTS

Sue Beverly  
Garry Kampen  
Katrina Marier  
Margaret Nelson  
Carol Simpson

her view that organizing and enforcing such a shared arrangement looks like a nightmare. She said planners may also say that the Library or apartment overflow can use adjacent parking lots. She noted, however, that the only adjacent lot is at Washington Mutual, and it's posted "Customers Only." She said City code regarding offsite parking makes it clear that directing Library patrons or apartment residents into parking lots across the street at Valley Medical Center or Coal Creek Village Shopping Center would be illegal. She said spaces near Newcastle Way are marked "Short Term" or "Customers Only" because they are paid for by the local businesses for their customers, not provided for public convenience. She appreciates that the planners have made some effort to respond to the citizen input regarding traffic flow, expansion potential and overall appearance. She said unfortunately they have not proposed a solution to the parking problem. She said the critical difference between the limited parking in the two plans is that the space available in the single-use plan could easily be reconfigured to accommodate more parking spaces.

Katrina Marier, a patron of Newport Way and member of the Newport Way Library Association highlighted the outreach achievements of the Newport Way Library staff. She said they were pleased to participate in the busing portion of the Summer Reading Program, providing two days of six classes each. Staff made arrangements so that the students would have 100 percent of their attention, and there were bilingual staff available for the program. She also thanked the KCLS Foundation for last year's matching grant for "Early Literacy Bridges." She said over 400 participants enjoyed 12 programs including music, storytelling and sign language. Participants reported that the programs were interesting and left them with an improved understanding of early literacy and brain development. She thanked Linda Ernst, Newport Way's Children's Librarian who is nationally recognized as an early literacy expert, for the program and also the KCLS Foundation for its support.

Carol Simpson said she is a licensed architect with experience designing commercial structures. She is thankful residents are getting a library in Newcastle, and thinks it will be a wonderful facility. She encouraged Lorig to partner with KCLS, but agrees with the concerns raised regarding parking. She reminded KCLS that it is the driver of the project, and should make parking a non-negotiable item. With diagrams showing parking being taken up by future expansion, she said KCLS needs to provide additional parking for additional square feet. She said parking also is required for the copy shop. She said the new Library will be in Newcastle for many years to come, and knows the librarians that work there won't want to be "parking referees." She encouraged KCLS to refine the plans and make sure it gets the facility it needs.

Margaret Nelson quoted the 2008 Preliminary Budget Presentations Comments and Questions from the Public: "Q: When parking for Bellevue is built, will the Library stay open or closed? A: Bellevue would be a tough location to close, so KCLS anticipates working around construction." She commented on the disparity between this arrangement and those of other libraries closed during construction, such as Woodmont and Covington. She said in the 45-page version of the 2008 Preliminary Operating Budget, \$60,722 is planned for security in Bellevue. She said Bellevue is not like Federal Way, where derelicts camp out in the woods surrounding the Regional Library. She asked what kind of security issues Bellevue has and why \$60,722 was allotted for security services there. She also asked why Bellevue would be a "tough location to close" relative to other regional libraries. She asked if KCLS would be paying the contractor extra to allow Bellevue to remain open during construction. She noted that she could not find any information about the 2008 Budget in the "Budget" section of the KCLS website. She said putting both versions of the 2008 and subsequent budgets under the "Budget" heading of the website a few weeks before next year's public meetings would allow the public to read the details prior to the meetings.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Jessica Bonebright moved approval of the agenda. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Richard Eadie moved approval of the October 30, 2007 minutes with the following amendment (page 8): LeRoy McCullough adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Linda Glenicki said year-to-date expenditures are 74.6% of the budget compared to 75% at this time last year. Materials spending was higher than usual at more than \$1 million because of an increase in spending toward the end of the year.

The following General Fund items were called out:

- **Communications:** A credit of just over \$1,000 came from a combination of invoice timing and E-rate rebates.
- **Reserves:** Expenditures of \$5,000 were for continuation of the Spanish Early Literacy program.

October revenues of over \$30 million included most of the Fall property tax payments, bringing the year-to-date revenues to \$77.1 million or 93.1% of the budget. Linda noted that this is \$5 million short of the budget, which is revenue KCLS should garner in November and December. Revenues also included \$21,000 in timber revenue, which is nearly double the budget in this category.

KCLS spent \$2.6 million in the 307 Fund in October, bringing year-to-date expenditures to \$14.4 million. Linda mentioned a credit of \$6,000 at Burien. She explained that KCLS is paying bills for the Burien project and the City is making reimbursement payments that, for October, exceeded KCLS' expenditures. She also noted progress payments on larger projects including payment for work done on the Shoreline parking lot expansion and down payments on automated material handling equipment at Snoqualmie and Covington.

Expenditures in the 302 Fund were over \$500,000 and included a progress payment on Black Diamond and the second semiannual payment on the Mercer Island capital lease with two more years to go.

#### PAYMENT OF BILLS

Lucy Krakowiak moved approval of Payroll Expenditures in the amount of \$2,190,820.55; Checks October 1-15<sup>th</sup> Chk#158648-159696; 137987-138166 and October 16-31<sup>st</sup> Chk#159697-160740; 138167-138348. Jessica Bonebright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Eadie moved approval of General Fund #0010 Expenditures for October 2007 in the amount of \$4,648,178.51; (Travel Advances) Chk #844, (10/15) #108605-108640; 108650-108744; 108745-108756, (10/17) Chk #108757-108829, (10/18) Chk #108841-108900; 108901-108904; 108905-108916, (10/19) Chk #108917-108957, (10/22) Chk #108965; 108966-109045; 109052-109097, (10/24) Chk #109100-109151, (10/25) Chk #109152-109216; 109221-109232, (10/29) Chk #109233-109282; 109284-109316, (10/31) Chk #109317-109355, (11/1) Chk #109359-109369; 109370-109440; 109445-109484, (11/2) Chk #109485-109538; 109539-109547; 109548-109551; 109552-109592, (11/6) Chk #109593-109641; 109645-109658; 109659; 109668-109716; 109717. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Bonebright moved approval of Construction Bond Fund '88 #3020 Expenditures for October 2007 in the amount of \$578,373.80; (10/19) Chk #108958, (10/22) Chk #109098-109099, (10/29) Chk #109283, (11/6) Chk #109660-109662. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lucy Krakowiak moved approval of Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 Expenditures for October 2007 in the amount of \$2,703,665.52; (10/15) Chk #108641, (10/17) Chk #108832-108840, (10/19) Chk #108959-108964, (10/22) Chk #109046-109050, (10/25) Chk #109217-109220, (10/31) Chk #109356, (11/1) Chk #109441-109444, (11/6) Chk #109642-109644; 109663-109667; 109718, (Voids) Chk #108961. Jessica Bonebright seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Eadie moved approval of Gift Fund #6010 Expenditures for October 2007 in the amount of \$3,634.16; (10/15) Chk #108642-108649, (10/22) Chk #109051, (10/31) Chk #109357-109358, (10/6) Chk #109719. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE RESOLUTIONS 2007-06, 2007-07 and 2007-08

Linda Glenicki said the first resolution is familiar: it states that KCLS held budget meetings and the Board has reviewed the information and is requesting a 1% increase in property taxes. The second resolution is for property tax levies and has an additional form attached.

Linda explained that the Washington State Supreme Court recently ruled Initiative 747 (I-747) unconstitutional. She said when I-747 was in place the only choice for property tax limitation was 1%. This ruling allows KCLS to select any increase from 1-6%. She said Resolution 2007-08 specifies that KCLS will hold to the 1% increase limitation. Linda explained that ordinarily she contacts the State Assessor to get the latest tax worksheet, which she did. The worksheet the Assessor sent included the prior year's basis, adjusted for the Court's ruling. She said the worksheet had the 1% increase applied against a higher base figure. Linda added that the Legislature has

called a special session and may pass legislation that reinstates some of the language of I-747, so it is unclear at the moment as to what the base figure might be. Whatever the base, she said the resolutions call for only a 1% increase. She said KCLS will overshoot the base figure and then the Assessor will cut it back to the maximum allowable figure when the final assessment is performed in December.

***Richard Eadie moved approval of Resolution 2007-06. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Jessica Bonebright moved approval of Resolution 2007-07. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.***

***Lucy Krakowiak moved approval of Resolution 2007-08. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.***

## **ADHERENCE TO I-747**

Dan Gottlieb, KCLS' bond counsel, explained that KCLS has obtained a copy of the proposed legislation and stated that it is a simple piece of legislation. It takes the two statutes voided by the Supreme Court and restores them back to I-747 limitations, imposing a 101% rather than 106% limit factor. One different feature he noted was that Section Three of the legislation says that the act applies prospectively and retroactively to 2002. He said the question is whether the Legislature can act retroactively, but there is a case (State Farm) that sets the precedent. He said he believes the new legislation is not unconstitutional. Since KCLS' limit factor increase is limited by the resolutions just passed, it will be consistent with the legislation.

## **NEWCASTLE PROJECT**

Kay Johnson reported that KCLS staff and developers feel they have created the best value possible for the property with the co-development plan. She said they have worked hard to address the issues raised at the September Board meeting. She said KCLS and Lorig are also working to satisfy questions regarding compensation and KCLS' financial benefit by working together to come to a predevelopment agreement. Kay explained that KCLS has just received an initial appraisal on the project and has engaged a secondary reviewer. The team is also working on enhancing the project's street appeal, ensuring that the Library will not be buried under the apartment facility, and addressing the initially presented capital plans by ensuring that the 10,000-square-foot plan is met. She commented that parking is a challenge at every KCLS facility except for Kirkland, which was built in conjunction with the City of Kirkland's underground parking garage. She said times have changed and that KCLS can no longer buy large properties to provide ample parking. The cost of construction has become a limiting factor, she said, and KCLS must work hard to properly allocate its scarce resources.

Hal Ferris of Lorig presented the background on Lorig, highlighting work with public partners. Lorig is a development firm, providing real estate and development for nonprofit and public partners including the University of Washington, City of Seattle, Oregon State University, City of Eugene, King County Housing Authority and Seattle Public Schools, among others. Hal said Lorig is accustomed to the goals inherent in working with public partners and meeting community and public needs, including diversity in hiring practices. He explained that he would be Lorig's principle on the project, and as an area resident, meeting KCLS' goals is important to him. He detailed several projects Lorig has completed, highlighting similarities with the Newcastle project including long-term air right leases, property tax exemptions and public works requirements. He gave a development summary of the Newcastle project, noting a few changes: the number of apartments has been reduced to 78 and underground parking has increased from 82 to 88 stalls. He noted that the plan for the stand-alone library calls for 35 parking stalls, but it can not be reconfigured to add additional stalls, due to code requirements for impervious areas (planters) between stalls. He said in either plan, the Library will have the additional easement of 17 stalls available for joint use with Washington Mutual and McDonald's, as well as the 480 stalls of surface parking within one block. In addition, with the co-development plan, Lorig estimates that over half of the residents will be away from the apartments during the day. This provides an additional 40 stalls for use by Library patrons, an option not available for the stand-alone structure. He said the project poses a parking management challenge, not a real estate problem. He said the process to select a contractor will include an RFQ and the contractor will bid all subcontracted work to ensure that the project meets competitive pricing and prevailing wage requirements. He said because the structure integrates public and private sections, the entire project will need to meet public works requirements and the public portion of the project will thus be much larger in the mixed-use plan. He said Lorig has done this on many projects and is able to meet all of the criteria.

Jay Reich, KCLS' legal council, explained that the next step (if the Board approves the project) would be the predevelopment agreement to determine the roles and responsibilities of project design and costs. He said once the predevelopment agreement is made, the project can move forward to finalize documents and determine the final cost. He outlined the proposed legal structure of the project: KCLS will ground-lease the site to the developer, who will finance construction. When construction is complete on parking and Library shell and core, three condominiums will be distributed: (1) the ground floor parking, (2) the library parking, shell and core and (3) apartment parking and air space. KCLS will then take responsibility for finishing the Library through tenant improvements. When the condominiums are distributed, the lease will be terminated and the condominium declaration will govern the relationship between the three owners. Jay said this type of competitive bidding arrangement was not contemplated by State statutes, but over the last several years many jurisdictions have approved ways of providing the benefits of private works contracting through these types of projects. He said Lorig was chosen through a competitive process, and the contractor and subcontractors will be as well. He said all public portions of the project will be subject to prevailing wage as will be the private portions of the cement contracting, meaning that there will be more prevailing wage portions of this project. KCLS' costs will occur in the tenant improvements to the Library, which will be bid out according to public works. He said he and KCLS staff are comfortable with this approach and believe that it meets the legal requirements. He added that he wants to confirm this with the Auditor, but indicated that the Auditor invites and welcomes these kinds of projects.

Bill LaPatra of Mithun presented design updates to the project, made in response to some of the questions at the September Board meeting. He said an important part of the project is its location in the urban village of Newcastle, helping to create an urban center in the community in accordance with Newcastle's development plan. He said it creates a co-habitation of shoppers and visitors to restaurants, the medical clinic and the Library. He showed new renderings of the mixed-use facility in which the housing is moved off of the Library section of the structure, to the south and street-side sections of the site, giving the Library more independence. He said the Library has a stronger civic identity, and will have warm features such as brick and a lot of glass. He noted the pedestrian accessibility because building structured parking creates a smooth level entry. He added that with the stand-alone option, only 35 parking stalls can fit on the site due to impervious space restrictions, so when the Library expands in the future, parking would need to be found elsewhere. With the mixed-use plan, he said Library patrons can take advantage of shared parking with the residential garage and easement at Washington Mutual and McDonald's. He stressed that resource allocation is important: if KCLS is responsible for building surface parking (as it would be in the stand-alone option), this would take money away from the Library structure. He also stressed that the parking in the co-development plan adheres to Newcastle's code requirements. In terms of expansion, he said the 1,600-square-foot retail space could easily be transitioned into more Library space. He said one advantage of expanding into the retail space is that the Library would then possess the parking provided to the retail space, according to code. The new plans also show an additional 2,700 square feet available for expansion. He said although this expansion has the challenge of needing additional parking, it can be found through the shared scenario of housing stalls, Washington Mutual/McDonald's easement stalls and parking available in the one-block radius of the Library. He also explained that the project satisfies the requirements for dedicated disability units by providing four fully equipped units.

Jean Garber, Mayor of the City of Newcastle, said she is extremely excited that KCLS is considering a mixed-use project that includes not only a first-class library, but retail space and multifamily housing (including some workforce housing). She said such a project is entirely consistent with the City's adopted downtown plan, and she is eager to see it on the ground. She said Newcastle's downtown plan envisions an attractive multi-story, mixed-use urban village, friendly to pedestrians and served by transit. Jean mentioned that the plan was developed with the community in a series of hands-on workshops and meetings over a period of a year, adopted by the City Council in April 2000, and confirmed by the Council in 2003. Since then, she said, the Council has maintained increasing momentum toward achieving the plan's vision. She said in June of this year, Newcastle approved amendments to its zoning code to ensure consistency with the downtown plan and to provide flexibility for developers to build the desired type of high-quality mixed-used projects. She detailed two City projects currently in the works that will also advance the City's plan. She said the City will be constructing a transit center in partnership with Sound Transit next year. The project will include wide, tree-lined sidewalks and bike lanes along both sides of Newcastle Way between 129<sup>th</sup> and 132<sup>nd</sup>, including the Library frontage. The project will also provide new bus shelters (one of which would be in front of the Library) and improved pedestrian safety at the intersection of Coal Creek Parkway and Newcastle Way. She said the City is also planning urban design improvements along Coal Creek Parkway that will be coordinated with the design of the transit center. She added that a supermajority of the Council recently approved a new incentive program to attract high-quality development to downtown. The program would provide an eight-year property tax exemption for multi-family housing that is part of a downtown mixed-use project. Eligible projects must have high-quality architecture, be designed for sustainability and include a civic or cultural use, available to the community at large. Projects

would also have to help the City achieve its affordable housing goals, staying consistent with its current policies and codes. She said the City hopes that the first applicant under this new program will be KCLS in partnership with Lorig. Not only would a mixed-use library project go a long way toward advancing the City's downtown vision, she said, it would provide a substantial cash infusion to KCLS as well as strong and lasting economic benefits to the City. With the diminishing supply and high cost of land in the Newcastle area, she believes the mixed-use approach is the library of the future. As Mayor, she hopes the Newcastle Library can be a model for that future. She said although the City heard from residents at its public hearing on the tax exemption program that only want a traditional single-story library, she was pleased that there were a good number of residents who also support the mixed-use proposal. She said the City would greatly appreciate the Board's support for the mixed-use plan.

Dan Hubble, Newcastle City Councilman, voiced his support for what he called "a pivotal project for the future of the City of Newcastle." He said at a recent City Council meeting KCLS Director Bill Ptacek presented the plan for a well-thought-out and well-designed mixed-use and multi-story library complex in the center of Newcastle. Bill also expressed the desire to have the City's support in order to realize the best library facility possible. Dan reiterated that the council overwhelmingly supported a tax exemption program of which they hope KCLS will take full advantage. He believes the project is important to Newcastle and will affect positive changes in the community. He said this change is much more than just bringing books and a cultural centerpiece to Newcastle; it is an opportunity to influence how people will live together, literally and figuratively, in the future. He believes this change is both good and necessary for the future health of Newcastle, but the City cannot do it alone. He said the City has been on a path to do its part in setting the policies and vision for development in Newcastle, but those policies and visions come to life through these projects. He said the comments KCLS has heard from many official representatives, as well as residents of Newcastle, can at best be described as "difference of opinion from a vocal minority." He urged the Board to keep in mind that most people typically fear and resist change. He said community leaders can either accept this fear and maintain the status quo or look beyond the uncertainty and doubt and see a community that can be continually changed for the better. He believes his job is to look past the fear, uncertainty and doubt of change, which is why he has continually supported and publicly encouraged the KCLS staff to pursue this co-development plan. As a resident and father of two, he looks forward to having a fantastic library facility. He added, as a resident and a Councilmember, he has to consider the future he can provide for children. He said moving forward with a project like this meets the need for literacy and education for children as well as doing a greater social good considering the limited space, type of community and types of interactions in Newcastle.

Bill Ptacek said KCLS staff is looking for the Board to make a decision on this project because as with all projects, time is of the essence. He said the legal work and documents will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. He recommended moving forward on the mixed-use plan for its financial benefits, the strength of the project and design work, its impact on the community and also strong support from the City. **Jessica Bonebright moved that KCLS go forward with the co-development project in Newcastle. Lucy Krakowiak seconded.**

KCLS Board Trustee Richard Eadie said he had communicated with lawyers regarding the project's legal structure and was advised of the many potential risks including consequences should the developer default, cost overruns and safety. He said in his view, KCLS must be conservative with allocation of bond funds. He said he sees too many risks with the mixed-use project and maintains his concern with parking adequacy and expansion. He also expressed his concern that the Library seems to be a small part of the mixed-use project. He said he respects the City's role in developing downtown, and suggested that if the best use of the land is apartments, a different site could be considered for the Library. He said with those thoughts in mind, he does not support the motion.

Lucy Krakowiak voiced her support for the project. She thinks KCLS has the legal support it needs to make this a top-notch library and that the project will also provide much-needed housing.

Jay Reich was called on to address some of the stated concerns. He explained that whenever there's a public/private partnership and shared responsibilities, each organization is dependent on the fate of its partner. He thinks the most important thing is making sure the partner can be trusted and has a track record. He said Lorig is the premier partner for this kind of project, and while there are some risks, the Board should feel better having Lorig as a partner. Legally, he said, KCLS will negotiate to ensure that costs don't exceed maximums and has enough experience with similar projects to feel confident this won't be the case. He said the project is not without risks, but they are not intolerable risks considering the benefits.

Jessica Bonebright said she feels she has considered the input of opponents to the project and believes that the responses the Board has heard have been responsive to their concerns. She said it is in the purview of the City to determine zoning, and the project is consistent with both City zoning and KCLS' goals.

*The motion to go forward with the co-development project in Newcastle passed (two for, one against).*

#### **LAKE HILLS COMMUNITY STUDY**

Chapple Langemack presented the Lake Hills Community Study. She said Lake Hills was one of the first planned communities in the Northwest and was created in 1955. The Lake Hills Library, built in 1968, is one of the oldest libraries in the King County Library System. The Library Connection @ Crossroads was opened in the Crossroads Shopping Center in 2001.

Lisa Fraser explained that in terms of demographics, the Lake Hills area is similar to Bellevue, but has a larger minority population. She said the Asian and Hispanic populations are the largest minority groups, and the large Asian/Indian population is three times higher than King County as a whole. She noted that 27% of the population is foreign-born and over 30% of residents speak languages other than English at home.

Chapple said the business in the area is retail, but doesn't follow the archetypal pattern of most shopping centers. She said traditional anchor stores in strip malls have failed while smaller stores, especially ethnic-based, have thrived and made four vibrant shopping areas in addition to Crossroads. She added that there could be changes to the business community because Costco now owns the old Kmart property. She said homes in the area tend to be starter homes purchased by dual-income and middle-income families.

Jose Garcia explained that the Bellevue School District includes six elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools and three private schools. The student population is a 50/50 mix of Anglo and other ethnicities. He said the District's WASL scores are above both the State and National averages, and SAT scores have increased in the past two years. The District also includes 100 preschools and daycares, many of which are visited by the ABC Express and other KCLS staff. He said recommendations for youth services in the area are in line with KCLS' education initiative and include helping the School District capitalize on collaboration by linking resources on school websites. He also presented recommendations to take further advantage of the "Getting School Ready" teams in the area by monitoring the role of social networking for teens, investigating the feasibility of Study Zones at Lake Hills and Crossroads and fostering teen literacy through book group discussions. Chapple added that the three area libraries serve three different teen populations: Crossroads as a mall environment, Lake Hills as a neighborhood and Bellevue Regional as a more formal study destination.

Lisa presented community outreach recommendations including pursuing partnerships with community organizations, actively promoting the new Lake Hills Library and continuing to recruit bilingual staff to reflect the community's diversity. She noted that Lake Hills and Crossroads differ in terms of the collection. Crossroads is set up for browsers while Lake Hills is a family library. She recommended revitalizing the highly used ESL and world language collections at both libraries and assessing the need for additional languages. Chapple added that the staff reflects the diverse community with 30 languages spoken at the three area libraries.

Chapple said the biggest facilities project is planning the new Lake Hills Library as part of the redevelopment of the Lake Hills Shopping Center. She said Lake Hills is unique because it has the last remaining enclosed Teen Zone, which the staff hopes will carry over to the new Library. Jose said that the separate Teen Zone allows teen patrons to express themselves without disturbing other patrons. Over 50 patrons were interviewed for the Study and the most requested item was more computer stations. Chapple noted that computer stations are especially needed for immigrant populations to communicate with families at home and to access news and government resources.

#### **FOLLOW-UP TO BUDGET HEARINGS**

Bill Ptacek said the 2008 Preliminary Operating Budget was presented at four public meetings, and that members of the staff and public gave feedback. He clarified that at Bellevue, the parking would be expanded and not the building itself. Bill said there are several options for the project including a joint venture with the City for parking under the adjoining playing field and parking behind the Library. He said the expansion is different from the Covington and Woodinville projects where the library buildings are being expanded. He mentioned that the Bellevue Library has security personnel because of its underground parking structure compared to other libraries that have a security presence due to issues regarding conduct. Bill said a full copy of the 2008 Preliminary

Operating Budget has been available upon request at all of the libraries and a shorter version is also posted on the KCLS website.

### BOARD RETREAT PLANS

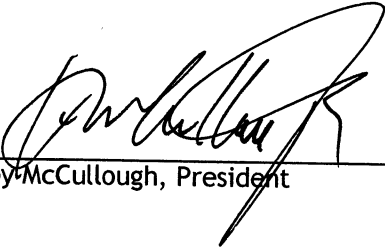
Bill Ptacek said the Future Services Team will be updating the Board on its ongoing project next month, and he thinks it would be a good topic for the upcoming Board Retreat. Bill said it would be a good opportunity for the Board to have a role in planning future services.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

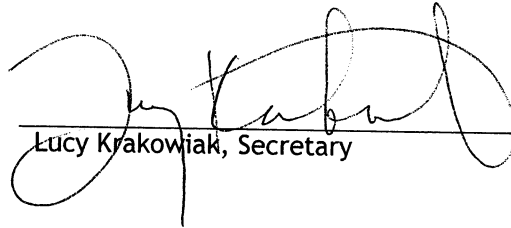
Bill Ptacek said that on Vashon Island, the K2 property is now under contract with a local businessperson. Kay Johnson has been in contact with that person, who is interested in having the Vashon Library as part of that property. Bill said the Library being located at the K2 site would require a change in the land use agreement, but the project is moving in the right direction.

### ADJOURNMENT

LeRoy McCullough adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm.



LeRoy McCullough, President



Lucy Krakowiak, Secretary