



MOTIONS APPROVED

1. Motion to approve the Board agenda as amended
2. Motion to approve a proclamation for Jack Crawford
3. Motion to approve the December 16, 2008 minutes
4. Motion to approve Payroll expenditures
5. Motion to approve General Fund #0010 expenditures
6. Motion to approve Construction Bond Fund '88 #3020 expenditures
7. Motion to approve Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 expenditures
8. Motion to approve Gift Fund #6010 expenditures
9. Motion to approve Resolution 2009-01
10. Motion to appoint the Liaison to the KCLS Foundation

CALL TO ORDER

Jessica Bonebright called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Richard Eadie moved to amend the agenda to put the Jack Crawford proclamation before the Public Comment, to include the appointment of a new Foundation liaison under action items, to put the Vashon Library Update first under new business and the Redmond Community Study second under new business, and to approve the agenda as amended. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

JACK CRAWFORD PROCLAMATION

KCLS was saddened to learn of the passing of Jack Crawford, former Mayor of Kenmore and Chair of the Kenmore Library Advisory Board. Kenmore City Councilmember Lori Sperry and Char Crawford were present to accept a proclamation from the KCLS Board, which the Board unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Bangasser mentioned that he filed a request to inspect public records, but felt that there were serious gaps in the documents he had received. On December 22, in the context of the Growth Management Act, he filed a petition with the Growth Management Board regarding State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and Growth Management Act requirements regarding the K2 site. Thomas noted that in mid-January, after 12 years and seven cases, the Washington State Supreme Court found King County negligent in its handling of public records requests. He said 150 people showed up at the Vashon public meeting, and many of them are here. Thomas mentioned that this kind of a public meeting, especially at 6:30pm, is a burdensome task for many of the people on Vashon, but the meeting was packed. He noted that many of the comments were negative. Thomas said there was a pretrial hearing with the Growth Management Board. He suggested that the issue is whether or not King County coordinated with KCLS, and a potential failure to comply with Growth Management Act and SEPA requirements. Thomas stressed that the main issue is the Library site, since libraries are not allowed in an industrial zone, and K2 is in a judicial review period to change from industrial to community business zoning. He cautioned KCLS to be careful about the transaction, considering the Supreme Court finding. Thomas added that members of the Friends of the Library and others have contributed funding for a survey regarding the Library site, and he proposed that KCLS wait to make further decisions on the project until the survey is completed. He noted that the amount required to conduct a survey is a small percentage of the overall project budget.

PRESENT

KCLS BOARD

Jessica Bonebright
Judge Richard Eadie
Lucy Krakowiak
Rob Spitzer

KCLS Staff

Bruce Adams
Terry Claypool
Linda Glenicki
Kay Johnson
Lauren Mikov
Jed Moffitt
Bill Ptacek
Charlene Richards
Bruce Schauer
Greg Smith
Nancy Smith
Julie B. Williams

GUESTS

Bill Ameling
Thomas Bangasser
Allen de Steiguer
Bonnie de Steiguer
Aleythea Dolstad
Phyllis Forister
Sam Hendricks
Jay Holtz
Trish Howard
Martin Koenig
Ann Leda
Mary Beth MacCauley
Emily MacRae
C. MacRae
John Osborne
Deirdre Petree
Logan Price
Deborah Reilly
Barbara Roberts
Lori Robinson
Nick Simmons
Shirley Shimadu
Richard Sontgerath
Barbara Spindel
Jil Sten
Greg Wessel

Bonnie de Steiguer stated that people in her neighborhood are upset at the possibility of the Library being moved out of town, and since they couldn't come she promised she would express their concern and ask on their behalf that the Library not be moved. She noted that the Library would be used less than it is now if moved a couple of miles out of town.

Logan Price noted that he is a young person who practically grew up in the Library, as he was able to walk there from his home. If the Library had been at K2 Commons then, he would have been unable to spend time there when he was younger. Logan mentioned that the issue of K2 Commons being closer to schools is erroneous, as children go home on the bus and have libraries at their schools. He said having a Library in the town core represents easy access, particularly to older people, those with disabilities and low income families. Logan is concerned about the effect moving the Library would have on the community. As an activist and journalist working internationally and spending seven months in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina trying to rebuild social services, he saw the effect of loss of public services and privatization of various communities. Logan brings that vision with him when looking at this project. He believes the project is moving the Library in order to enable the creation of a development so some people can line their pockets while the rest of the community misses out on having a good Library. Logan sees the project as a privatization of the Library System, and believes that KCLS can't go down that road these days, nor afford to sell out the community's children that way. He noted that even if the project is successful, it probably won't be anything like a Commons, since it is a private enterprise. Logan said the K2 Commons isn't a place that he or the community will be visiting, and isn't somewhere he would have visited as a child. He noted that the Library represents an important part of the social web of Vashon that will be broken if stretched outside the town core. Logan said a Library System that doesn't serve the most marginalized part of a community isn't a worthy System. He concluded that residents are not here to question the KCLS Board's intentions, and they trust the Board's ability to lead the Library System in a good direction but would like to warn the Board not to move the Library or it will be ruined.

Nick Simmons reported that he grew up on Vashon, and in his own survey he has found that a majority of residents are against moving the Library. Nick said the issue is disheartening to him, as residents feel they have been ignored and the move will proceed regardless of their opinions. He would like to be able to call the Vashon Library his own, as he has loved books and been an avid reader since he was four years old. Nick noted that everyone loves the Library and he doesn't see the need to move it. He asked the Board to take more time to consult the community the Library will be serving.

Mary Beth MacCauley read a statement given at a recent Town Hall meeting, reporting that there will be a vote on the issue at the next meeting. The statement reads as follows: "As called for in the 1996 Vashon Town Plan, and mandated by zoning, many new apartments and other high-density housing units have been constructed over the past twelve years within the Vashon town core. The preponderance of low income and senior housing is now situated within this area, and grouped with them are primary public services including the Island's two largest grocery stores, two largest hardware stores, only theatre and pharmacy, Post Office, Park District building, Village Green and Farmers' Market, newspaper office, numerous restaurants and Vashon Library. The Library's location within close proximity of a majority of these units has enabled the elderly and low income families to walk to the Library easily, sometimes coming multiple times during the day. Children from these units have become frequent Library visitors, and have helped launch activities such as a chess club, a magic show, game playing groups and a series of Magic the Gathering game tournaments."

Ann Leda mentioned that she wishes the Board could have been to the town meeting that was held on Vashon. She said it was incredible to see everyone speak from their hearts and experiences. Ann noted that she is a healthcare practitioner and retired detective, and has just written a book on the Island that is coming out in April. She presented a visual representation of the Island, noting that the town core is the heart of Vashon. Ann invited the Board to open up to, hear and work with the citizens of Vashon, and come to spend time on the Island at the Library.

Martin Koenig, a father of three and full-time Vashon resident, said that since becoming a property owner 20 years ago, he, his wife and children are regular users of the Library. He noted that the Library is a beautiful structure with great staff, and is beloved as an institution and place people visit either with their children or by themselves. Martin said he was acquainted with Jack and Charlotte Spitzer, fierce champions of the Library, so he is not surprised to see their son serving in the same capacity. Martin mentioned that he is surprised at the way Vashon has not been served by the site selection process, and has the sense that people don't understand why the K2 Commons site was selected. He has great respect for the Board and the Director for serving the public with their time, energy and intelligence. Martin is confused, however, regarding the Charter Review Commission report published in May 2008. He read the following excerpt: "During public meetings, patrons of the King County Library System (KCLS) voiced several concerns about KCLS' governance structure and operations,

including lack of oversight and accountability, an unengaged and unresponsive board of trustees, limited public access to board decision-making process and lack of planning." Martin noted that this is a condemning paragraph, which sounds similar to the Vashon community's experience. He doesn't understand why things are happening in terms of moving the Library from its present location, which he believes is perfectly suited for the Island's population. Martin invited the Board to work with the community, and noted that the new Park District Board Chair will work with KCLS as well. He said the project can be beneficial from both sides. Martin asked why KCLS would want to move a successful Library away on speculation of what KCLS could get elsewhere and why the public on Vashon has not been consulted. He advised KCLS to keep the Library in the town core, and wait to make any decisions on the project for 90 days.

Deirdre Petree, President of the Vashon Library Friends, said it was moving to her to hear the tribute to Jack Crawford and how much KCLS appreciated his help as community facilitator on the Kenmore Library. She noted that the current situation is all Bill Ptacek's fault because he has built and renovated the most gorgeous Library on earth. Deirdre is in the Library almost every day working on the Friends Book Sale, and she sees people leaving with stacks of materials. She noted that there is no sense of the Library being overcrowded; there are enough computers, a lot of great books that people browse, a magical magazine collection and a fantastic staff. Deirdre mentioned that no one she has talked to so far wants a bigger Library or believes that the current Library is too small. She asked the Board to keep in mind that Vashon is a tiny Island without much water available. Deirdre suggested that if the Library moved out of town, many people who walk, ride bikes, carpool or take the Access bus would have to give it up. She asked KCLS to take its time and do a perfect job.

Aleythea Dolstad noted that she speaks as a young person who has grown up on the Island, not just at her house, but everywhere around the Island and particularly at the Library. She said it is an incredible spot and it feels like home. When her father, who is a fourth generation Islander, brought her mother to the Island, he told her that she wasn't entitled to an opinion until she had lived there for 20 years. Aleythea said this illustrates the strong sense of community on the Island, and how residents care about what's around them. Being a fifth generation Islander, she was born into that opinion. She expressed her enjoyment of the Library as it stands, noting that it is a home for her and the whole of the Island in the core of the central town. Aleythea noted that if the Library moves away from the town core it's going to be hard for her and others to come back and feel like they can still come home - the whole Island will no longer be her home. She mentioned that many people who live close to town will not be able to have access to the building. She said these people go to the Library to volunteer and meet, and it is such a tremendous part of their life that their quality of life will be affected if KCLS takes the Library away from them. Aleythea noted that her grandmother, who passed away in March, is her motivation, and taught her that the voice of the people does matter, and they will be heard. Even if their voice is not heard, their actions will speak for them. Aleythea said this is a concept that applies to Islanders as well.

Sam Hendrix said he is the Executive Director of Vashon HouseHold, a nonprofit affordable housing development organization that builds homes and apartments to serve low income families, seniors, people with disabilities and others. The housing projects Vashon HouseHold has developed or is working on are all located within a five-block radius of the current Library. Sam mentioned that based on the talks he has had with residents, particularly seniors and those with disabilities, they value and depend on the proximity of the Library as they walk, wheel, volunteer, take children to and visit the Library as a second living room. On behalf of those community members, Sam asked the Board to keep the Library where it belongs - in the heart of Vashon. He said that as the only significant housing developer on Vashon, he appreciates the process KCLS must have gone through to come to the current stage of the project. Sam noted that KCLS has gone far down the road on the project and, based on the KCLS website, is close to making the final decision and in the final stages of negotiation. He asked the Board to pause and postpone this decision because, as shown in the public meeting, there is near unanimous opinion on the Island that residents need the Library where it belongs in the town core. Sam suggested that KCLS has the opportunity to embrace the spirit of the Island, and there are scores of people willing to work with KCLS. He said the new Chair of the Park District Board is willing to negotiate on civil terms in the best interest of the community. Sam concluded that if the Board views this as an opportunity, KCLS has a chance to win the hearts, minds and support of the Vashon community by valuing the Library as it is today.

Deborah Riley said that she is a new resident, having only lived on Vashon for three years. She mentioned that her two daughters have spent countless hours in libraries, and now call from their college libraries. Deborah loves the Vashon Library, and noted that she isn't saying it can't be improved. However, as a former urban designer she believes the Library, which is a main part of civic life, should be located in the densest place - in the town center. She said moving the Library out of the town core, as many others have explained, will be a problem. Deborah noted that the K2 Commons idea is great, but it is a private development and having the Library there in these economic times, where there is a reasonable possibility the project won't proceed, means the Library will end up by itself. She believes it won't be accessible and it won't be used by schools, which have

their own libraries. There is also no funding for a shuttle bus, because if the Island doesn't have money for ferries, there is none for a shuttle bus. Deborah asked the Board not to take a chance that the Library could be isolated outside of the town core, since libraries are the most important civic identity and center of the community.

John Osborne, a member of the Vashon School Board (but speaking as an individual) said he and his family attended the public meeting when they learned that plans to move the Vashon Library were still being advanced by KCLS. He and his family live downtown, and decided to move there in part due to the proximity of the Library. John said his family are heavy Library users, and can safely walk there. He believes that if the Library moved, its patronage would decline. He mentioned that parents wouldn't welcome their children walking down the highway in winter, and the pedestrian crossing to the store is a poor substitute for having the Library in the Park and close to the downtown shops. John noted that this decision goes the wrong direction in a world impacted by the carbon footprint of driving. He said the current Library location allows resident to combine trips to various services, while the number of trips would increase with the K2 location. John mentioned that 18 years ago the town was dead but it is now thriving, and he asked KCLS not to make a decision that would affect that success. Through his position on the School Board, he is familiar with dealing with controversial situations and has learned how passionate the community can be. He said promoting the proposed Library site's proximity to schools is irrelevant, because the community will move children on buses one way or another. John mentioned that when a new bond was proposed for the High School, late in the process a few School Board members insisted on doing a survey and he was opposed. However, the survey proceeded and showed support for the proposed capital plan. If the result had contradicted the Steering Committee's expectations, they would have modified the plan. He believes that KCLS hasn't involved the Vashon community to the extent it feels it has. John asked KCLS to do a survey and allow voters to decide how to proceed. He noted that momentum is not a good enough reason to not do right by constituents. He asked the Board to consider what the Redmond community would do if KCLS proposed moving the Library out of town.

Greg Wessel noted that he works for the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) billing department, but is not speaking on behalf of DDES. However, as a result of his job he does have knowledge of construction, land use, zoning, surface water and sites around Vashon and he has lived and worked there for ten years. Greg noted that the two big issues when considering a new building are how big it will be and where it will be located. He said size can be dictated by how much money is available, but location is not something the community has been consulted on. Greg mentioned that residents became concerned the minute they heard about the Library being moved, and a clear understanding of where it should be is missing in their minds. He said residents think of themselves as paying for the Library, and will be the people who use it. They would like their opinion to be heard on the location, not only for their own purposes but because it fits into the town plan. Greg added that his family uses the Library because of its location in the part of town they frequent, but if it moved visiting the Library would be too inconvenient. He asked the Board to take a 90-day grace period where either the Board or the community could assess what patrons really want to do or even offer specific options to consider. He suggested that this could be done through the Community Council Land Use Committee. Greg noted that the community would like to work cooperatively with the Library System and the Park District to come to a decision that is good for everyone. He asked the Board to let the community help them do their job well on Vashon.

Jil Sten presented a copy of the Vashon Town Plan and said that she is excited about the meeting because her family loves the Library so much that she even used going to the Library as a bribe for good behavior from her son. She thinks the Library is one of the greatest public services around, and the Board's responsiveness to the community KCLS serves is a high priority. Jil served on the town plan committee 15 years ago as a citizen volunteer. She also worked in the field of landscape architecture. The town plan was adopted by King County in July 1996 after a year-long process articulating the community's values about the town of Vashon in which hundreds of residents attended numerous meetings. Jil noted that the town plan supports the idea of keeping the Library in the town core, encouraging a compact town center and pedestrian activity, and preventing strip development or spot zoning. She pointed out that the K2 site is over a mile from the town core and it takes 20-30 minutes to walk there. The town plan was geared toward maintaining a strong, vital life in town, eliminating sprawl along the highway and ensuring housing density near town. Jil suggested that the library in a small rural town functions like the hearth of a home in winter and summer, and noted that a home builder wouldn't dream of putting the hearth two miles down the road. She said the Library easily serves the widest range of diversity in the community, and the burden of a move would fall largely on low income, elderly and disabled people who live in the apartments and the high density housing around town. Jil mentioned that many of these people don't have vehicles and are currently able to walk to the Library and shops in the area. She said the K2 location would limit access to people who have the least mobility. Jil asked the Board to take the community's comments to

heart. She concluded that residents love the Library and would like the Board to wait and let the community do a serious survey so that they can back up their comments and poll the entire community.

Allen de Steiguer mentioned that he is a Vashon Island resident and as a professional engineer his occupation is to design, site and build public facilities. He said that with 25 years of experience, he knows how much time it takes to do those projects. Alan noted that, assuming KCLS' lease really does expire in 2017, it takes about five years to develop a public project from start to finish. He mentioned that this assumption is because he is not sure that, given a cooperative working relationship between KCLS and staff, the issue could be dealt with differently. Alan said that since a decision on the site needs to be made a year before the design, KCLS has at least two years before needing to decide where to put the Library. He indicated that 90 days is not enough to go through SEPA, Growth Management and other public processes that KCLS, as a public agency, needs to fulfill as a duty to its constituents and State laws and regulations. Alan indicated that other residents have made comments about access to sites outside of the town core, and the K2 site is in a 40-mile-per-hour zone and the major use of the current Library occurs during the main commute hours. He said that in the winter, it is dark and the K2 site is out of town with no sidewalks, no lighting and a 40-mile-per-hour zone, so it will be a public safety nightmare. Alan indicated that KCLS can't pursue the K2 site without incurring additional costs and there is a potential contamination issue there. He asked if KCLS has spent the time and knows the liability and cost to clean up the K2 site, and if it can be done within the current schedule.

Jay Holtz, a 39-year Vashon resident, thanked the Board and Bill Ptacek for providing first rate library services. He said as a Reference Librarian, he thinks KCLS is making a huge mistake if it is moving the Library out of the town core, since location trumps size. Jay understands that when Bill Ptacek asked what Vashon wanted before the last bond issue, residents said they wanted a bigger Library but none of them thought they would have to give up the Library in town to get it. He noted that the situation will not be pretty if that happens.

Bill Ameling said that 25 years ago, Vashon Island formed a Park District. He was the first Park Commissioner and has been one since then. He noted that there has been a growth in the popularity of the Park District exceeding the founders' vision, based on the fact that the Park District has formed partnerships with every other organization on the Island. Bill cited several examples of successful partnerships. He indicated that he is a proud man, and proud of Vashon Parks. Bill mentioned that KCLS has an amazing array of Libraries and a record of cooperation. He doesn't understand how KCLS and Vashon Park District, organizations whose success is based on community cooperation, could fail Vashon. Bill said the Park District was happy to work with KCLS, and said it would be alright for KCLS to take the Park District building at Ober Park and they would build another one elsewhere. He noted that when KCLS and the Park District met with Dow Constantine, the former Chairman of the Park District Board offered to give KCLS the land at Ober Park. Bill asked why a community should have to beg its government entities for something it wants. He said Vashon loves the Park District and the Library and shouldn't have to pick between them. Bill mentioned that at the Vashon public meeting, he was very rude to Bill Ptacek and Kay Johnson, and he's not usually like that. He apologized to Bill and Kay, noting that his rudeness was based on a deep sense of frustration and disappointment for Vashon Park District and for the Island. He believes that if KCLS proceeds with the K2 site, the Library will be located next to an abandoned factory out of town. Bill hopes that at the end of this process, KCLS will present a plaque to a Vashon citizen that says thank you for cooperating. He noted that it is not too late, and the Park District is willing to open its hand. He asked if KCLS is willing to do the same.

Richard Sontgerath, one of the developers of the K2 Commons project, mentioned that he and his partner Truman O'Brien have been working on the K2 Commons for about 13 months and have designed the project and received input based on approximately 300 tours with Vashon residents. Those tours have resulted in the mix of uses now being proposed for the K2 Commons. Richard said that more than 80% of the estimated 1,000 people who toured the project supported the mix of uses, including the Library. He and Truman are fully committed to whatever process KCLS needs to go through to site the Library. They have a lot of data they are willing to share, and are willing to do whatever they can to help with the process.

Trish Howard mentioned that she speaks as a member of the town planning committee, a mother of small children and a cancer survivor. She spent a year meeting once a week with 30 members of the community thinking very deeply about what Vashon was about and what the town should look like. Trish spent weekends in front of the grocery store and in the foyer of the Library with maps getting a consensus of what people on Vashon wanted. She noted that it was clear people didn't want a strip of developments along the highway from the town, but did want a little rural town with services located downtown. Trish said there was a strong feeling that people want Vashon to be a greener community and to encourage pedestrian use of the town. As a mother with small children, she used to go to the Library every day, and one day she was in the parking lot and one of her children ran towards the main street. She had to pick up one child while running after the other, and barely

caught up before the child ran into the street. Trish said fortunately the street is slow at that point, but at K2 she would have lost her child. She noted that the machine shop is within 30 feet of the highway, so there is no chance to catch children before they are in the road. Trish also mentioned that she came close to dying about 13 years ago with a type of cancer connected to plastics, so she is nervous about a public building located in a machine shop. She noted that Gasworks didn't work and the REI building caused problems, so she doesn't think it's a good idea to locate a public building in a space with 25 years worth of toxic chemicals. It is a risk she doesn't think Vashon should take as a community.

Phyllis Forister stated that since the Board will be discussing a new format for minutes, she believes that minutes should never be abbreviated or paraphrased, but should be recorded. She thinks that the current minutes are absolutely vague and too edited. Phyllis doesn't think it is right for KCLS, as a public entity, to have the minutes edited. Regarding the Automated Materials Handling systems, Phyllis said the public was told that they would never pay for themselves. She mentioned that members of the public have had a problem with the information given by the outside consultant, and she believes that KCLS needs to listen to the staff members that have already spoken on this issue rather than bringing in consultants. Phyllis also believes that the Greenbridge Library is nothing more than an exploded bookmobile. She said it is a mini Library serving a huge ethnic project. Her understanding is that Librarians will be there for Story Time, and other than that the Library will be staffed by Library Assistants and Pages. Phyllis stated that the location would not even make a good 7-11 store, and it will not meet the needs of the community or provide professional library service, which people need most in these economic times.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Rob Spitzer moved approval of the December 16 Board minutes as revised. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT

KCLS presents the preliminary results for December finances in January, and doesn't close the fiscal year until the end of February. Updated results will be presented in February, and the final report for 2008 will be at the March Board meeting. General fund expenditures for December were \$6.8 million, compared to a monthly budget average of \$7.6 million. The communications line includes a credit of \$327 thousand, which reflects the receipt of \$415 thousand in e-rate reimbursements and puts expenditures in that category at \$893 thousand for the full year.

KCLS received \$85 million of revenue in 2008, which is \$400 thousand short of the budget and 99.5% of the budgeted amount. Shortfall areas included current year property tax receipts of 99.4% of budget, reflecting the adjustment for the Benson Hill annexation, and investment interest. KCLS received \$269 thousand in investment interest, 67% of the budget of \$400 thousand. Finishing \$100 thousand short of budget in this category is not as bad as anticipated, considering the issues with the King County Investment Pool. The KCLS Foundation revenue appears to be below budget only because a few programs the Foundation anticipated funding moved into the following year and the Foundation also directly reimbursed vendors rather than routing payment through KCLS in a few cases. Credit card payments in December were 32.7%, slightly higher than usual and likely due to the bad weather.

Preliminary expenditures in the 307 fund for December were \$1.3 million, which is a net figure. The gross expenditures were \$2.6 million, offset by a \$1.3 million payment from the City of Burien for its share of the joint Library and City Hall project. Expenditures of \$500 thousand on the Burien project were the largest 307 fund expenditures, followed by large bills for permits and traffic mitigation fees at Sammamish. Expenditures also included \$146 thousand for progress payments at Carnation, \$139 thousand for predevelopment at Newcastle and administrative costs for the quarterly reimbursements for payroll expenditures for three employees dedicated to bond projects. Total expenditures for 2008 were \$22 million, which is 58% of budget, which looks low since KCLS budgets for everything that might happen each year. So far, \$53 million has been spent on the overall capital plan.

In the 302 fund, the majority of expenditures in December were related to the Redmond Regional Library renovation.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Richard Eadie moved approval of Payroll Expenditures in the amount of \$2,269,261.29; Checks December 1-15 Chk#142683-142830; 188709-189814 and December 16-31 Chk#142831-142985; 189815-190913. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lucy Krakowiak moved approval of General Fund #0010 Expenditures for December 2008 in the amount of \$3,990,375.68; (Travel Advances) Chk #903-904, (12/5) Chk #1001871-1001889; 1001890-1001951, (12/8) Chk #1001956-1002009, (12/10) Chk #1002010-1002083; 1002084-1002125, (12/11) Chk #1002128-1002140; 1002141-1002203, (12/15) Chk #1002210-1002270, (12/16) Chk #1002271-1002299, (12/18) Chk #1002320-1002323; 1002324-1002334, (12/22) Chk #1002335-1002395, (12/23) Chk #1002399-1002453; 1002468-1002511, (1/5) Chk #1002512-1002515; 1002516-1002526; 1002527; 1002529, (1/6) Chk #1002533-1002670, (1/7) Chk #1002671-1002691; 1002692-1002732, (1/9) Chk #1002780-1002913, (1/12) Chk #1002927. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rob Spitzer moved approval of Construction Bond Fund '88 #3020 Expenditures for December 2008 in the amount of \$395,183.09; (12/16) Chk #1002300-1002301, (12/22) Chk #1002396-1002398, (1/5) Chk #1002532, (1/8) Chk #1002769. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Eadie moved approval of Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 Expenditures for December 2008 in the amount of \$2,456,512.64; (12/5) Chk #1001952-1001954, (12/10) Chk #1002126-1002127, (12/11) Chk #1002204-1002207, (12/16) Chk #1002302; 1002303-1002319, (12/23) Chk #1002454-1002465, (1/5) Chk #1002528; 1002530-1002531, (1/12) Chk #1002928. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lucy Krakowiak moved approval of Gift Fund #6010 Expenditures for December 2008 in the amount of \$852.53; (12/5) Chk #1001955, (12/11) Chk #1002208-1002209, (12/23) Chk #1002466-1002467, (12/12) Chk #1002929. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SURPLUS RESOLUTION 2009-01

Rob Spitzer moved approval of Resolution 2009-01. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOARD NOMINATION - LIAISON TO THE KCLS FOUNDATION

Jessica Bonebright appointed Rob Spitzer as Liaison to the KCLS Foundation and the Board unanimously approved the appointment.

VASHON UPDATE

Bill Ptacek presented the history of the Vashon Library project. KCLS is operating under the assumption that the KCLS Board authorized staff to pursue the K2 property. KCLS has not signed a purchase and sale agreement for the K2 Commons property at this time. Other elements of due process would be required if KCLS had signed the agreement. At public meetings in Vashon prior to the first bond issue attempt, KCLS heard that the community wanted a larger Library on Vashon. After that bond issue failed, KCLS had further conversation with the community, and reconfirmed that the community wanted a 10,000-square-foot Library. That desire was included as part of the 2004 bond issue, which passed by 63.5% in the entire county and by a stronger majority in Vashon. Therefore two votes were taken on Vashon where people said they wanted a larger Library. The bond issue didn't get into where the Library might be located. KCLS worked with the Park District to see if a new Library could be built or expanded on the Ober Park site. The current Library is on land leased from the Park District until 2017. In the course of investigation, KCLS found that there was not enough money in the project to accomplish a new 10,000-square-foot Library even if the Park District gave the land to KCLS. KCLS then started exploring other alternatives, including expanding the current Library with minimal impact on the Park, and held further meetings. KCLS didn't have a lot of time to investigate parking, surface water management and civil engineering issues when, in February 2007, the Park District Board passed a resolution that it would not extend its lease to KCLS on the Ober Park site. KCLS cannot use bond funds on property that doesn't have a lease long enough to at least pay back the bond funds. At that point, KCLS began looking at alternatives. When the KCLS Board meeting was held on Vashon in September 2007, the Board visited various potential sites on the island, including the K2 site. Since KCLS couldn't afford to build a new Library even on donated property, KCLS was looking for a building that could be transformed into the Library. K2 was in the process of trying to dispose of its

property on the Island, and KCLS began working with the developers interested in acquiring the property. KCLS now has a Letter of Intent with the K2 Commons developers, and a draft Purchase and Sale Agreement for acquisition of the old machine shop site on that property.

David Cinnamon of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson Architects reviewed his firm's work on the project. Bohlin Cywinski Jackson Architects received the Vashon Library project in October 2005 and began work in Spring 2006 on a master planning process on the Park property. This was a time of rapid escalation of construction costs. The firm explored trading properties with the Park District in order to locate a new 10,000-square-foot building on the Park site. Other options were also considered, including a smaller building, a combined building (which was not a popular option with the Park District) and an expanded building. Expanding the current Library would have the least impact on the Park, but a resolution was passed by the Park District Board that didn't allow for the expansion. After negotiations fell apart, the architects suspended work on the project until February 2007 as KCLS began looking for another property. Once KCLS identified the K2 site as an option, the firm began looking at a building on the north-east corner of the site. The building is a pre-existing 10,000-square-foot space, which is available now, so it is a good value for KCLS' money. The architects studied some plans in terms of how the Library could fit into the space. Benefits of the project include additional civic square footage, reuse of resources/green design, a central location and proximity to schools and the bus line. The project could also be complete in about two years.

Kay Johnson noted additional benefits of the K2 site and project elements. There are 300 parking stalls currently available at the K2 site. In comparison, the current facility has limited parking and the parking lot is difficult to navigate. KCLS has a draft Purchase and Sale Agreement that is being withheld from the developers pending certain conclusions being reached or not. There is a fairly substantial due diligence period, and KCLS would not give the developers money until certain milestones were reached, such as confirmation of a zoning change and the architects taking a closer look at the facility to ensure that it is within KCLS' budget to transform into the Library. The project has undergone environmental phase one and two tests, and KCLS might want to do additional tests. The biggest contingency is that the K2 developers get money for the rest of the project.

KCLS and the Board received input that Vashon residents want a 10,000-square-foot Library as soon as possible. KCLS is not interested in building libraries people don't want, but is concerned that if another course of action is taken the same issue might occur and the community might not like the next site chosen. Since the bond issue passed, KCLS is trying to accomplish its responsibility to achieve the stated goals of the project. The Board noted that the issue seems to be integration of the site location with the town planning by Vashon residents.

In terms of due diligence, under the draft Purchase and Sale Agreement a few items will take longer than 90 days. KCLS needs to receive confirmation of zoning and of the materials in the building. If the Board was inclined to see KCLS move forward on this project, staff could schedule a pre-submittal meeting with the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES). For the project to be finalized, the K2 developers have to have the money to buy out K2's interest in the property. The developers would also need to give KCLS a boundary line adjustment so that KCLS would own the property on which the Library would sit. The timing for zoning and financing hasn't been finalized, and KCLS staff can set it as they see fit. KCLS would like to give the K2 developers a reasonable period of time to be able to accomplish their financing and other issues, such as the boundary line adjustment. KCLS would expect a free due diligence period, but depending on how far in the planning process KCLS went, consultant costs could be \$70-100 thousand. If KCLS took the project to the schematic design phase before presenting it to DDES, the cost could be around \$100 thousand. Under a free due diligence period, either party could terminate the agreement. KCLS would time its proceedings so that the project could be suspended without penalty.

Concerning the Park District's motion, KCLS has heard from individuals on the Park District Board, but has not received official word if the motion has been rescinded. The letter from David Hackett, the former Park District Chair, to the KCLS Board didn't indicate that the status had changed. At the meeting with Dow Constantine, David Hackett expressed a willingness to review alternatives, but was concerned about parking and surface water management. There was also discussion of what uses could be made of the Library building if the Library wasn't located there. Bill Ameling, the Park District's unofficial spokesman, says that the Park District Board is willing to talk to KCLS about a no-lease deal for a long-term tenancy of the Park site. KCLS hasn't had a chance to talk to the Park District about the impacts of expanding the Library on the Park, the potential for more parking and the additional surface water management that would be required. Because of the Park District's motion, KCLS ended its study of Ober Park, and had no chance to get into the technical issues of developing a larger building with more parking. The Park District is concerned that its community "green", a place where a lot of important community events and activities are held, would be compromised. KCLS didn't have the chance to explore that with them, and set aside those issues when told that the Park District Board would not allow

KCLS to expand there. It would take another \$100 thousand for KCLS to do schematic design on an option for Ober Park, and if the project did impact the Park, KCLS would have to do more civil engineering.

The Board discussed the status of the project, noting that formal action is not necessary at this time. They support KCLS moving forward with the K2 site, as long as the environmental, zoning and financial issues are kept in mind. They noted that KCLS will not take any significant action on the project until after staff meets with the Park District Chair in February. It was stressed that the square footage of expansions and size of new libraries included in the capital bond are serious commitments that KCLS tries very hard to meet. Trustees acknowledged the testimony opposing the Library being located outside of the town core. The Board indicated that KCLS staff should work with the Park District to discuss the potential of the Library staying at Ober Park, and consider the options and challenges at that site. The Trustees concluded that KCLS should explore options at both the K2 and Ober Park sites.

Since the meeting with Dow Constantine, there has been a shift in leadership of the Park District Board, and KCLS will meet with the new Chair in February. The meeting will be an opportunity to sit down and explore the issue and develop more understanding of how KCLS and the Park District could work together. KCLS can also see if the Park District's motion might be rescinded and what options that could provide. At the same time, KCLS can continue with the process at K2 without incurring too many expenses.

REDMOND REGIONAL LIBRARY COMMUNITY STUDY

Debra Westwood (Cluster Manager) and Chris Livingston (Site Manager) presented the Redmond Library Community Study, which is available at <http://www.kcls.org/about/communitystudies/Redmond%20Community%20Study.pdf>.

Debra also thanked Library Advisory Board Members Bruce Reynolds and Doris Townsend and Friends President Mandy Wertz for attending.

BOARD MINUTES FORMAT

At the Planning Committee meeting on January 15, staff presented several options for the format of Board meeting minutes, including long, condensed and bulleted versions. The Planning Committee's recommendation is to use the condensed version, except for the portion of the minutes containing public comments. The proposed modified format omits personal commentary and opinion, reflecting the actions taken at the meeting and summaries of the discussions and presentations. It was noted that longer, more detailed minutes are not as useful, but full reflection of the public commentary is still necessary. The Trustees expressed support for the modified format, and indicated that staff should proceed with a trial of the new format.

CONSTRUCTION REVIEW

Greg Smith reviewed the construction projects that occurred in 2008, including the Covington, Fall City, Black Diamond, Muckleshoot, Woodmont, Greenbridge, Redmond Regional, Carnation and Burien Libraries.

2007 AUDIT FINAL REPORT

The 2007 Audit Final Report, which was issued in December, resulted in no findings or management letter items. The Audit evaluates KCLS' compliance with State law with regard to policies and procedures, the adequacy of controls and the accuracy of its financial statements. KCLS was successful in all of these areas. The Board noted that a clean audit is a great accomplishment, and congratulated KCLS and its Business Office staff on this excellent work.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Since the Automated Materials Handling system study presented at the November 2008 Board meeting only gave a brief discussion and conclusions, KCLS asked the consultant for a more in-depth report that outlines the methodology used as well as the conclusions and highlights the differences between this and the previous study. KCLS will distribute this new report to the Board and to members of the public who request it, and it will be included in the February Board packet.

With the support of the KCLS Foundation, on Thursday January 29, KCLS will be hosting the third "It's Not Your Father's Library" breakfast to update community leaders on the Library System. The program will review recent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

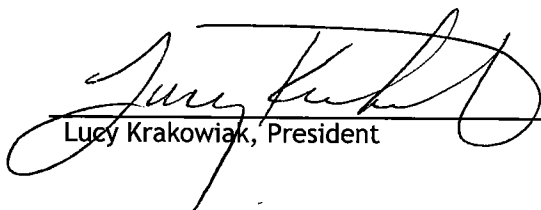
At 6:57pm, Lucy Krakowiak announced, per RCW42.30.110(1)(g), that an executive session to review the performance of a public employee would begin. The estimated duration of the executive session was one hour, 22 minutes. Jessica Bonebright, Richard Eadie, Bill Ptacek, Charlene Richards and Rob Spitzer were in attendance.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

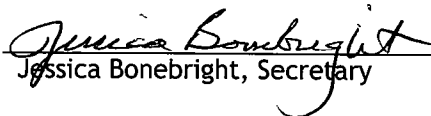
Lucy Krakowiak reconvened the meeting in regular session at 8:19pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Lucy Krakowiak adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.



Lucy Krakowiak, President



Jessica Bonebright, Secretary