



MOTIONS APPROVED

1. Motion to approve the Board agenda
2. Motion to approve the January 27, 2009 minutes as revised
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 Bond Resolution 2009-02

PRESENT

KCLS BOARD

Jessica Bonebright
Judge Richard Eadie
Lucy Krakowiak
Rob Spitzer

KCLS Staff

Bruce Adams
Linda Gtenicki
Kay Johnson
Lauren Mikov
Jed Moffitt
Bill Ptacek
Charlene Richards
Bruce Schauer
Greg Smith
Nancy Smith
Jeanne Thorsen
Julie B. Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Jessica Bonebright called the meeting to order at 5:13pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Priscilla Beard said that she is a 30-year resident of Vashon Island. Professionally, she is the President of an intellectual property corporation and volunteered for five years in fundraising to acquire protected properties on the Island. Priscilla noted that the KCLS Board of Trustees is in a time of change. She said KCLS participated in a planning process before the capital bond vote, and she believes the community asked for more space for more books. She is frustrated to see the Vashon community in the position of having its Library moved out of the town core after the careful town planning process. Priscilla noted that the Vashon Library is centrally sited and adjacent to amenities, and during festivals children run in and out of the building. She asked the Board to separate itself from the movement to expand the town with the K2 development. Priscilla stressed that the development is "not a done deal, but rather a lot of pipe dreams," and nothing has come to fruition. She asked the Board to make its decision apart from that, consider its responsibility to the community and leave the Library where it is. Priscilla noted that Vashon is an aging island, with only 1,500 children enrolled in its schools, so proposing a Library close to schools is a pipe dream and more research needs to be done. She mentioned that watching the process, it was apparent that the Vashon Park Board was part of the problem. Priscilla said that the detail missed in the process is the town plan, which is now part of the King County Comprehensive Plan. She noted that the Department of Development and Environmental Services has the power to waive parking requirements. Priscilla asked the Board to look into that issue, and leave the Library at Ober Park.

David Hall, a 12-year Vashon resident, said he opposes the Library moving to a different location. He recalled that when he first arrived on Vashon, he stopped in at the Library and thought someone had done a good job planning the building, its site, scale and location next to the Park and in the downtown area. David said the proposal to move the Library doesn't make sense, especially if the Library would be moved outside of the downtown core. He said it would make sense if the Library was being moved from a rundown building in an industrial area to a site adjacent to a park. He asked the Board to consider this decision carefully, as moving the Library from the town core to the proposed location will change Vashon in a negative way.

Martin Koenig, father of three and a 20-year property owner on Vashon Island, said he came from New York City to Vashon. He said he went from one island of the same size as Vashon, but with a population of several million, to an Island with a population of 10,000. He has never missed New York, and one of the reasons why is the scale and peacefulness of the way things are done on Vashon. Martin thanked the Board for responding to the comments from the January Board meeting and congratulated the staff for reopening the conversation with the

Vashon Park District. He noted that, contrary to Kay Johnson's statement at the January Board meeting that there are two Vashon town centers, according to King County and the Vashon town plan, there is only one town of Vashon. Martin pointed out that the downtown core contains the Island's population concentration, multi-family housing and mixed businesses. He said that the K2 development is not in the town of Vashon, but rather a mile south in an industrial zone with no population concentration and very few businesses. Martin then read a statement by an urban planner who lives on Vashon: "A public library is a core function of a democracy. Its location matters. Its ideal location is in the core of the town centre, maximizing access by foot, transit, school bus and private car. The library reinforces both the public realm and the commerce and enterprise that make for a healthy town core. Disassembling that mix, spreading it along the highway, is the recipe for urban sprawl. The 1996 town plan, consistent with County growth policies and the State Growth Management Act, emphasizes the development of a walkable rural activity center with a core bounded by Ober Park to the north and the Monkey Tree to the south. In many ways, placement of the new Library is a signal issue with consequences bigger than a single investment. That's why it is so important to resist a move away from the town core. This is an opportunity for institutional cooperation between taxpayer-supported entities. It makes little sense to fund small town and rural protection on the one hand while at the same time encouraging sprawl-inducing location decisions on the other."

Bonnie de Steiguer mentioned that when it recently became clear that the King County Library System was considering moving the Vashon Library out of town, a few concerned Library patrons felt they needed to take action to raise awareness of the situation. She said a petition asking that the Library remain in the town center was quickly created and signed by well over a thousand users of the Vashon Library over the last two weeks. She noted that people lined up to sign, explaining why they believed the Library should not be moved. Bonnie also noted that she spoke to patrons of the nearby laundromat, who visit the library while washing their clothes. She said the Board won't recognize the names on the petitions, but they represent a diverse group of Islanders who strongly support keeping the Library in the town center. Bonnie explained that the respondents represent about one seventh of the population of Vashon. She said that, if necessary, residents can work to obtain more signatures.

Kyle Crover, current Vice President of the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council (VMICC), read a statement from Jean Bosch, President of the VMICC: "Thank you for this opportunity to update you on local siting activities for the Vashon Library. Due to considerable community concern, the VMICC is conducting an opinion survey to determine where the citizens of Vashon want their Library located. This survey is being professionally prepared and conducted by Vashon volunteers, and paid for by King County. It will be mailed to every registered voter on Vashon. We anticipate completion of the text this week, and the survey will be in the mail around March 10. We respectfully request that KCLS make no decision regarding the site of the Vashon Library until the results are known in April." Kyle mentioned that officially, VMICC is not taking a position on the site of the new Library. From a personal standpoint, he said that as a Vashon resident since 1999, the Library represents a very important component of life on Vashon. Kyle noted that it's the place people meet and are educated outside of normal business and school hours. He said the Library is a community hub and brings people together, and for those with the quietest voices, it is the most important part of the day as an anchor for community life. Kyle said the community appreciates the Board allowing a discussion before the site decision takes place.

Aleythea Dolstad said that she has always been a dancer, and the studio she works for is located in the town core. She noted that during the average day, the studio sees about 60 students arrive on buses from school and get off in town. She said it would be difficult if all 60 were in the studio at the same time, but luckily they go to the Library to study while they are not in dance class. She is thankful that they have a safe place to go that is so close and one that benefits their lives. Aleythea mentioned that a friend of hers lives in a home with very little insulation that couldn't heat up during winter, so she spent time at the Library to keep warm while her son played in Ober Park. She said it is amazing and incredible to have a safe place for someone so young to go.

Greg Wesser noted that although he is a County employee, he is not speaking for the County or for the Department of Development and Environmental Services. He said that based on the response this month and last, the petitions, and the fact that Dow Constantine is helping the Community Council to fund a poll of Island residents; he hopes the Board can see the depth of the grassroots opposition to moving the Library. Greg noted that the community's opinions should trump extra concerns about the location of the Library. He said the community feels there is already a statistically valid sample in opposition to moving the Library, and more information will be coming to show the strength of that feeling. He asked the Board to give the community the opportunity to contribute to and help design a Library that they would like to use.

Ann Leda Shapiro said she doesn't want to have to write a book called "The Library to Nowhere." She wants the Library to stay in the town core, and doesn't want it to be something that nobody is going to use. Ann said that

the Library is beloved as it is, and she feels there is a way to expand the existing building. She attended the Park District Board meeting, and saw that the Board ended up being in favor of keeping the Library at Ober Park and rescinding its resolution. She asked why the KCLS community input process is different from that of the Seattle Public Library and the rest of King County. She doesn't believe there was a meeting requesting the community's input as to what the Library should look like, while there were such meetings for Seattle Libraries. Ann noted that the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council was designed by an executive order of the King County Executive to provide a forum for debating issues of concern to the Vashon community. She mentioned that when the KCLS Board visited Vashon in 2007, the visit was just to look at things and not to get community input. However, she believes that now the Board is listening to the community, so the community is excited and hopeful.

John Candy stated that he and his wife are 30-year Vashon residents, and their three adult children have now begun their careers. He mentioned that he worked for the Seattle Parks Department for 24 years and was involved in the master planning process for the Arboretum. John said that mistakes have been made, including those by the Vashon Park Department, but those mistakes don't have to determine the future. He suggested that the project move forward with that in mind, and said that those involved don't have to stick to their guns. John mentioned that most people feel that the Vashon Library is in the perfect location, which the survey should demonstrate. He believes that the Library can be sufficiently expanded, and the expansion doesn't have to make it 10,000 square feet. John suggested that a 1,000-square-foot expansion might be enough to satisfy the needs of the community. He mentioned that while collecting survey signatures at Thriftway, he was moved by people telling him how it served them where it is. John said that senior citizens and parents make up a large portion of the patronage of the Library. He noted that for parents of younger children, it is convenient to have the Park nearby when they have to do business in town. Older children can come to the town core after school and get snacks before going to the Library, where parents can pick them up after work. He concluded that the Library is a valuable resource for Vashon parents.

Bill Ameling said he is a 30-year Vashon resident, and has been a Park Commissioner for 24 years. He noted that it is amazing how many times in life you have to learn the same lesson. He has gone to 20 meetings a year for the last 24 years, and went to Redmond for the January KCLS Board meeting thinking nothing would happen, but wanted to give it one last shot. Bill noted that after the meeting on the ferry, people were enthused, happy and rejuvenated because someone in government had actually listened to them. He noted that due to hearing loss over the years, he has to stare at people during meetings to be able to hear them. Bill learned after the January meeting that the KCLS Board rejuvenated the citizens of Vashon and gave them a renewed sense of faith in government just by listening.

Steve Schlossman mentioned that he is a 35-year resident who grew up on Vashon. He said he owes his neighbors an apology for not speaking out on this issue until he heard about the results of the January meeting. Steve believed that when a government entity asks for input, they want you to attend the meeting to hear about the outcome and it's a done deal. After the January meeting, he learned that the KCLS Board's attitude is different, and it will take a step back and consider the overall situation rather than buying into a fantasy. Steve said the Board will look at what will suit the community and then take appropriate action. He wants the Vashon Commons to succeed, but thinks it won't be successful for a long time. Steve noted that if he was involved in K2 Commons, he'd be looking for an anchor tenant. He suggested that the best anchor tenant might be the health Club, but it is not there today, nor is the Library. He sees the K2 Commons as a fantasy, and doesn't see where the Library could lead to the success of the project. Steve noted that when questions have arisen from this project, the answers are merely patches. For example, if people can't get to the Library because they use walkers, a shuttle bus would be the patch. He said it is a good solution, but there is no way to fund this in the future. He asked the Board to continue its current course and take a step back before making a final decision.

Barbara Dennard, a retired psychotherapist, volunteer ESL teacher and counselor, said she has strong feelings on this issue. She noted that her 94-year-old mother uses a walker to get everywhere. Barbara has been looking around the Island talking to people who use walkers and canes, and said that there are many seniors, people with disabilities and people with limited transportation living in downtown Vashon. She mentioned that the proposed site is some distance from the downtown area, and the highway to it is so busy that pedestrians can't go down it safely. Barbara said the Vashon population needs to be taken care of if they are going to use the Library. She researched bus schedules and found that nine buses go past the K2 site during an average workday, but there are none on Sunday. Barbara noted that the Vashon Library is used more on Sunday than any other day of the week. She said that waiting for a bus could be a problem for some people, especially in the rain, so Library usage would dwindle. Barbara mentioned that the Library is truly a community center for Vashon. She thanked the Board for considering the community's pleas to keep the Library where it is, perhaps expanding it on the north side.

Allen de Steiguer pointed out that Vashon Islanders tend to start public conversations with how long they have lived on the Island, as that is part of what gives them "street cred" in a small community. He noted that it shows how strongly people feel about the community, and is an important part of life. Allen mentioned that the site selection criteria listed on the KCLS website implies a strong commitment to the site selection process. He said that at various times, staff has noted that several sites were evaluated but all but a few were ruled out. Allen said staff has not been willing to divulge information about those sites, other than to say that both the Ober Park and the K2 sites are being evaluated. He noted that there is no public information available about the result of site evaluations that KCLS may have done, except for the initial evaluations of the Ober Park and K2 sites. Allen mentioned that the KCLS website indicated that staff would be meeting with the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) on March 3 to reevaluate the two sites as part of the preapproval process. He thanked staff for providing packages of information for the preapproval process. Allen then asked where the results of the site selection process are, as he and others believe that KCLS has to list the sites and the criteria applied to them to demonstrate that an evaluation was done. He asked if a life cycle cost analysis of the options has been done and how the increased budget affects the options. Allen also asked how various items relating to traffic, storm water and paving/parking at the sites have been addressed since the project report in December, and how they affect cost. He then asked if KCLS will share the results of the last voluntary pre-application meeting with DDES, and why KCLS is meeting with DDES on March 3. Allen asked if the meeting is a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) scoping meeting, who is the reviewer working with KCLS, when Vashon residents will have a chance to comment on the SEPA checklist and if KCLS will invite the Park District to participate. He also asked if KCLS has accomplished and documented a project review under RCW 43.21C.240 relating to the growth management act, specifically those findings noted which require that "Project-level environmental review should be used to review and document consistency with comprehensive plans and development regulations." Allen stated that KCLS' site selection process so far doesn't look transparent and makes people wonder what's going on.

Jill Sten, a mother, architect and 20-year Vashon resident, noted that she worked on the Vashon town plan as a citizen volunteer. Jill read a letter to the editor of the Vashon Beachcomber written by Pam Breda, the lead consultant hired by King County for the town planning efforts in 1996. Pam has been a Vashon resident since working on the town plan. The letter can be read here: <http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/vashon/vib/opinion/letters/37523604.html>. Jill said that the good news is that the KCLS Board has given the project a reprieve since the letter was written. She hopes that the Board takes the comments collected by the Community Council to heart and does the right thing for the Vashon community.

Logan Price mentioned that he took six hours out of his day to attend this meeting, which is stressful for him this week as the director of an emerging nonprofit. He'd like the Board to notice that it is a stretch for all the Vashon residents attending the meeting to get here and get back home, particularly on a week night. He said Vashon residents are a little like hobbits; they want to get on with their lives and are a tightly knit community with a deep sense of place. Logan noted that they are also often underestimated, don't give up easily and stick together. As a young person who grew up on the Island, Logan would like to offer the community's partnership and help on this issue. He said that the Library is an important part of the community's sense of place, giving it something to hold onto. Logan mentioned that the community is fighting to keep a Japanese conglomerate from turning part of Maury Island into one of the largest gravel mines in the world. He said a few residents are fighting the project in court while others are coordinating a large-scale nonviolent direct action, and have discovered they have a chance of winning. Logan invited the Board to visit, meet residents and see the Library. Logan doesn't believe the Library is missing anything at this point. He thinks the Library doesn't need additional square footage, but does need the Park and the dynamics that proximity to the Park creates. Logan noted that this is regrettably becoming a class issue, as those who won't be able to afford to travel to another location are currently the key Library patrons. He said that those who can afford to travel are in the difficult position of standing up for those who cannot. Logan also noted that the KCLS Board has the responsibility to keep the Library accessible and maintain the community's trust.

Jack Churchill, a Vashon resident and retired political economist, said he has many years of experience in hearings and served on a City Council. He noted that there is a true saying in the development community that the success of investment in real estate comes from three things: location, location, location. Jack said a successful Library experience for Vashon taxpayers and residents will be the decision the Board makes regarding location. He pointed out that the first and only choice for the KCLS administration, Library staff and patrons was the current Ober Park site until the focus changed after the Vashon Park District threw a wrench into the works. Jack said that Kay Johnson was wrong in pointing out that more than 300 parking spaces are available at the K2 site, since parking is not an issue in this decision. He stated that there is ample parking in the current Library lot and at Ober Park, and at least 300 spaces available within a two-minute walk. Jack pointed out that code on

Vashon demands that buildings in the commercial zone can't require additional parking space, and that parking requirements can be waived for that reason. He said the reason for that is that the town plan is based on residual parking outside the town core. Jack noted that 33-57% of the population surrounding the Library is over age 65, compared to 5%-16% in the K2 area. He also noted that all of the Island's multiple dwelling units are within seven minutes of the Library. Jack suggested that forcing him and other senior citizens to drive a car or try to get on a bus to the new Library would be discrimination against the elderly.

Thomas Bangasser said the main issue is making the Vashon Library a part of the community, since residents have sensed that the KCLS Board and staff have chosen to locate the Library apart from the community. He noted that according to the demographic data, the population of school-age children on Vashon is decreasing. Tom added that the 150 students that come to the school from off-Island go right by the Library. He said the population is aging. Tom also noted that there were no parking or traffic studies at the beginning of the survey process, and no concurrency with other parts of King County. He found it ironic that he learned of the K2 site rezone only when he heard the developers presenting to the KCLS Board. Tom indicated that the zoning of the K2 site is now involved in litigation and could be for several years. He recommended that the Board seriously consider the issues that have been raised, especially since the Library comes up extensively in King County and Growth Management Act documents. He noted that the Growth Management Act requires coordination with other areas of King County government, and it is clear from the records that such coordination was not done. Tom invited the KCLS Board to become part of the Vashon community and schedule a Board meeting on Vashon in order to meet other individuals who don't have the opportunity to come to meetings off of the Island. He noted that the petition had 1,100 respondents, the survey will be distributed to about 7,800 voters, 150 residents attended the public meeting in January, 40 residents attended the January Board meeting and 20 came to this Board meeting. Tom said that this is a serious issue for the Island, and he hopes the KCLS Board can take it seriously and become part of the community.

Mike Collins, Chair of the Park District Board, said he would like to convey to the KCLS Board as much as possible how much the Park District wants the Vashon Library to remain in Ober Park. He reported that the Park District Board passed a resolution that rescinded its previous motion, and is prepared to do anything possible to make this work. Mike noted that the feeling on the Park District Board is unanimous. He said he met with Bill Ptacek, Kay Johnson and the Executive Director of the Park District, and he's looking forward to further meetings. Mike mentioned that he might push the KCLS staff's patience, as he is working to get up to speed on this issue, but he has plenty of time to do so. He asked the KCLS Board to set expectations for the staff to be open to looking at all alternatives that are available at Ober Park. Mike said the January KCLS Board minutes indicated that a combined building wasn't a popular option with the Park District, but that idea is already something he has brought up. He indicated that there are ways to make that option work for everyone involved. Mike also asked the KCLS Board to take the time to evaluate the options, and to give staff the time to do so as well. He said some negotiations are win-lose situations, but this is an opportunity for a win-win. Mike noted that this is a unique opportunity to make the Vashon Library a jewel and the heart of the community.

Phyllis Forrister noted that the bond information page on the KCLS website says "Your Investment. Your Library. Your Community." She said while it's true the public has invested in KCLS libraries, KCLS is not listening to what the community libraries need and want. Phyllis would like to know what KCLS is doing to meet the current financial crisis, knowing that its revenue is generated from property taxes. She said there is still rotation with clustering, which costs money due to lost hours and transportation costs when staff are moving from one location to another. Phyllis mentioned that Librarians are trained to provide information regarding job searches and resumes, and need to know their community. She said libraries need a static staff that is familiar with the community and managers in the buildings. Phyllis stated that rotation is still going on, but patrons need the libraries to be "Our Library. Our Community. Our Investment." She would like to know what KCLS is doing to bring back into perspective how clustering is serving the community financially.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Rob Spitzer moved approval of the agenda. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

FINANCE REPORT

In the new year, the monthly budget average is now \$8 million and KCLS spent \$7.8 million in January. Several categories in which KCLS makes payments on an annual instead of a monthly basis had expenditures in January that appeared larger than normal. This included the insurance and capital materials (databases and periodicals) categories. The figures in the January report reflect the amounts that were paid in 2008 for services to be provided in 2009.

An update on preliminary December figures was also provided. Current figures show that KCLS spent a total of \$85.9 million in 2008, an increase of approximately \$1.6 million over the total reported in January. KCLS anticipates receiving perhaps another \$500 thousand in bills before finally closing the books for 2008 at the end of February. There was an increase in advertising expenditures in 2008, as KCLS had a few projects that were not in the budget, such as TechConnect and infoVote.

Revenues in January were \$414 thousand, mostly in delinquent taxes. The negative \$35 thousand in investment interest relates to year-end accounting adjustments to the investment pool balance to reflect any unrealized losses. KCLS finished 2008 with revenue at 99.8% of the budgeted amount. The main reason for the slight shortfall is the Benson Hill property tax adjustments. KCLS finally determined why the leasehold excise taxes in 2008 were lower than usual. Evergreen Hospital, one of the largest payers of leasehold excise taxes, appealed its valuation and received a refund, some of which was apportioned to KCLS.

January expenditures in the 307 fund were \$21 thousand, as the majority of invoices received pertained to work that was done in December and has been reflected on the 2008 report. The format of the expenditures report for 2009 has been updated to show projects completed in 2008 at the bottom under completed projects, and new projects which have budgeted expenditures in 2009 in the top section.

KCLS spent \$23 million in the 307 fund in 2008, which is 60% of budget. Total expenditures in the 307 fund are now \$54 million. There is \$19 million of available funds remaining in the cash account, which should last until May or June.

Expenditures in the 302 fund were \$34 thousand in January, primarily for the Redmond Regional Library renovation. Preliminary December figures show expenditures of \$2.8 million in 2008, which is 97% of budget.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Lucy Krakowiak moved approval of Payroll Expenditures in the amount of \$2,366,529.01; Checks January 1-15 Chk#142986-143145; 190914-192016 and December 16-31 Chk#143146-143303; 192017-193125. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Eadie moved approval of General Fund #0010 Expenditures for January 2009 in the amount of \$6,657,132.67; (Travel Advances) Chk #905-915, (1/5) Chk #1002529, (1/7) Chk #1002733-1002765, (1/8) Chk #1002772-1002779, (1/13) Chk #1002930-1003002, (1/14) Chk #1003008-1003013; 1003014-1003065, (1/15) Chk #1003066-1003144, (1/16) Chk #1003153-1003156; 1003157-1003169, (1/16) Chk #1003170-1003195; 1003196-1003290; 1003299, (1/21) Chk #1003302-1003342; 1003343-1003398, (1/22) Chk #1003399-1003437; 1003438-1003475, (1/26) Chk #1003479-1003509; 1003510-1003546, (1/27) Chk #1003547-1003555; 1003556-1003588, (1/27) Chk #1003592-1003606; 1003607-1003660, (1/29) Chk #1003667-1003697; 1003698-1003750, (1/29) Chk #1003751-1003757, (1/30) Chk #1003779-1003783; 1003784-1003791, (1/30) Chk #1003792-1003806; 1003807-1003848, (2/2) Chk #1003854-1003873; 1003874-1003922, (2/4) Chk #1003923-1003926; 1003927-1003937, (2/4) Chk #1003938-1003960; 1003961-1004034, (2/5) Chk #1004039-1004043; 1004044-1004084, (2/5) Chk #1004085-1004093; 1004094-1004147, (2/6) Chk #1004152. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rob Spitzer moved approval of Construction Bond Fund '88 #3020 Expenditures for January 2009 in the amount of \$525,237.71; (1/8) Chk #1002771, (1/15) Chk #1003145-1003148, (1/16) Chk #1003301, (1/27) Chk #1003664-1003665, (1/29) Chk #1003768; 1003769, (2/4) Chk #1004035-1004037; 1004038. Lucy Krakowiak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lucy Krakowiak moved approval of Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 Expenditures for January 2009 in the amount of \$1,655,364.31; (1/8) Chk #1002770, (1/12) Chk #1002914-1002926, (1/13) Chk #1003003-1003007, (1/16) Chk #1003291-1003298, (1/26) Chk #1003478, (1/27) Chk #1003589-1003591; 1003661-

1003663, (1/29) Chk #1003758-1003767, (1/29) Chk #1003770-1003771, (1/30) Chk #1003772; 1003773; 1003849; 1003850-1003853, (2/5) Chk #1004148; 1004149-1004151. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Eadie moved approval of Gift Fund #6010 Expenditures for January 2009 in the amount of \$17,649.49; (1/8) Chk #1002766-1002768, (1/15) Chk #1003149-1003152, (1/16) Chk #1003300, (1/22) Chk #1003476-1003477, (1/27) Chk #1003666, (1/30) Chk #1003774-1003778, (2/6) Chk #1004153. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOND RESOLUTION 2009-02

This bond resolution begins the process for KCLS selling the next tranche of bonds, as the available resources in the 307 fund are decreasing. The resolution authorizes staff to take the next steps in preparing for the sale. It also describes some of the terms, maturities and provision rates of the bonds, and pledges the Library System's commitment to repaying the bonds, including the covenants necessary to keep them tax exempt. Staff will come to the KCLS Board with a second resolution at the time of the sale, asking the Board to approve the details of the sale. When KCLS issued the first tranche of bonds, a competitive sale process was used. This resolution gives staff the authority to choose a competitive or negotiated sale. This flexibility has been included due to the more volatile market conditions and is the primary difference between the 2009 resolution and the 2005 resolution for the sale of the first tranche. Unless something occurs in the market that wouldn't make a competitive sale viable, KCLS staff expects to use that process.

Dan Gottlieb, KCLS' bond counsel, mentioned that the voters approved a bond to fund capital projects throughout the Library System. KCLS has flexibility to alter specifics of the projects in the face of changing circumstances. Alterations to the original projects depend on these circumstances, as evidenced by the modifications included in the Strategic Planning Guidelines for Library Improvement Modifications document that was created in response to escalating construction costs. KCLS is unique in that most libraries fund single projects using separate bond issues, while KCLS funded multiple projects from one bond issue.

Based on a question that arose from the discussion at the Finance Committee, Dan described the various regulations that exist around timely use of bond proceeds and the earning of investment interest on bond proceeds. Staff closely monitors these parameters relative to the requirements and will ensure that KCLS remains in compliance.

The Board reviewed charts showing current market rates for municipal bonds similar in type to those KCLS would issue. This information was presented by Susan Musselman, KCLS' financial advisor for bond sales. KCLS' staff and bond counsel plan to go forward with the sale when the cash is needed and is closely monitoring the financial markets to ensure that the timing of the sale is appropriate.

Rob Spitzer moved approval of Bond Resolution 2009-02. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY SERVICE IN RENTON

The City of Renton continues to be interested in annexing to KCLS. Since Renton is also involved in potential annexations of the Fairwood and Skyway area, which could increase its population beyond the current population cap for cities interested in annexing to a Library District, KCLS helped testify on legislation to increase that cap. The Renton City Council met in January and instructed City staff to draft an interlocal agreement with KCLS that would outline what would happen in the event of annexation to KCLS. At an upcoming meeting with City of Renton staff, KCLS staff will discuss possible issues arising from potential annexation, including the locations and operations of the two Renton Public Library branches and the Skyway Library, financial topics including the Benson Hill annexation payments and future capital projects, and staffing considerations.

STATE OF THE KCLS FOUNDATION

KCLS Foundation Executive Director Jeanne Thorsen noted that the recent newsletter included an article about former KCLS Trustee Susan Churchill. Susan was a passionate advocate of libraries and the role they play in the community, and as such was the "godmother" of the KCLS Foundation. Following the successful KCLS bond election in 1988, Susan championed the establishment of a Foundation to support System-wide activities and programs, and in 1991, the KCLS Foundation was born.

The Foundation's mission is to promote literacy, learning and libraries by providing support beyond public funding for initiatives and resources that enable the King County Library System to better serve the needs of the community. The Foundation provides venture capital for new and innovative programs that best meet the needs of the community, and value-added programs and resources to ensure that KCLS is vibrant, relevant and central to patrons' lives.

The Foundation extends KCLS' ability to meet the needs of the community, and last year more than 100,000 children and adults participated in Foundation-supported programs. Programs fall into two general categories - pilot projects and programs that feature books as incentives. Pilot projects are tested in community libraries or on a System-wide basis, and, if worthy and effective, are then taken on by KCLS for sustained support. Examples include Global Reading Challenge and the Fiestas workshops for Spanish-speaking parents and caregivers. The Foundation often continues to fund the supplies and/or books for these programs.

Years ago, the Foundation provided support for the "Escape!" program at the Burien Library, where the Library was open until midnight on Friday nights for teens and the community. The Foundation also secured funding for a Youth Development project that later became the System's Page Fellowship Program.

In 2003 and 2004, believing in the need to expand library service in South King County, the Foundation's capital campaign raised \$850,000 to open the Library Connection @ Southcenter. In 2006, the Foundation raised \$200,000 for Early Literacy and the Ready to Read initiative.

A major highlight in 2008 was the creation of the Foundation's first \$1 million endowed fund, which will provide support for Early Literacy and children's reading programs. For 2009, the endowment donors requested that the revenue from the fund should also support the Fiestas program, an early learning program for Spanish-speaking parents and caregivers and their children.

Jeanne mentioned that the Foundation's Board members are passionate, committed and dedicated to libraries and they want to make a difference in the community. Last year, the Foundation set out to leverage that energy and recruited seven new members who bring new ideas, talents and connections to the organization.

At its retreat last year, the Foundation Board looked at a variety of ideas and determined that the most important activity to support would be a combination of emphasis on reading and libraries as places of transformation. This was based on a Gates Foundation study, which found that the public believes the library to be a transformational force in people's lives. The Foundation is therefore launching a three-year initiative that will focus on reading for all ages. For 2009, the Foundation is supporting a unique series of workshops presented by Nancy Pearl. All staff members are encouraged to attend these reader's advisory workshops - and the early results show that they are well received. The Library System and the Foundation are currently planning public involvement and reading activities that will take place in 2010 and 2011.

The Foundation is publishing a cookbook featuring authors and their favorite recipes. *Literary Feast: The Famous Authors Cookbook* will be available later this spring. Proceeds will support literacy and lifelong learning programs.

CAPITAL PLAN QUARTERLY PROGRAM REVIEW

This is a quarterly review of where KCLS stands on the capital plan compared to the original \$172 million plan amount. The current projected net total is \$177.3 million, which is \$700 thousand less than the previously reported figure and still several million over the target figure. The closed projects list has expanded, and the Board has received detailed information on all of the projects that have been completed. The current budget for active projects is \$59.7 million, while the forecasted cost is \$59.0 million. Two projects partially accounting for that difference are the Sammamish and Federal Way Regional Libraries. The construction bids for those projects came in significantly under the budgeted amount. This savings, however, was partially offset by a variance in the Kirkland Library project, which had an increase in costs over the original budgeted amount for furniture. The net savings between these projects was \$700 thousand. The forecasted interest of \$11.8 million has not changed from the last review. The Board reviewed variances between the original and current project budgets, noting that the original budgets were before the adoption of the Strategic Planning Guidelines for Library Improvement Modifications.

AUTOMATED MATERIALS HANDLING COST/BENEFIT STUDY REPORT

In November 2008, the Board received an abbreviated version of a report by the consultant who performed a cost/benefit study comparing operations at the Kent Regional Library with those at the Federal Way Regional Library, which has an Automated Materials Handling system (AMH). At the November meeting, the Board requested a more complete report.

Staff presented a full version of the cost/benefit report, which can be accessed at: <http://www.kcls.org/about/board/2009/022409/AttachmentF.pdf>. Since the report was completed, the AMH system at the Bothell Regional Library is now in use and experiencing an 87% induction rate. There has also been a galvanizing staff effort to greet patrons and help them use the system. The next installations will be at the Issaquah and Burien Libraries.

2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2008 Year in Review was renamed the "2008 Story of the Year." It is a compilation of all of KCLS' achievements organized around the 2008 budget priorities and presented in a book format. The document contains a foreword by Bill Ptacek and chapters detailing the progress made in each of the four categories of the budget priorities. Julie Brand Williams highlighted key achievements in each of the chapters. The 2008 Story of the Year will be posted on kcls.org, distributed to the Friends of the Library, Library Advisory Board groups and staff, and available in KCLS Libraries. KCLS will use the documents throughout this year to promote the System's achievements.

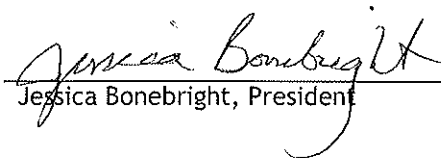
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Circulation continues to increase; this month it was up 6% over 2007, reflecting a fundamental shift in libraries and the community as a whole. In March, staff will report on a program that will be part of KCLS' response to the current economic situation.

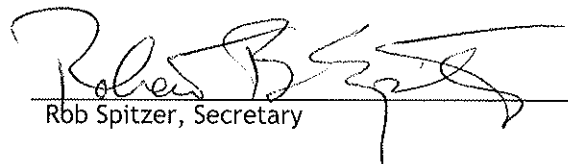
The March KCLS Board meeting will also include an additional discussion of the Vashon Library project. On March 3, KCLS met with the King County Department of Development and Environmental Services, and will be presenting the Board with the results of that meeting. KCLS opted not to participate in the recent survey on Vashon Island as community surveys are not part of the KCLS Site Selection Policy. The Library System will also need more information on the appeal of the K2 rezone. The K2 developers have not signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with KCLS. The Board recommended that KCLS review its Site Selection Criteria to include considerations for reducing KCLS' carbon footprint. The Planning Committee will begin discussion of this issue before it is brought to the full Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Jessica Bonebright adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.



Jessica Bonebright, President



Robb Spitzer, Secretary