



King County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
Lake Forest Park City Council Chambers
5pm ♦ 28 April 2009

MOTIONS APPROVED

PRESENT

KCLS BOARD

Jessica Bonebright
Judge Richard Eadie
Rob Spitzer

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Bruce Adams
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Bill Ptacek
Charlene Richards
Bruce Schauer
Denise Siers
Greg Smith
Nancy Smith
Jeanne Thorsen
Julie B. Williams

GUESTS

Tom Bangasser
Jean Bosch
Mike Collins
Allen de Steiguer
Doug Dolstad
Sallie Glerum
Elaine Kearney
Martin Koenig
Rebecca Lanphear
Ann Leda
Alice Larsen
Ella Maierhofer
Nancy Messenger
Deirdre Miller
Tom Moran
Tim Morrison
Rayna Norton
Kalee Shearer
Zina Stockinger
Connie Olstad
John Osborne
Lori Robinson
Rita Rogue
Jiji Saunders
Julie Smith
Barbara Spindel
Jill Stenn
Greg Wessel

1. Motion to approve the Board agenda
2. Motion to approve the March 31, 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 Surplus Resolution 2009-04
9. Motion to approve the Special Use of Library Buildings and Grounds and Meeting Room Policies

CALL TO ORDER

Jessica Bonebright called the meeting to order at 5:12pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Lanphear said she is a big user of the Vashon Library. She strongly supports the idea of keeping the Library located in the town core. Rebecca's family use public transportation and bicycles as their primary mode of transportation. Her family strongly supports clustering of businesses and services at the town core, as it makes them more accessible by bicycle and bus. She noted that if residents use bus and bicycle as their modes of transportation, each little bit of distance makes a difference. Rebecca hopes to raise her family with the Library in the town core.

Tim Morrison, the Chair of the Vashon-Maury Island Ad Hoc Survey Committee, said the Committee conducted a survey of Island adults with the goal of generating community interest and values with regard to the location of the Vashon Library. He mentioned that Alice Larsen, a professional researcher with a PhD in social welfare research, helped develop and administer the survey. Tim said that the Committee members were on all sides of the issue: with representation from the K2 developers, people who were strongly in favor of keeping the Library at Ober Park and those just interested in ensuring that the community had input into the issue. He said these people worked together to create an unbiased document, noting, for example, that the top choice of preferred location listed on the survey alternated between K2 and Ober Park. Tim mentioned that although the survey wasn't a scientific random sample according to demographic analysis, it was a democratic process. He said that the survey was supported by County Councilmember Dow Constantine who agrees with the importance of community input. His office paid for mailing the survey to every registered voter, and also hosted a forum on his website where proponents of each side were invited to describe their positions and rebut the positions of others. Tim noted that protocols were put in place to ensure that the survey was done in a clean

and clear way with no opportunity for fraud or ballot stuffing. He said that the results of the survey speak to the success of those protocols. Tim mentioned that in the time leading up to the survey deadline, there was a vigorous debate in the Vashon Beachcomber, so residents were informed as they would have been for any regular ballot issue. He said that the survey respondents represented a quarter of the registered voters on Vashon.

Alice Larsen appreciates that the Board has taken the opportunity to consider the Vashon survey results since she feels that they represent the opinions of the community. She noted that the committee working on the survey had a rigorous process to ensure that only one survey form was returned per respondent, and that the responses

were confidential. Alice entered the data herself and her work was checked by others. She said the data represents 2,269 Vashon residents, a 28% response rate, that felt it important to inform the KCLS Board and Director of the opinion of Vashon residents as to where they would like the Library located. Alice pointed out that the pro/con statements listed on Dow Constantine's website were written by three individuals with some input from others, representing their individual viewpoints on the issues. She would be happy to provide the Board with those statements.

Jean Bosch mentioned that the Vashon Community Council is run using a town hall format. After the survey results were received, a motion was made at the last Community Council meeting and passed unanimously by the 85 residents in attendance. Jean said that the people of Vashon have spoken clearly through the overwhelming survey results and strong Community Council motion, asking KCLS to keep the Library in the town core. She said the Board has also received 1,200 signatures on petitions to the same effect. Jean noted that it takes five to seven hours out of residents' lives to attend KCLS Board meetings, so the strong showing of Vashon residents also speaks clearly. She said that three locations in the town core of Vashon meet KCLS' selection criteria and LEED benchmarks better than K2. Jean added that moving the Library out of the town core would mean fewer people using the Library. She believes that moving the Library would be bad Library, land use and environmental policy, and is adamantly opposed by the community. Jean pointed out that the Lake Forest Park Towne Centre isn't really a town center, but was named in order to evoke what Vashon already has. She proposed that KCLS put the K2 site aside for six months and focus on the three sites available in the town of Vashon. Jean invited the Board to come to Vashon and visit the town, Library, bakery, grocery and other locations.

Jil Stenn mentioned that this is the third time she has taken five to seven hours out of her day to attend a KCLS Board meeting. When she worked on the Vashon town plan in 1996, the community spoke loud and clear that it wanted to keep key services in the town core. Jil said the community of Vashon values its Library, and 80% of survey respondents have told KCLS that they prefer Ober Park or a site in the town core. She noted that the Vashon community supports KCLS' values: valuing outstanding public service and striving to recognize our unique role and responsibilities to act in the public interest and responding to our customers with information, integrity, courtesy and urgency; valuing the involvement of our public, by recognizing that it is for them that we provide service, welcoming comments and responding with honesty and respect seeking opinions on policies and services encouraging links to communities through local library advisory boards, Friends of the Library groups, volunteers and coalitions, and working together to make a positive contribution to libraries and in society. Jil said the Vashon community agrees with KCLS' mission to provide free, open and equal access to ideas and information to all members of the community. She mentioned that in past meetings, Vashon residents have spoken about the complex web of relationships in town. Jil said that if the Library leaves town, it will destroy that web of beautiful, complex relationships. She agrees with KCLS' goal of providing collections and services to meet community needs and interest, and noted that the community is trying in the most sincere way possible to tell KCLS to do the right thing.

Martin Koenig distributed a packet of information containing his correspondence with the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) regarding three issues he is challenging from the pre-application meeting between DDES and KCLS. DDES staff has indicated that they will be in touch with Martin in the next week. Martin believes that DDES' comments at the meeting were made with no understanding of the situation on Vashon, and their findings and opinions were made from afar. He noted that he has heard that the Board is impressed by the turnout and passion the community brings to KCLS Board meetings. Martin said all Vashon residents feel that they live in a special place, and are willing to be proactive to maintain it in a way that they feel comfortable. He pointed out that many residents couldn't attend this meeting because another issue is being discussed on the Island. Martin said that there has been a community plan promoting the same goals on Vashon since the 1960s, and the 1996 town plan is the law for Vashon and dictates certain policies. He noted that the town plan took several years to complete, had the participation of 1,000 islanders, and dictated maintaining the rural character of the town and the Island. Martin said the plan encouraged a walk able, pedestrian-friendly, compact town core that has essential public services, and specifically mentioned the Library. He noted that the proponents of moving the Library to K2, which is 1.5 miles south of the town of Vashon, are asking KCLS to depart from the law of the town plan. Martin said that the proponents have argued that this is legal since K2 is zoned as commercial business, which has been challenged. He noted that the argument that the town core extends to the center of the island is superficial, and he believes that the town core doesn't extend to the center. Martin mentioned that the Library belongs in the town core, and doesn't need to be 10,000 square feet. He said that KCLS wouldn't hear any complaints from Vashon residents if the size of the Library expansion or the new Library were reduced.

Tom Bangasser said that he has collected all of the documents related to the Vashon Library from Dow Constantine's office, KCLS, the King County Council, the Growth Management Board and others, for a total of 15,000 documents. He noted that this issue always goes back to the town plan, since the King County Council, Dow Constantine's office and KCLS are mandated by State law to follow the town plan. Tom suggested that this was not done. He finds it interesting that KCLS is dealing with two parties regarding the proposed K2 site: the K2 Commons developers and K2 Sports, the current owner of the property. Tom believes that it is disingenuous that when KCLS was originally dealing with K2 Sports, the property wasn't zoned for the Library. He noted that this issue won't go away. Tom stated that the residents of Vashon have invested an inordinate amount of time and passion towards keeping the Library where they feel it should be. He noted that Vashon is one of the Libraries that serves the smallest population of all 44 KCLS Libraries, and is probably the hardest to get to. KCLS is the second busiest Library System in the entire U.S., so KCLS needs to reconcile these two ends of the spectrum soon.

Greg Wessel said that as an Island resident, he's surrounded by 11,000 people like him (8,000 registered voters) spread out over 40 square miles: a small population for a large area. He noted that many Vashon residents are puzzled as to how the Library planning got so off base so early, and why it has continued to be that way. Greg said 1,100 residents signed petitions asking KCLS to keep the Library where it is, and 2,200 voted in favor of doing so, which is an overwhelming demand to keep the Library in the town core. He mentioned that Vashon residents did vote to expand and improve the Library, but didn't vote to move it out of the town core. Although they didn't vote on that issue then, they have now, and residents are sharing those results with the Board. Greg said residents are reminding the Board that as a public agency, KCLS has the responsibility to honor the wishes of the voting public.

Jiji Saunders said that this is the first time she has spoken on this issue, and the first time she has spoken out on any issue in six years. She and her husband own two businesses on Main Street and she has 15 years of experience in land use and community planning. Jiji said that moving the Library out of the town core would result in the most negative consequences. During the six years her family has lived on Vashon, they have been regular Library users. When they visit the Library, they park their car and walk to the Library and the market and other locations in town. She said a visit to the Library is often at the core of errands they do on foot. Jiji said this issue is important to her family, partly because Vashon already has significant problems with cars. She noted that when the ferry comes in, cars are backed up through town, emitting exhaust, creating a barrier for pedestrians and bicyclists and degrading the environment. Jiji mentioned that during the summer, there is so much traffic that it is challenging to drive to the market, let alone find a parking space. She said the community needs to take action to reduce driving and encourage residents to get out of their cars and walk through town. She invited the Board to visit Vashon on a Saturday, and experience the atmosphere in the town when it is filled with pedestrians attending the farmer's market, visiting the bakery and walking from shop to shop. Jiji said that moving the Library out of the town center is contrary to the 1996 town plan, discourages pedestrian activity, encourages driving, promotes strip development, is against the wishes of the majority of Vashon residents and is bad land use and community planning. She said that there is only one town core on Vashon, and asked the Board to work with the Vashon Maury-Island Community Council and Vashon citizens to keep the Library in the town core. She noted that the Library is a hub of activity that enriches the community and maintains the town center.

Ella Maierhofer, a student at the Vashon Harbor School, said she is representing the children on Vashon. As a first, second and third grade student, she walked to the Library twice a week and returned with a backpack so full that she often fell over. Reading so much helped her build her ongoing love of reading. Ella said that if the Library had been moved, walking there would have been impossible. Children would have to be driven by their parents, which would probably discourage them from becoming pedestrians. She noted that when school lets out, children come flooding to the Library from all directions, and many walk to the Library. Ella said the Library at K2 would be almost completely empty at the same time of day, as many children would refuse to walk there. She asked if this is a sacrifice KCLS wants to make, and if it is a sacrifice being made by KCLS or the developers. Ella pointed out that three quarters of Vashon residents want the Library to stay in town. She said that residents should have a say in what happens on Vashon, in the true spirit of a government by the people and for the people, and it makes sense that the Library should stay in the town core.

John Osborne said that as a resident of downtown Vashon and an elected member of the Vashon School Board, he knows that the community is passionate. As a School Board Director, he feels that no matter what, he should do what he thinks is right. The K2 site gives him pause as a member of the School Board, since it is being promoted as a location to which students can walk. John said that although the distance from Vashon schools to K2 isn't far, there are no safe routes. He worries about children walking down Vashon Highway to K2 in the dark in Winter months. He noted that the schools can drop children off at Island locations by bus, but are not required to serve anyone within a mile of the schools, and dropping children off at K2 would be a drain on the

School District's resources. John and his family moved to downtown Vashon because of the Library. He said that the Library is the center of the community, and he worries about the health of the downtown core if the Library moved even a fifth of a mile away. John hopes that the Board does the right thing, even if it is not the most expedient thing.

Allen de Steiguer noted that he presented his analysis of KCLS' cost estimates at the March Board meeting, and thanked Kay Johnson and Robert Miller for confirming his figures. He appreciates that KCLS has begun to take contingencies into account, but believes that KCLS is not recognizing that the expansion at Ober Park is cheaper than the K2 project. Allen noted that he has heard anecdotally that an increased risk cost has been assigned to the Ober Park alternative, compared to the dump KCLS would have to remodel at K2. He said that KCLS knows what it has at Ober Park, so the risk is less than at K2. Allen stressed that the Vashon community is trying to work with KCLS. He noted that a staff member at the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) said that DDES is waiting for KCLS to come back and talk to them, and can work with KCLS to reduce or mitigate requirements. Allen said the community is trying to help KCLS and can be allies on this project if KCLS takes K2 off the table.

Ann Leda invited the Board to dinner on Vashon. She said that her book, *My Island*, was published, and she has presented the poem "The Library to Nowhere", so she is now focusing on the story of the emperor not wearing any clothes, which she said represents the K2 project. Ann mentioned that Burt Colburn of the Highline Medical Group told her that Highline would need to have a fundraiser to even pay for the cost of moving into a new building, so they have no money to invest in the K2 project. She noted that with the pollution in the building and buried and leaking oil tanks, since the building was built in the 1970s when environmental awareness and legalities weren't being enforced, Colburn said that Highline is not willing to move into a sick building. Ann said that she has also spoken with Bob Hatchett, who is in charge of new sites for Allstar Fitness, and with the real estate representative who stands to make \$250 thousand if the property is sold. Ann noted that another book she doesn't want to write is *Rush to Build - Deceptions of Rash Destruction*. She asked the Board to use the support of the Vashon community to help build a Library that the community wants.

Elaine Kearney noted that the last two issues of the Vashon Beachcomber don't contain articles saying anything other than please leave the Vashon Library where it is. In the 12 years she has been a Vashon resident, Elaine has never heard anything negative about the Library. She said the Library is a beloved spot where teens hang out, read, play guitar and sing, where the elderly can walk and socialize and where young mothers can bring their children. Elaine noted that she moved to Vashon because of what the Library gives the community, and if the Library moves there will be more cars and less people. She said cars don't use the Library, and people, including the elderly, school children and low-income residents, should be using the Library. Elaine noted that she didn't hear there was a problem with the Library until there was suddenly an opportunity for commercial development. She watched the survey being developed and the results tabulated, and noted that the process was very careful, even to the point of banning her from the room when the votes were being counted. Elaine said the survey was free of politics, and it would be a shame if the Library becomes a sham.

Mike Collins, Chairman of the Vashon Park District Board, said one thing he can't address from the Park District Board's perspective, but that has been well expressed, is the community sentiment. He noted that if KCLS selects the Ober Park site, the Park District is prepared to do anything to make it a win for the Park District, KCLS and the community. Mike mentioned that there have been indications that perhaps the Park District hasn't been forthcoming with site-specific details to help the project come together. He explained that one of the reasons the Park District hasn't been able to do so is that there are no specifications about what is happening with the Library. Trustee Richard Eadie asked if the Park District would grant an extension of the lease on the current Library site. Mike replied yes, that the Park District would extend the lease, modify it to match KCLS' desired footprint and do anything KCLS wants to do. He noted that the Park District Board rescinded its previous motion, and restated the fact that the Park District will do anything it can to make the project work.

Amy Wolff said that she left home three hours ago, after pulling herself out of bed with a stiff neck, missed the ferry and drove 35 miles to get to this meeting. She noted that all of that effort is worth it to her, but she is perplexed by the fact that it was necessary to do so, and believes that it is part of the problem. Amy is a 25-year Vashon resident, and since she lives on the south end of the Island she would have to drive to the K2 site or Ober Park. She used the Library and Park when her children were young. The issues that were presented don't affect her personally, but she said that Vashon is a strong, committed community, so it is important to her that children, the elderly, low income and cohousing residents are able to use less gas and walk to town. She said that these neighbors and community members are important to her, and care about each other. Amy is also concerned about the issue of a sick building, since this issue is real and has affected the Island in the past. She noted that with the materials manufactured at K2, it doesn't seem an appropriate place for a Library. Amy said

that KCLS was in a tight bind before some of the other opportunities were available, such as Vashon Village. She mentioned that the survey was admirably done, and it couldn't be more loud and clear about what the community cares about. Amy asked the Board to hear the voices of Vashon residents and work with the community, which is the only right thing to do at this point.

Bill Ameling said that as a Parks Commissioner, he has attended a total of 500 Vashon meetings and heard testimony from athletes, children, mothers and sometimes, angry crowds. He said he hasn't been compensated for those 500 meetings, and his hobby is good governance. Bill asked the KCLS Board why they are serving. He noted that the first 15 years the Vashon Park District was in existence, two thirds of its funding wasn't from the taxpayers, but from grants, gifts and fundraisers. Bill said over that period of time, the Park District shared \$1.5 million with its partner, the School District, which used that money to improve its facilities and make other purchases. He pointed out that the playground at Ober Park was funded by women who held bake sales and that the rowing shed was similarly funded by volunteers rather than taxpayer dollars. Bill stressed that programs that coordinate with the Park District have a history of finding money. He said that as a government entity, the Park District can work with road improvements. Bill noted that when the Park District took over the site of an elementary school and needed additional parking, an arrangement was made with the Park and Ride to grade the site. He said that the Park District can make the Ober Park site work and can find funding for the project. Over the five KCLS Board meetings he has attended, people have sung songs and read books, and Bill noted that KCLS could take that energy and turn it into the Ober Park site. He said that if KCLS picks the Ober Park site, the community's energy would make it a success and make it their own. Richard Eadie asked if the Vashon Park District is willing to extend the lease on the Ober Park site. Bill replied that the Park District will extend the lease and craft it in any way KCLS wants to make it work.

Doug Dolstad said his family has lived on Vashon since the 1880s, and he participated in the community planning efforts in the late 1970s and 1980s. He is afraid that people who don't live there are making so many decisions affecting Vashon. Doug hopes that the KCLS Board will hear how much the Library means to the community. He said that the Library at Ober Park isn't just a place filled with books, but one of confluence that provides a flow of information and the kind of vitality only available in a few places. Doug noted that the Library is a place of celebration that means so much to the community, but the community doesn't know what else to do but leave it in KCLS' hands, since there is no system of self-governance on the Island. He said that the Park District is behind KCLS on this issue. Doug added that moving the Library would have a similar emotional impact to digging up and moving the dead.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Rob Spitzer moved approval of the agenda. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Richard Eadie moved approval of the March 31 minutes as revised. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT

Expenditures in March were \$7.2 million, compared to a monthly budget average of \$8 million. This represents 22.4% of budget year-to-date. Year-to-date growth in expenditures is at 6%.

The following general fund items were called out:

- **Professional Services:** March expenditures were \$227 thousand included a payment of \$62 thousand to an outside computer software systems firm helping to upgrade KCLS' primary financial and human resources information system. The upgrade should provide significant new features, especially in payroll and human resources, and go live in early Summer. The entire project is budgeted at around \$200 thousand.
- **Miscellaneous:** Roughly half of the year-to-date expenditures of \$64 thousand are for ad valorem tax refunds, which are from appeals of property valuations. The other half is for payments of annual memberships in professional and local community organizations such as the American Library Association and Chambers of Commerce.
- **Capital - Materials:** Year-to-date expenditures of \$3.4 million are 13% higher than 2008. KCLS is spending its materials budget faster this year, and the primary area of growth is in the non-print category.

KCLS received \$2.5 million in revenue in March. One of the primary reasons for the negative 2.3% growth rate compared to 2008 is that current year property tax collections are lagging by 1.3%. Since property tax is the largest revenue source, this makes a big difference in overall revenue. The delinquent tax rate is higher than 2008, which could be related to foreclosures as properties are auctioned and back taxes are paid. KCLS has received close to three quarters of budget in the "Other Taxes" category, which contains leasehold excise taxes. This area was budgeted conservatively, since KCLS fell behind in 2008, which turned out to be due to a large tax refund. Timber revenues are behind by \$107 thousand so far, and are expected to be slow throughout the year.

March expenditures in the 307 fund were \$2.7 million. Major expenditures included \$1.5 million as a progress payment on the Burien Library project, \$240 thousand at Federal Way Regional Library for building permits, and construction progress payments at the Kirkland and Sammamish Libraries. Other significant expenditures included \$75 thousand as a quarterly payment to the general fund for reimbursement of payroll and benefits for three employees dedicated to bond projects.

Expenditures in the 302 fund were only \$80 thousand in March, including a payment related to the Redmond Library renovation, and an initial expenditure on the Kent Library renovation.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Rob Spitzer moved approval of Payroll Expenditures in the amount of \$2,375,234.32; Checks March 1-15 Chk#143594-143755; 195324-196425 and March 16-31 Chk#143756-143914; 196426-197535. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Eadie moved approval of General Fund #0010 Expenditures for March 2009 in the amount of \$5,683,642.45; (Travel Advances) Chk #919-922, (3/5) Chk #1005062-1005122, (3/6) Chk #1005124-1005139; 1005141-1005147, (3/10) Chk #1005149-1005167, (3/11) Chk #1005171-1005229, (3/12) Chk #1005230-1005257; 1005258-1005354, (3/12) Chk #1005364-1005376, (3/16) Chk #1005378-1005387, (3/17) Chk #1005390-1005399, (3/18) Chk #1005400-1005492, (3/19) Chk #1005493-1005496; 1005497-1005516, (3/19) Chk #1005517-1005586, (3/20) Chk #1005593-1005602, (3/23) Chk #1005603-1005679, (3/24) Chk #1005682-1005713, (3/25) Chk #1005714-1005739, (3/27) Chk #1005764-1005776; 1005777-1005841, (3/30) Chk #1005852-1005936, (4/1) Chk #1005942-1006005, (4/3) Chk #1006018-1006060; 1006063-1006152, (4/3) Chk #1006153-1006156, (4/6) Chk #1006168. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rob Spitzer moved approval of Construction Bond Fund '88 #3020 Expenditures for March 2009 in the amount of \$81,720.45; (3/5) Chk #1005123, (3/6) Chk #1005140, (3/16) Chk #1005388-1005389, (3/23) Chk #1005680-1005681, (4/3) Chk #1006157, (4/6) Chk #1006169. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Richard Eadie moved approval of Capital Project Fund 2005 #3070 Expenditures for March 2009 in the amount of \$2,622,933.21; (3/5) Chk #1005061, (3/10) Chk #1005148, (3/12) Chk #1005355-1005360, (3/13) Chk #1005377, (3/19) Chk #1005587-1005588, (3/25) Chk #1005740-1005759, (3/27) Chk #1005760-1005763; 1005842-1005847, (4/1) Chk #1005937-1005941, (4/2) Chk #1006006-1006015; 1006016, (4/3) Chk #1006017; 1006061-1006062, (4/6) Chk #1006158-1006166, (4/6) Chk #1006167. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rob Spitzer moved approval of Gift Fund #6010 Expenditures for March 2009 in the amount of \$4,349.70; (3/10) Chk #1005168-1005170, (3/12) Chk #1005361-1005363, (3/19) Chk #1005589-1005592, (3/27) Chk #10055848-1005851, (4/6) Chk #1006170. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SURPLUS RESOLUTION 2009-04

This is KCLS' standard quarterly surplus resolution.

Richard Eadie moved approval of Surplus Resolution 2009-04. Rob Spitzer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL USE OF LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND MEETING ROOM POLICIES

Staff is requesting that the Board approve these policies with the changes that were requested at the Finance Committee meeting:

- Special Use of Library Buildings and Grounds: change the words “any library related organization or association” to “any official public library related association” and “Entities like non-profit organizations” to “Entities such as non-profit organizations”
- Meeting Room Use: Specify in the fifth bullet that noncompliance with meeting room policy is the only reason KCLS may limit room use for particular organization; change the words “Groups will notify the library 24 hours before a meeting must be canceled” to “If a meeting must be canceled, groups will notify the library 24 hours beforehand”

Rob Spitzer moved approval of the Special Use of Library Buildings and Grounds and Meeting Room Policies, with proposed changes. Richard Eadie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LAKE FOREST PARK COMMUNITY STUDY

Denise Bugallo introduced the Lake Forest Park Library staff present at the meeting: Deirdre Miller, Terry Claypool, Rayna Norton, Kalee Shearer, Monica Keen and Zina Stockinger. Terry Claypool introduced Library Advisory Committee members Sallie Glerum, Julie Smith, Nancy Messenger and Rita Rogue, and Friends of the Lake Forest Park Library member Connie Olstad.

Deirdre, Kalee, Rayna and Denise presented the Lake Forest Park Community Study.

Denise also mentioned that there is a symbiotic relationship between the Lake Forest Park Library and Third Place Books, with both sending patrons to each other and the bookstore promoting Library programs. Connie Olstad noted that the Friends of the Library have a good relationship with Third Place Books as well, as the store donates books to the Friends. Bill Ptacek said KCLS has been trying to take advantage of this relationship by lobbying with the management of the Third Place Commons to get the Library moved closer to the bookstore.

OUTREACH SERVICES

In November 2009, the Planning Committee received an update regarding work KCLS Outreach Services staff had done to assess the potential for expanding the ABC Express program. KCLS currently provides outreach services from the Service Center in Issaquah through ABC Express and the Traveling Library Center, and is hoping to find a way to expand these services. In keeping with the goals of Future Services Staffing, the Outreach Services department has begun looking for ways to involve local Library staff in the provision of these services in their communities. Outreach Services has been working with a consultant to identify the most compact vehicle that is also optimal for onboard experiences, and has selected the Dodge Sprinter. Staff members have been driving a test vehicle over the past few weeks. The Sprinter is meant to be more maneuverable on residential streets and easier to drive than the larger vehicles KCLS currently operates. The vehicle would be designed to carry up to 3,000 books at one time in flexible, removable modules. KCLS will purchase four vehicles that will be rotated around the system to serve daycare centers and senior facilities, and one vehicle specifically designed to serve as a digital design lab for teens. This purchase, which is at the Request for Proposals stage, will be funded from bond proceeds. There will be a nine-month lead-time from order to delivery.

EVERGREEN UPDATE

Jed introduced Matt Carlson, Bradley Bonner and Paula Burton. He said KCLS needs Evergreen to handle the data and detailed transactions, and be simple, sensible and efficient. Jed, Matt and Bradley presented examples of how Evergreen would handle simple requests, such as searching for a particular patron, in comparison with the current system. The new interface is more intuitive and has a tabbed system, allowing staff to work with multiple patron records at the same time. Possible implementation of the new system is estimated for September 2010.

VASHON LIBRARY UPDATE

A complete review of the Vashon Library project was given at the Finance Committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Ptacek announced that the County Executive has just appointed Jim Wigfall as the new KCLS Trustee. Jim lives in Newcastle, works for Boeing and has been involved with the KCLS Foundation Board.

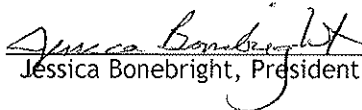
Bill also mentioned that although he testified in both the House and the Senate, the legislation to increase the size of the KCLS Board to seven Trustees didn't leave the Senate Rules Committee. The Bill to increase the population size of cities that can annex into the Library System, which was promoted by both KCLS and the City of Renton, did pass.

KCLS and the City of Renton met regarding the draft interlocal agreement presented at the March Board meeting, and Renton will now edit the document. Charlene Richards is also meeting with Human Resources representatives from the City to review what would happen to the Renton Library staff in the event of annexation. KCLS expects a resolution from the Renton City Council between June and September, which would put annexation on the ballot in February 2010. KCLS and Renton have also discussed coordination of facilities if Renton becomes part of KCLS, since annexation would affect nearby KCLS bond projects including Skyway, Fairwood, East Hill of Kent and Newcastle.

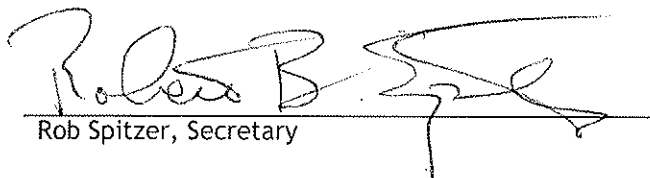
Bill also mentioned that the Look to your Library program, KCLS' effort to promote the resources it has for patrons suffering in the current economic climate, begins on May 1. The event has been promoted through television, radio and newspapers. From May 1-8, 41 KCLS Libraries will open an hour early to promote resources including databases and job-search and financial tools.

ADJOURNMENT

Jessica Bonebright adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.



Jessica Bonebright, President



Rob Spitzer, Secretary