

BELLEVUE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

January 20, 2009
Lake Hills Library



Board Present:

Doris Burrell, Chiho Lai, Eric Palo, Dolores Robertson, & Robin Rothschild

Others Present:

Chapple Langemack (KCLS) & Andrew Peabody (Bellevue Resident)

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting (Nov. 18, 2008) were approved as distributed.

Eastside Light Rail:

Chapple is attending meetings of the Bellevue Downtown Association committee reviewing several alternative proposals for light rail lines in Bellevue. Some are surface level, some elevated, and some underground. Several of the routes go by the Bellevue Regional Library (BRL), but don't stop there.



There are two public hearings in Bellevue on the proposals:

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 at Bellevue High School (Open

House: 5:30-8:30) Public Hearing starts at: 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 at Bellevue City Hall (Open House: 3:30-6:30) Public Hearing starts at: 4:30 p.m.

Comments can also be submitted at the Sound Transit website. For more information see < <http://www.soundtransit.org/x3245.xml> >. Chapple will see if a representative from Sound Transit would come to a future Board meeting to give us further information about the proposals.

Other BRL News:

- On a recent Sunday a walk around the BRL found 110 patrons using laptop computers.
- BRL is getting a new microfilm reader printer that is connected to a computer so patrons will be able to download images from the film to computer files.
- Chapple can personally attest to how treacherous the parking lots and sidewalks were around BRL during the snow.
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- BRL is in the final stages of negotiation with the Bellevue Arts Museum to have four free museum passes that can be checked out for one day or less.

Lake Hills: KCLS has at last signed a contract with the Lake Hills Shopping Center developer to be the key corner tenant of his new development!

Ground breaking will probably be May 1.

KCLS will soon begin working with the architects to draft configuration plans for our tenant space.

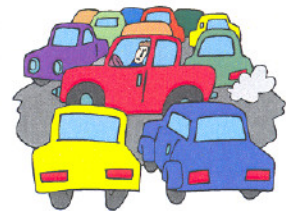


Heavy Use of Library: Lots of people continue to use the Bellevue libraries. Some of the extra use may be due to the recent closure of the Redmond library for remodeling and the ongoing closure of the Kirkland for major updating.

During the recent heavy snow, Answer Line calls were up significantly. They handled more than 1,500 calls in December.

Parking at BRL continues to be problematic. What will happen with the Ashwood parking is waiting on action by the Bellevue Parks Department/Board.

It is believed that some people are using BRL parking as a "Park-and-Ride" lot and some construction workers working at nearby sites may also be parking there.



Posting Minutes and Agendas:

The City has asked if the Library Board could post minutes and agendas online as many other boards and commissions do. Eric will send Chapple electronic versions of the minutes for 2008 meetings. She will post them at the KCLS Bellevue Library Board site and send the link to the City. She will also post the schedule of meeting dates and locations.

Future: We still have one vacant position on the Board and another one is opening up in four months when Eric's term expires. Doris will talk to Rob about drafting a letter from the Board to the City Council asking them to expedite filling these vacancies.

(Andrew interviewed for one of the positions several months ago but hasn't heard anything.)

At the April meeting nominations for Board officers are due (election takes place at the May meeting and new officers take over in June). [Who wants to be Secretary???]



Schedule of Board Meetings and Major Topics:

- February 17 @ BRL - Sound Transit?
- March 17 @ Lake Hills - New KCLS online system
- April 21 @ BRL - New Lake Hills Library update & Nominations
- May 19 @ Lake Hills - Summer Reading & Elections
- June 16 @ BRL - Role of Bellevue libraries during area disasters/Emergency preparedness
- July 21 @ Lake Hills - KCLS Foundation
- August - No Meeting
- September 15 @ BRL - Reference Services
- October 20 @ Lake Hills - Library Outreach
- November 17 @ BRL - To Be Determined
- December - No Meeting

Friends: Holiday Tea went well and the entertainment was FABULOUS!!

Sales are up in the Bookshop and a book sale at Crossroads is being considered.



The next meeting

Tuesday February 17, 4pm @ Bellevue Regional Library