

Minutes of Bellevue Library Board August 16, 2011

Board Present: Judy Bailey, Andrew Peabody, Loretta Lopez, Peter Maxim, Robin Rothschild

Board Absent: Alice Tow

Staff Present: Debra Westwood

Guests: Greg Smith, Donna Mc Millan

Loretta called the meeting to order at 5:05

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Greg Smith reported on the parking garage construction. The bids came in on August 2nd. Serpenock Construction is the successful bidder and the bid is below the budget for the project. The preliminary work is underway and the project is on course to begin in the middle of September. The first step will be to build a fence that will enclose the present lot and extend out to the edge of the Ashwood Parking lot and cover the sidewalks on NE 12th and 110th NE. The South entrance to the library will be the only one available without walking in the street.

The next step will be to relocate the infrastructure currently under the present lot. This will be done at night but it may require some brief closed time for the library. The only temporary parking will be in the Ashwood lot and there will be a new path from the lot to the sidewalk that goes alongside the West side of the library.

The time frame is 10 months and there is a penalty clause. The faster they can build it, the more money for the construction company. It is possible this period may include some library closures.

Debi handed out information on the communication that will be done with the public in regard to the project. Every effort is being made to keep the public informed. As always happens, some patrons don't understand that KCLS is not connected to SPL in any way and/or they don't understand that the project will be paid for with dedicated funds. This creates a "teachable moment".

There is a new book drop for Lake Hills Library in the parking area near the elevator. It can be accessed very easily.

Debi passed out circulation statistics and answered questions about them. She explained about Redmond Ridge, an unstaffed library.

The next meeting will be at Lake Hills on September 20th. Our guest speaker will be the KCLS diversity coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM

