

## Minutes Bellevue Library Board September 15, Bellevue Library

**Board Present:** Dolores Robertson, Doris Burrell, Alice Tow, Robin Rothschild

**Library staff:** Rebecca Tuck; **Guests:** Kay Johnson, KLCS Associate Director; Sally A.T. Roth, Senior Associate, RA Leed

Doris called the meeting to order at 4 PM

Kay Johnson introduced Sally Roth who is the architect working on Bellevue Library's parking expansion project.

**Guest Report** The expanded parking will be underground parking beneath the current lot. The current lot will be rebuilt so there will be two levels of parking instead of one adding 80 new parking spaces. There are many utilities beneath the existing lot so this will be a complex and expensive project. The new two story parking will allow as much natural light as possible and will include some greenery in the upper lot. There are several options for temporary parking while the project is underway. The first public presentation will be at 6:30 PM on October 1 in room one at the Bellevue Library.

**Discussion** Board members questioned whether 80 additional spots will be sufficient given that downtown Bellevue is adding thousands of new residents. Staff have a lot of evidence suggesting that library parking is currently used as a park and ride and spillover parking for downtown events such as the Bravern opening. But there is no hard data, so Kay asked Sally to initiate a study to see how the current parking is used. The hope is that some of the parking problem can be alleviated by hiring a company to do traffic control. It's possible the new parking will be gated, the same as most other downtown parking facilities. There is a lot of concern over temporary parking. KCLS is waiting to hear what the Park Department will want done to allow parking in the Ashwood Playfield during construction. It was suggested KCLS also explore renting unused parking from some of the apartments in the library area.

Doris thanked our guests and resumed the regular meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

**Manager's Report** Rebecca told us about the new Book A Librarian service. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons members of the public can set up a half hour appointment with a librarian. These appointments can be used for instruction on using computers /and or finding needed library information.

The old copier room at Bellevue Library is becoming a computer lab where hands on classes can be conducted for up to 8 students at a time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.