

Yakima Valley Libraries

Board of Trustees

Special Meeting – Long Range Planning

Yakima Central Library Boardroom

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: President Pam Perryman, Vice-President Jerry Maggard, Secretary Glenn Rice, Trustee Del Rankin, Trustee Jim Davenport

Staff Present: Library Director Kim Hixson, Administrative Coordinator Terri Reeder

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- Long range planning – new libraries:

Director Hixson referred to the copy of the *Long Range Planning Report – Draft* provided to each member. The Trustees expressed their gratitude to Hixson for completing the draft in just two short weeks. They also acknowledged her thorough research and relayed their appreciation of the electronic copy sent in yesterday's email.

Director Hixson spoke on the growth and values of the library district's revenue. This was followed by a discussion regarding historic values, moving forward, and impending property taxes. The Board agreed that an in-depth study should be conducted to determine the district's future. They recognized it to be a slow, involved process and cited a critical need for the community's input.

Concerning a library in Union Gap, the Trustees collectively declared that all decisions made about the matter will be a Board process.

11:00 – 11:20 a.m.

- Sheri Brockway:

Ms. Brockway introduced herself and gave information about her professional background with BORArchitecture. Previously she has contracted her services with the library district to direct the construction of the West Valley Community Library and the remodel of Yakima Central Library. The YVL Board hired her as the architect for the Sunnyside Library project.

- Overview of Union Gap City Building:

Ms. Brockway discussed various building options for the City of Union Gap. Union Gap has hired BORArchitecture and Huibregtse Louman Associates as consultants to complete a land and property study within the city's boundary lines. The City has asked the consultants to include library space in the proposed configurations. The City has applied for a Community Development Block Grant as well as a United States department of Agriculture Grant for the building complex.

- Update on Sunnyside Remodel:

Ms. Brockway reported on some exciting features coming to the Sunnyside Library. A local artist has agreed to design and create a two-dimensional caricature dragon as a wall mural for the

Children's area. Ms. Brockway provided photographs of the model they recently pieced together to determine the scale of the artwork. Ms. Brockway shared a photo of the handcrafted hearth (built and donated by her husband) which integrates various woods of cherry, maple, oak, and walnut that will be a part of the fireplace donated by Yakima Federal. The Trustees were impressed with the news and quality of work brought into this project.

11:20 – noon

- Discussion:

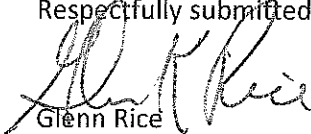
The Board concluded the special meeting emphasizing the importance of a long range study and plan for the library district. Several facts were reiterated: the process will take time; community input is essential; and the role of future technology should be considered.

The Trustees expressed an interest to speak with a local (Washington State) library consultant, who may be willing to exchange conversation about their own library district's long range planning experiences. Director Hixson offered to conduct a search for a consultant to present to the Board. The Trustees then asked Hixson if she would please compile a list of questions, in collaboration of their own, about ways to plan for a district's future, anticipate funding, create an image, problem solve, etc. Hixson agreed to the task.

In conclusion, the Board of Trustees stated their official response to the Union Gap discussion, "Union Gap deserves to be served and we [the Trustees] are working on it. "

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Rice
Secretary