

## Minutes of Library Board Meeting – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

Minutes for March 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting were read/approved.

Bills for end of April are due Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The discussion continues in the realm of the current Library proposal between the City Library and the Central Skagit Library District. The Librarian of the District has asked about sending a letter to current City employees asking if any would like to work part-time for the District. The proposal would be for similar job duties at the same hourly pay as the City. Employees will be requested to contact the Central Director directly themselves, if they are interested in participating. Several guests at the meeting were invited to voice their concerns about the current Library Proposal to the S-W Board members present. Concerns voiced included the hiring of current City staff; the size and location of a possible library; the fate of the curated collection; the anticipated project price tag; future ownership; and the possibility of having City residents serve on the Central Skagit District Board. After hearing the concerns, the Board chose to vote, compile, sign, and send a mutual letter to the Mayor expressing deep concern over the terms of this proposal and that they were not in favor at this time. The signed letter would be presented by a Board member to the Mayor, & Council, at tonight's City Council meeting @ 7 pm.

The City/District Committee has chosen SHKS Architects out of Seattle as the design consultant for Stage 1 of the new Library Project. The contract is due to be signed at tonight's City Council meeting @ 7 pm.

The next Book & Movie Night is Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be "Viewer's Choice" again. The potluck begins at 5:30 pm, and the selected movie will start shortly thereafter.

As a result of the City Council's Retreat, the Librarian was asked to give a 45 minute presentation, expanding on the content at the Retreat, on that libraries currently offer, and what the future might contain, to the City Council at their April Workshop, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included Summer Reading plans, statistics, e-books, brain research, early learning & libraries, and community roles for libraries. Conversation was robust and animated, with some great questions, comments, and suggestions being discussed.

Official Library negotiations will begin on May 9<sup>th</sup> between the District and the City.

Repair work has started on the crushed main entrance to the Library. Work has been slow, but is still progressing in fits and starts. Really hoping to be finished, and fully open, by June.

The Library again participated in City Works Day in Memorial Park on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Librarian invited the local schools to make it a walking field trip for STEM in action. Several hundred children were here to look at all kinds of large equipment – fire trucks, police vehicles, utility trucks, plus the new Splash Park designs. The Library had an interactive booth for STEM activities; and the City staff enjoyed a lively, enthusiastic, (and loud) day. A big thank-you to the City Staff who cheerfully made it all happen.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Resetar, Mrs. Ringhouse, Mr. Abrams

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