

## **PRESENT**

Bruce Reynolds (presiding & secretary), Michelle Robbins, Shay Shortt, James Park, Laura Boyes (KCLS Cluster Manager), Rosemary Ives (visitor, interested in the Nokomis building), Melissa Glerum (potential board applicant).  
Absent: Jason Robertson.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Four board members were present, so there is a quorum.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Melissa Glerum has applied for the open board position, the seat being vacated by Michelle Robbins, who is moving to Oregon. Resident of Redmond since 1987, formerly Microsoft employee. She has two kids in college. Her mother lives in Bellevue and has volunteered with the Bellevue Friends for many years. Her background is in software and her interest is in open data and transparency of governmental and community data.

## **VISITORS**

Rosemary Ives, a former Mayor of Redmond, presents information about the Nokomis building. She shows us a recent Redmond Reporter article. One Redmond wants to sell the property and develop it for apartments.

Nokomis, a group of women started in 1909, in early Redmond. Redmond was incorporated in 1912. The building was constructed to be the first Redmond library. In 1932 or 1933, the Browns (including Irene Brown) donated the land, women raised the funds, and built the first library. Within a few years, with support from WPA, added a community room. The WPA grant was given to the city (not the Nokomis Club) to be spent on the building. The City of Redmond may have lost some of the documentation about that WPA grant and documents pertaining to the title of the building.

Inventory and history done in 1998, updated in 2005. The city established a list of candidates that might be targeted for historical preservation. The owner of the building, the Redmond Chamber of Commerce, elected not to add the building to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Nokomis Club, together with the Redmond Historical Society, has filed an appeal to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). Rosemary Ives personally has appealed, and a local business person has also appealed, on the basis of insufficient parking. The Nokomis Club and the Redmond Historical Society ask the city to preserve the building. The Brown's son, Al Brown, lives in the area. He says that his family supports the preservation of the building.

The city could use the building for many things. The city can always use additional community meeting space. It could be a museum, an art studio or art gallery, meeting space for community groups such as RASP, visitor bureau, or storage for the historical society.

## **CLUSTER MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Circulation and Programs**

Laura wants to make sure that the board members continue to receive the monthly Insights newsletters.

Laura shared the latest Director's Report with us. The new director has already made some changes making board meetings more open and accessible to the public.

Hindi Story Time is new. The statistical tool is still down, for more than two months now. Foreign Language and the children's Story Times all have good attendance, often over 50. Attendance at Adult programs is less. Poetry Workshop had 9, Power of Humor 20, Food program had 13, Poetry Dead or Alive (a series) ranged from 5 to 20, Opera Preview 20. Tax help 20 to 30 every session, operated by volunteers. Study Zone every session 3 or 4 students, operated by volunteers. Tech Tutor numbers not available. She has no numbers for teen programs, or for the Spanish book group, or any of the adult book groups. Upcoming Concussion program as Evergreen Health is full at 100.

Fresh Start: For children under the age of, fines up to \$25 may be forgiven one time. Does not include lost items. This past week as an amnesty period, when a child can have fines forgiven even if they already have used the option before. The amnesty is unusual, and is a result of KCLS attempting to consolidate some records. The program has never been available to adults. The board would like to see this for adults, since fines are a barrier to access.

### **Staffing**

Changing in the library: PSAs and LPAs will be doing more and be more visible. Librarians will be working outside of the library more than in the past. We have a new children's librarian part time, Rayma. Redmond will now have 60 hours of children's librarian.

### **Upcoming Programs**

#### **Community Study**

Community Study is proprietary, so she cannot show it to us. They have identified some areas they want to focus on: In addition to existing programs, 1) Redmond will add programs focusing on low-income patrons and the homeless. 2) Redmond wants to add more program outside of the library, including e-Reader training and using the Library-To-Go van. 3) Redmond will add programs focusing on tweens, partnering with non-profit agencies, literature programs, and Make programs (STREAM). Add thematic book clubs targeting tweens.

Facts coming out of the community study: Redmond is a busy library. Redmond has the philanthropy center. Redmond has many workers commuting in and residents commuting out during the day.

### **Issues**

No security issues or problems this month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Friends of the Redmond Library**

The new director attended the most recent Friends meeting, to introduce himself.

### **Redmond Library Blog**

### **Community Connections - Arts**

### **Community Connections - City Neighborhoods**

Michelle talked to Kim. We are welcome to attend any neighborhood meeting. The Community Academy is changing, and will be a mini-academy now, based on individual residents' requests. We can participate in neighborhood Facebook activity, and Redmond is seeking more forest stewards.

## **Center for Nonprofit s**

### **Youth Member**

### **PEST Analysis**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bruce covers some upcoming programs: Literary Lions is coming up on March 28, for \$225. Redmond government's appreciation reception is coming up this month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20