

## **PRESENT**

Bruce Reynolds (presiding & secretary), Linda Gresky, Jason Robertson, Kristine Anderson, Jason Sokoloff, Laura Boyes, Aaron Knopf (visitor, chairperson of the Redmond Parks and Trails Commission).

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

This Kristine's and Jason Sokoloff's first meeting. Kris is a mom of four kids, worked at newspapers as a photographer and now does some portrait photography as well. Jason Sokoloff is the head of the business library at the UW. He's lived in Redmond for 3 years.

Aaron Knopf is visiting. He's been on the Parks and Trails Commission since 2012, and is currently the chairperson.

## **COORDINATION WITH PARKS AND TRAILS**

Jason Robertson reached out to Parks and Trails. He will be attending some of their meetings, and Aaron is here tonight. P&T is always looking to find new for ways to get people into the parks and on the trails, or to find new opportunities beyond the traditional sports and fitness.

P&T already partners with Arts and Culture. From time to time, Parks and Trails does a joint meeting with Arts and Culture. Last month, the city presented the results of some recent survey work concerning residents' attitudes and hopes about culture and arts in Redmond. P&T participates in So Bazaar and the Artist in Resident programs.

P&T has a backlog of projects waiting for funding. Failure of the levy to pass last year has delayed projects. P&T is investigating changing resident and neighborhood demographics, to see if the city is still meeting its planning goals with respect to parks, trails, and recreation. One goal is to find a way to use the park system to attract people to stay and be in Redmond and take advantage of Redmond services outside of just their working hours, and perhaps make Redmond a more attractive place to live.

## **CLUSTER MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Completed or Ongoing Programs**

- Today is the last Community Discovery Day until the fall. There were 75 attendees today. The library will follow up with the agencies to see what impact they think the program had, and if they think the program was effective. An upcoming Everybody's Talking About It in May will focus on homelessness, solutions and impact.
- SAT test prep is starting up, free, great value. Story Times, book clubs for teens, young authors, and adults are ongoing. Study Zone. Hopelink ran a program last night about family finances. There is a mediation class coming up.
- Mary Comstock is working on bringing Story Time outside the library in coordination with city programs, such as So Bazaar and Chomp. Planning is underway now for summer. The Library 2 Go van is also

available for outreach programs, but rarely goes into parks. KCLS does run programs in parks, with books, tables and librarians, but usually without the van. The KCLS will try to coordinate with Parks & Trails.

## Upcoming programs

- Free shredding event is coming up on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, coordinated with the city. KCLS has permission to use the circular driveway in front of the City Hall. This arose out of the meeting in December between KCLS and city manager Ericka Vandenbrande.
- Tax help is coming up.
- Reading with Rover is starting up again. Linda thinks it has been going on for a while at Redmond Towne Center.
- A program with Legos is coming up, and the library did not have to purchase the blocks. (The Friends turned down the library's request to buy Lego blocks.)
- Literary Lions is coming up March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- KCLS now has a system-wide movie license. P&T does not have a movie license. The city shows movies in the parks from time to time, so Aaron thinks the City of Redmond has a movie license.
- The library card program for students in Bellevue school district has been successful, and will be expanded to all 20 school districts in the KCLS service area by the end of the year. Highline and Enumclaw school districts are underway.

## Issues

- Redmond Library has a large homeless population that uses the library, and they are welcome in the library, as long as they follow KCLS behavior policy. Laura says the police are coming into the library more often in the past month. Police walk through occasionally. Laura cannot say if that has had any effect on behavior, because she does not track behavior issues. The Board again requests that Redmond Library managers start tracking this.
- Parks & Trails has not had to create any policy specifically addressing homelessness in the parks. Aaron is not aware of too many problems or controversy regarding homeless or security in parks and on trails. It is not part of their day-to-day discussions. The police had input into the design of the new downtown park.
- Laura says there are security incidents within the library every week, some serious, some not. Patrons are asked to leave for a day, week or month. Trespass is more serious, enforced by the police. Usually a trespass enforcement is for the branch only, not system-wide. The police keep statistics about enforcement in the library, but KCLS does not. The Board again requests that Redmond Library managers start tracking this.
- There are still problems with patrons leaving used hypodermic needles in the bathroom. Laura says there are sharps containers in the bathrooms. There are no longer changing tables in the main restrooms, although there is still one in the family restroom.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Friends of the Redmond Library

- No problems or issues. The 2016 budget spends roughly \$15,000 on library programs, in line with past years. Due to decreasing revenues, 2016 budget is reduced 10% from 2015. Funding for Nonprofit & Philanthropy Resource Center is eliminated. Mary Comstock felt the Center should be supported centrally.

### City Council Presentation

- Bruce presented a 7-minute report to the city council on January 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a question afterward about how well the library is coordinating with other city programs. There was also a question about security within the library. Bruce explained that police are moving people from outside the library into the library or asking them to move along.

- Hank Meyers extolled the virtues of a program he saw in Kalamazoo called Hoopla. Bruce mentioned in the presentation that KCLS would be spending \$425k in 2016 on a new digital streaming service. That service is indeed Hoopla, and became available at KCLS in December. Hoopla focuses primarily on audiobooks, movies, and music, but started offering comics and eBooks last May. At launch, Hoopla had 5,500 eBooks available. Overdrive focuses on eBooks, and claims millions of titles. KCLS has access now to both.

## Nokomis Building

- ...has been demolished.

## NEW BUSINESS

- None

## TODO

- Jason Robertson will contact Planning and Landmark Commissions.
- Linda will attend a meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission next week.
- Bruce will try to make a connection with RYPAC. Parks and Trails meets every year or so with RYPAC for a barbecue or potluck, but does not attend their meetings.
- Laura will order KCLS business cards for the new members (and existing members if necessary).
- Laura will look into producing a calendar of outreach events. KCLS already produces a calendar of events and programs within the library, but does not yet have this kind of calendar covering outreach.
- Aaron and Parks & Trails will keep KCLS in mind when planning programs in the parks.
- Laura will be sure that the new board members are included on the mailing list for the Insights newsletter.
- Laura will find out if the KCLS movie license covers movies shown outside the library, in parks, for example.
- Laura will find out more about KCLS's coordination with the presidential ConnectED Library Challenge, which calls upon library directors to work with their mayors, county executives, school leaders, and school librarians, to ensure that every child enrolled in school can receive a library card.
- Laura will find out if there is an online mailing list to receive a copy of the Director's Report each month and let us know how to sign up. Jason Robertson thinks there is a mailing list for this.
- New board members are reminded to complete OPMA training.
- Laura will find out if Reading for Rover will be inside the library or outreach.
- Bruce will go see the sharps containers that Laura says are now installed in the bathrooms.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15