

**Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Puyallup Public Library
November 18, 2013
6:15 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Troy Kehm-Goins, Vice Chair Darice Hermann, Board Members Dee Dee Henry, Barbara Kastama, and Heather Shadko

NOT PRESENT: Friends of the Library representative Cathy Warren

STAFF PRESENT: Librarian Dr. Tim Wadham, Administrative Clerk Cindy Huff

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Shadko, Second by Ms. Henry, to amend and approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting as follows: on Page 2, Paragraph 1, “He mentioned that the event was run in conjunction with the Mini Comic-Con, ~~attended by Ms. Henry and Mr. Kehm-Goins,~~ and that Ms. Cooper had send a note voicing her pleasure in being a part of the event.” The motion passed 5-0.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Dr. Wadham reviewed the November *Library Director’s Report*, reporting on and discussing the following topics: the Pioneer Park playground equipment; Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) request update; author visits; and a recent assault in the Library. He elaborated on his meetings and activities during October and November.

Dr. Wadham congratulated Ms. Shadko on her recent election to the City Council. He further announced a decision to locate the proposed splash pad in the grassy area behind the restrooms adjacent to Elm Street, and commented that he was considering a couple of traditional designs for the playground equipment as there is some potential to add some book related components. He voiced his intent to present the draft designs to the Library board at their next meeting.

In response to questions, Dr. Wadham explained that the assault happened in the morning when the library opened. He believed there to be some mental health issues on the part of the assailant, and although there has been an increase of homeless individuals in the library recently, there has not been as many as in previous years. He was contacted by the Freezing Nights program administration who has told him that this participant will be permanently banned from the program, and he has informed the necessary city staff of the situation. Ms. Shadko believed that it might be helpful to have the police department do a daily walk through and provide a police presence. Ms. Henry voiced her belief that the program attracts homeless individuals from other jurisdictions into Puyallup; Dr. Wadham concurred.

NEW BUSINESS**Community Technology Lab Presentation**

Dr. Wadham pointed out that the implementation of Technology Labs (aka Community Labs) is currently a major trend in public libraries. In many cases they are known as Makerspaces. A makerspace is a community-operated, physical space where people with common interests can meet, discover, share and explore new ideas. He shared visuals of Makerspaces within other jurisdictions and discussed his vision of a Lab that is intended for patrons of all ages. He envisioned a space where the magazines and romance paperbacks are currently located (adjacent to the turret), offering classes taught by staff and volunteers, and containing a printer capable of printing three dimensional objects.

Dr. Wadham elucidated on other possible aspects that he would like to see included such as a recording studio, and a writers area. He emphasized that the idea is a vision that is not funded nor expected to happen anytime soon. He identified some of the newer technology he would like to see included such as Raspberry Pi (inexpensive computer) interactive tables, smart tables, smart boards, Spero, Sifteo Cubes, Little Bits, and Lego WeDo. This will make the library indispensable to the community by offering access to new ideas, information and technology not readily available elsewhere. He noted his intent to put the idea forward to potential donors, with the ultimate goal of a meeting with Microsoft representatives regarding potential sponsorship.

The board was enthusiastic with Dr. Wadham's vision and a discussion ensued on the proposed space, remodeling needs to accommodate a Technology Lab, the 3D printer and what it can do, and what services are provided by other jurisdictions that offer Makerspaces.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT – None at this time.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT – None at this time.

Dr. Wadham explained that Ms. Shadko's election to the Puyallup City Council will create a vacancy on the Library Board. He pointed out that Library Board appointments are confirmed by the City Manager; however, during a conversation with the City Clerk it was suggested that an alternate candidate who has an application on file be considered for the open position. He advised the board that he has contacted Heidi Borton who has voiced her continued interest in serving on the board. In response to questions, Dr. Wadham voiced his belief that Ms. Borton is well qualified for the position. The board was comfortable with the proposed appointment.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Shadko pointed out that United Way has a new campaign geared towards early literacy. She advised Dr. Wadham that Crystal Carpenter, a United Way representative, is impressed with the direction of the library and may reach out to Dr. Wadham and the Foundation Board.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:16 p.m.