

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR SESSION  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
August 4, 2021, 6:00pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Elfers called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. He announced that Board Member Sandy Kanaga was absent.

**ATTENDANCE:**

In Council Chambers: Board Chair Richard Elfers, Board Members Chris Beinke and Ann Anderson, KCLS Staff Steven Bailey, and City Staff Liaison Jessica Rose.

Via Microsoft Teams videoconferencing: KCLS Staff Representative Carla Hopkins, KCLS Staff John Sheller, and Enumclaw Library Manager Chris Mezek.

**2. MOTION TO APPROVE 7/7/21 MINUTES:**

Anderson moved to approve the 7/7/21 minutes. Beinke seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**3. UPDATE ON KCLS NEWS:**

Hopkins stated that King County Library System (KCLS) have been reviewing their staff in anticipation to reopen all 50 libraries to the public. There is currently a hiring freeze with less staff than before the pandemic. Indoor programming is still suspended at this time, but libraries are allowed to do outdoor programming. The Enumclaw Library had started Outdoor Storytime just last week. The Library's meeting room is now open for use. A discussion took place on whether to continue the Library Advisory Board (LAB) meetings at City Hall or the library.

The board consensus to continue meeting at City Hall unless there was a scheduling conflict, then the meeting will take place at the library.

**4. LAFROMBOISE PROPOSALS FROM KCLS FOR OCTOBER:**

Bailey gave a presentation on a program that the Librarians are proposing for the use of the Lafromboise Endowment Funds during the 2022 budget. They are proposing to do a story walk in Enumclaw parks. A story walk is where a children's book is placed along a popular trail that families can read while walking. In 2020, they were given \$1900 for three programs. Due to the pandemic, they were given an extension to complete those programs in 2021. Unfortunately, these programs will not be completed before the year is over. During the pandemic, the communication with the community has been lost, so these programs would be difficult to restart. It is also still uncertain at this time when in-person programming will be allowed within the library. With the reduced staff, KCLS is mainly focusing on essential services and welcoming the community back into the Enumclaw Library at this time.

They are proposing to use \$3,500 of the Lafromboise Endowment Funds for this project. There will be 24 frames in total. 20 of these frames will be for the stories, while the remaining 4 will be used to advertise the library to those who are not familiar with their services. The stories will be switched out every month and will have different levels of reading. The estimated cost to have the frames custom made will be \$3,500. There will also be ongoing costs that will be included in the annual budget requests, such as \$300 for purchasing the books, \$800 for lamination, as well as any additional cost to maintain the signs.

KCLS will also reach out to local businesses to see if they would be interested in sponsoring this project. Whatever donations that they do receive for this project, KCLS will return the difference of funds back to the Lafromboise Endowment Fund.

Anderson moved to recommend the story walk proposal for the 2022 budget. Beinke Seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**5. HOW REALISTIC ARE THE MOBILE LIBRARY IDEAS AT NEW HOUSING AREA?**

This would not be possible to do at this time with the limited staff.

**6. OTHERS:**

Agenda will be discussed among the Library Advisory Board and KCLS prior to the meeting.

Anderson received feedback that assisted living homes have experience in using Zoom. KCLS will be able to do virtual presentations with them to teach them on how to use their online services.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Beinke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.