

Lake Stevens Library Board

April 20, 2023

The meeting was hosted via Zoom and In Person (Hybrid) and called to order by Abe Martinez at 4:32 pm

In Attendance

Library Board present: Abe Martinez, Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Emily Stainbrook, LeeAnn Balbirona, Melissa Maffeo, Andy Powers, Nancy Joao

Excused: JoAnne Van Leuven

Sno-Isle: Lindsay Hanson, Antoinette Morales-Tanner

Friends: Melissa Knaak

City: Mary Dickinson, councilmember and Caitlin Weaver deputy city clerk

Roll Call & Introductions

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes-- The Board approved by unanimous consent the minutes of the January 13, 2023 meeting as submitted.

New Business

New Board Member

New board member, Nancy **Joao**, a Lake Stevens resident of 40 years was welcomed and sworn in

Open Seat

There is one open seat on the board. There have been some scheduling issues to get interviews. Unsure if we currently have applicants; we are looking for one more member.

Reports

Friends in the Lake Stevens library

Melissa K—the friends will participate in the Pride festival on June 24 at Lundeen park. Our first quarter book sales in March were \$1700. Book price of one dollar per book, which made it simpler and increased sales. We will have a book sale at Aquafest inside the Mill this year, and we currently have many gift baskets for sale in the library.

Sno Isle

- Lindsay reported on ideas to expand library access, ongoing lecture series and capital facilities, updates from around the Sno Isle district.
- Antoinette: new library in Lake Stevens has a site concept plan. It is newly posted on the website and it is designed to protect natural wetlands. Parking

space numbers to be determined. The building will be LEED certified and the building design will include community input; outdoor learning area already featured. The geotechnical report is completed. We are in the design phase for the next few months. The traffic and parking study is ongoing. In February, the fire department used the old houses on site for fire department training. In March, the buildings were removed including septic and concrete in the ground. The new Library will be 14,000 to 17,000 ft.² and one or two stories. It is still in the design phase, depending on the wetland buffer.

- Shaelynn asked a question: are there permits needing approval? How can we move things faster?
- Antoinette responded: to my knowledge nothing is in a holding pattern. Everything is moving forward.
- Antoinette gave a report on January through May programming highlights at the Lake Stevens branch.

City

Caitlin gave a report for the city about ongoing plans, studies and events that the city is conducting

Mary said she will be attending the pride event and is pleased to hear about the wetland buffer at the new library site. She also mentioned the community transit work group and requested everyone to please fill out the survey.

Board Comments

Melissa— excited to see things happening

Andy— also excited to see things happening

Shaelynn— to the city. What about the property next to the library? We don't have any information on what that will be used for and re-stated her desire for a park at Chapel Hill. The City owns it and it would complement the library

Emily said —it's awesome to see the support

Abe —interested in library services for GED programs and lifelong learning and connection to resources.

Mary thanked library supporters for supporting the Chapel Hill planning discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM. The next meeting is July 20.

*Respectfully submitted,
LeeAnn Balbirona*