



King County Library System Board of Trustees Special Meeting

KCLS Service Center
Noon ♦ May 5, 2016

PRESENT
(Teleconference)

KCLS BOARD

Angélica Alvarez
Robin McClelland
Robert Spitzer
Jim Wigfall

KCLS Staff

Maria Hatcher
Greg Smith
Gary Wasdin

MOTIONS APPROVED

1. Approve Site for Kent East Hill Library

CALL TO ORDER

President Rob Spitzer called the meeting to order at 12:02pm. All Trustees participated by phone.

ACTION ITEM

Facilities Director Greg Smith said staff has identified a 7,800 square-foot space in a shopping center in Kent where KCLS had previously conducted a site analysis for a different space in the same complex. The 2004 bond issue includes \$2.0M for a 6,000 square-foot tenant-improvement project in East Kent, so the new site provides an additional 2,000 square feet. The space is vacant and staff is anxious to move forward with the transaction as soon as possible.

Robin McClelland said the site analysis presented to her and Rob Spitzer at the April 27 Board meeting was thorough, and she believes the new site is an improvement over the previous option. She is fully supportive of moving forward but asked if KCLS was purchasing property or leasing space. Greg said staff is requesting the Board's approval to start negotiations on a lease agreement for the space.

Gary Wasdin said the new space sacrifices visibility, but added that this issue can be addressed with signage and advertising. He said the area has high traffic, and that costs are lower because the building is not free-standing.

Rob asked if there were any new developments with the site. Gary said the Kent Friends had previously expressed displeasure that a new, free-standing library wasn't being built in the area, but staff has had the opportunity to explain that the capital plan for East Kent has always been a tenant-improvement project. He said they also discussed the reasoning behind the site, and that even though the casino had better visibility from the road, the space itself is smaller.

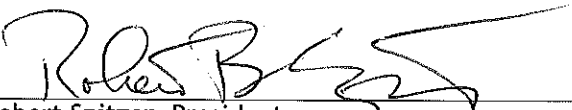
Robin suggested that staff extend an invitation to the Kent Friends to tour libraries at Southcenter, Crossroads and Lake Forest Park so members can see how libraries in shopping centers can be assets to their communities. Gary said they will extend an offer at the next Friends meeting.

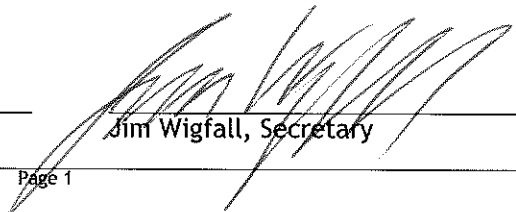
Jim Wigfall said he is familiar with the area and also thinks the space will be better than the casino.

There was no further discussion. *Angélica Alvarez moved approval to authorize staff to pursue negotiations to lease space for a new Kent East Hill Library. Jim Wigfall seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.


Robert Spitzer, President


Jim Wigfall, Secretary