

Library Commission Meeting

June 3, 2015

In attendance: Robb Farmer (Library Director), Ben Miyasato (Assembly liaison), Curt Ledford, Barbara Bingham, Alice Johnstone, Cindy Litman, Jan Love, Jane Eidler. Guests:

Old Business:

Library name change. Informal polling by library commission members indicates that most members of the community have no opinion about the about the proposed name change, from Kettleson Memorial Library to Sitka Public Library. When occasional strong opinions are expressed, they are generally opposed to the name change. There was agreement among commission members to wait until the end of the summer before making a decision about the name change.

Library schedule change update. The library will reduce its operating schedule by 8 hours a week. Annual savings of \$15,000 will come from reduced utilities and temporary staff. No changes in permanent staffing will occur. The reduction in hours still leaves ours of operation ahead of recommended best practice. Commission members believe this is a reasonable compromise in contrast to the original proposal to close the library one day a week. We agreed that library staff will decide on the new library schedule.

We agreed that a Commission member should attend the next Assembly meeting to share that the Commission is willing to reduce hours given the city financial crisis and the city's willingness to reconsider closing the library one day a week.

Construction report. Construction is proceeding on time and without incident.

Programming update.

- *Spelling Bee.* The annual Friends' spelling bee raised \$700.
- *May and June programs.* The library continues to offer very diverse programming. Programs are going well and are well-attended. Programs in May and June include the Film Noir Club, music and poetry presentations, a presentation by a criminal profiler, Tlingit storytelling, and more.
- *Summer reading programs.* Summer reading programs for children and adults are beginning.

Server migration update. Joanna Perensovich is doing fantastic work. Testing on the mock server is currently under way. Migration of data will begin this week. Some functions will have to stop during the two-an-a-half weeks of data migration. Final migration will be June 18, although this may change if the other 2 libraries joining the consortium experience problems. The library will be closed to the public June 17-18.

Sitkans will reap benefits from membership in the consortium—for example, Sitka will have access to the UAA library. The library anticipates that Sitka will do more borrowing than lending