

1 ORCAS ISLAND LIBRARY DISTRICT



3 Special Board Meeting Minutes

4 March 21, 2017

5 Library Board Vice-President Alexander Conrad called the Special Meeting to
6 order at 9:06 a.m. in the Library's Community Room. Also attending were
7 Trustees Martha Fuller, Teresa Patrick, and Jens Kruse; Library Director Phil
8 Heikkinen; guests Monty Coffey (The Woodsmen) and Emily Aring (Kabloom
9 Landscaping); and community members Leith Templin and Pierrette Guimond.

10 1. Welcome: Alex welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11 2. Additions and Modifications to the Agenda: Alex added a Public Comment
12 agenda item due to attendance by two community members.

13 3. Public Comment: Pierrette expressed support for the landscaping project,
14 though also concerns about maintenance, watering, and overall budget impact.

15 4. Landscaping Proposal:

- 16 • Phil gave an overview of the RFP process, proposal from Emily and Monty,
17 and request by the Board at the March 14 meeting for more details,
18 especially a plant list.
- 19 • Emily discussed the planting philosophy, including hardy plants that would
20 look good year-round; low watering needs; preserving views; moving from
21 smaller plants near the building to larger plants farther away. We would
22 need to water for the first summer or two until plants were established;
23 afterward, the plants would survive dry periods, though would flourish
24 more with some supplemental watering. Heavy mulching will help with
25 moisture retention.
- 26 • Attendees discussed alternatives for watering when needed, including hand
27 watering, soaker hoses, and drip irrigation.
- 28 • Discussion continued about plant choices, sizes, types of pots near the
29 entrance, and timeframe for planting during April.
- 30 • Different options and timeliness for planting and maintenance were
31 discussed for restoring the grassy areas, whether through reseeding,
32 hydroseeding, or using sod. This topic will be passed along to the
33 Landscaping Committee for consideration and recommendation.
- 34 • Discussion moved into budgeting, initial and ongoing maintenance, and
35 possible use of volunteers.
- 36 • Monty and Emily confirmed that they will provide the materials of the type
37 and quantity they described, and the labor to do the work they described,
38 for no more than \$46,725, barring extreme unforeseen circumstances.

- 39 • Martha nominated Teresa to the Landscaping Committee for consideration
40 by the President.
- 41 • Emily will send Phil a Pinterest link to share with the Board, showing
42 photos of plant categories to be used for the project.
- 43 5. Public Comment: Leith talked about traffic flow around the Library entrance
44 and financing for the landscaping project. Pierrette recommended issuing a
45 public update on the landscaping plans.
- 46 6. Martha made a **MOTION** to approve the landscaping proposal as submitted by
47 Kabloom and The Woodsmen, totaling up to \$46,725; Alex seconded, and the
48 **MOTION** passed unanimously.
- 49 7. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by
50 the Vice-President at 10:27 a.m.
- 51 Submitted by Phil Heikkinen.

52 Approved: _____