

New London Library and Museum

Special Meeting of the Board of Director's—January 30, 2008

The special meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ron Steinhorst at 2:30 p.m. Present: Sue Krejcarek, Christine Bermann, Ron Steinhorst, Ken Renning, Library Director Ann Hunt, Museum Director Angie Seidl, Councilman Gary Henke. Missing were Mary Tobey and Judy McDaniel.

Sue, Angie and Ann met Tuesday, January 29, 2008 to prepare the packet that will be given to the Personnel and Finance Committee on February 6th. Included in this packet will be a graphic of the site, possible questions from the public, information from Lon Frye, the Seattle Packet, and an executive summary of The Program and Space Planning for a Future Library. The theme is “Put a library downtown and people will come!” The library would serve as an anchor for downtown development. The site desired for the proposed library is located in the property owned by the city—former location of the Wolf River Lumber Company. The museum would remain in the Carnegie building, which is where the library and museum are now located. The proposed library will be approximately 33,000 square feet housing a foyer/lobby, staff and administrative space, youth area, children’s area, young adults area, meeting room, computer space, study area, reference area, circulation desk/space, popular and non-fiction book space, and mechanical and maintenance. Parking for 94 vehicles is also included. This number is designated by city ordinance. Hopefully, the proposed library will attract other community groups and activities to this same area. Statistical information was assembled. The Library and Museum Board asks for the Personnel and Finance Committee along with the City Council to approve a site for the proposed library in the property owned by the city in the former location of the Wolf River Lumber Company. The Board is hoping for a firm commitment by December 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine C. Bermann--Secretary