



LIBRARY TASK FORCE MINUTES

**Thursday, July 19, 2007
5:30 p.m. Keizer City Hall
City Manager's Office**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** ~ The meeting was called to order at 6:00 when a quorum was attained.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present

Richard Walsh
Lea Jenny
Lore Christopher
Art Burr

Absent:

Jim Taylor
Eric Meurer
Lyndon Zaitz

Also Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Chris Eppley, City Manager
Jan Deardorff, Technical Advisor
Ruth Metz, Library Consultant

Various Interested Citizens

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ~ Because of the late start the meeting proceeded directly to business with the Ruth Metz, Library Consultant.

4. **DISCUSSION WITH LIBRARY CONSULTANT** ~ Chair Walsh and Mayor Christopher gave a detailed overview of the history of past efforts to establish a library in Keizer; partnerships that have worked well for the city and those that have not; the likelihood of a funding measure being approved by local voters; the concept of a "nitch" or "21st Century" library; and the use of volunteers in Keizer.

In discussing the 21st Century project, Chair Walsh voiced opposition to creating a smaller version of the Salem Library which would provide the same mix of books, magazines, and resources but would be smaller and inferior to Salem Public Library in every area of library service. He explained that the threshold library would use the limited resources available to create a traditional 25,000 sq foot library with 13 staff in Keizer to try to "do it all" and be mediocre in every area of service; however, the 21st Century model would provide a very basic branch level for traditional library services with less staff, books and building space, and then use the savings to emphasize very specific areas of library services such as children's, senior and computer services. This library could be a gem in the system and actually reach or exceed the "excellent" levels of service in those selected areas of service.

Discussion followed regarding citizen support of a library, former task force reports and results of citizen surveys. Ms. Metz was encouraged to find out what sort of library, if any, the citizens of Keizer would support and to what financial extent they would support it.

5. ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:35 when the quorum was lost.

Next meeting ~ August 2, 2007

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