

March 31, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City Council of the City of Newport met on the above date in a Town Hall meeting at the Newport Library. Present were Roumagoux, Beemer, Allen, Swanson, Busby, and Saelens. Sawyer was absent.

Staff present was City Manager Nebel, City Recorder Hawker, Library Director Smith, Police Chief Miranda, Parks and Recreation Director Protiva, Library staff Rebecca Cohen and Stacy Johns.

Presenter in attendance: Ruth Metz.

Public in attendance was: Shelly Burnett, Patti Littlehales, Barb Burgess, Frances Clause, Gretchen Havner, Richard Kilbride, Sharon Beardsley, Autumn Belloni, Sue Fowler, Maryann Bozza, Alisha Kern, and others.

Media present: Dave Morgan, News Lincoln County and Dennis Anstine, Newport News-Times.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Roumagoux welcomed the audience and introduced Council and City Manager Nebel. Nebel introduced the staff in attendance.

Roumagoux read the Town Hall meeting guidelines.

PRESENTATION BY RUTH METZ, OF RUTH METZ ASSOCIATES REGARDING THE LIBRARY'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUILDING ANALYSIS

Smith reported that it was concluded that the Library's future needs had to be addressed, and toward that end, a consultant was retained to look at the workflow of the building and develop a strategic plan. He noted that the facility analysis looked at the existing building footprint with an eye toward identifying efficiencies. Smith introduced Ruth Metz.

Metz made a PowerPoint presentation encompassing an overview of her firm's analysis. She reported that the key elements are the strategic plan, the technical review, and the interior design. Metz reported that this was a community process that included lots of outreach. She noted that a purpose statement, vision statement, and value statement of staff were crafted for the Library.

Metz reported that Lucien Kress performed the technology review of the Library. He noted that the existing foundation is strong, and made some recommendations.

Metz reported that Kathy Page and Brenda Katz performed the facility assessment and developed future space needs recommendations.

Littlehales spoke in support of the Library and the work of staff and the consultants. Library Foundation members introduced themselves.

Metz and Smith responded to Council and audience questions. Metz concluded by recommending that a Library makeover be performed as soon as possible, and that the city begin to plan for an expansion to occur in seven to ten years.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.