

SAN JUAN ISLAND LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting for the Purposes of Public Engagement and Planning
In person at Brickworks
November 18th, 2025

1) Call to Order: President Karen Vedder called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm.

Members Present: Boyd Pratt, Karen Vedder, Barbara Sharp, John Aschoff

Staff Present: Laurie Orton, Anthony Morris, Kasey Rasmussen

Total Attendance: approx. 55

2) New Business:

a) Public Engagement & Planning for New Library Project

John welcomed attendees and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. He introduced the steering committee members, staff, and trustees present, and introduced consultants Stephanie Ingram and Sharon Khosla from Fivedot, Leah Martin and Barbara Buseti from Allied8, and Vinita Sidhu from SiteWorkshop.

Boyd shared the takeaways from the feedback we received on goals, values, ideas for the new library building project at the October 22nd public meetings. He summarized community priorities for the site, for the design/architecture/features, for outdoor space and green areas, and for interior spaces. Boyd also reviewed priorities that the library team had already identified.

In preparation for the design activity, Sharon reviewed the process of creating Fivedot's *August 2025 Assessment Report*, which included site visits to comparable regional libraries, discussions with library staff, measurements of space in the current building, and comparisons of different square footage options and their associated opportunities for program and space expansions. Leah followed with a brief overview of the site opportunities taken into account at the 660 Spring St. property, including the site orientation, grade, current ingress/egress routes, location of mature trees, and more.

Stephanie explained the design activity and attendees divided into small groups for the breakout session. Following the small group design session, which lasted approximately 30 minutes, groups reconvened to present their designs. Further discussion was held in groups following the presentations, and finally common design elements/themes were identified, including:

- Attention to native vegetation/beautification along the Spring St./pedestrian access side of the property
- Parking located on the north side of the property
- Separate spaces for teens and preteens
- Groupings of specialty rooms and spaces, and use of meeting room groupings as buffers between different areas/noise levels

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- Inclusion of green space throughout the property
- A pedestrian entrance on the Spring St. side of the property
- All mature trees preserved
- Traffic flow routed around the edges of the property
- Prominent and visible location of the main structure right off the Spring St. roundabout

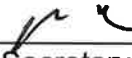
John wrapped up the meeting with an overview of the next steps the board will take in the design process. A special board meeting will be held on December 16th for the board and consultants to work on the design. He announced the next public meeting for February 12th, 2026, at which the library will present a conceptual design of the new library building for feedback, as well as a projected project timeline. Board members and staff thanked attendees for their participation.


3) Adjournment

MSC Barbara Sharp moved and Boyd Pratt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Board Secretary
Signed by:


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Board President

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