

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 6:10 pm.

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

Staff Present: Laurie Orton, Anthony Morris, Kasey Rasmussen

Total Attendance: approx. 45

2) New Business:

a) Public Engagement & Planning for New Library Project

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

Boyd reviewed the feedback received at the October 22nd meetings on goals, values, and ideas for the new library building project. He summarized the community priorities identified at those meetings for the site, for the design/architecture/features, for outdoor space and green areas, and for interior spaces. He also reviewed the priorities already identified by the library board, staff, and consultants.

Sharon recapped the work Fivedot did to produce the *August 2025 Assessment Report*, including site visits to comparable regional libraries, discussions with library staff and board members, measurements of space in the current building, and comparisons of different square footage options and their associated opportunities for program and space expansions. She also reviewed the assets and constraints of the 660 Spring St. property, such as the site orientation, grade, current ingress/egress routes, and location of mature trees.

Stephanie explained the guidelines and instructions for the small group design exercise. Attendees spent approximately 30 minutes in their groups creating a site design, after which the groups reconvened and presented their designs. After designs were presented, discussion was held on favorite design ideas and common themes. Attendees identified the following common themes/design elements:

- Adult section located on the south side of the building for lots of natural light
- Separate exterior entrances for meeting rooms
- Separate spaces for children, teens, and preteens, located away from the adult section

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- ADA and short-term parking at the front and a larger parking lot at the back of the property
- Attention to sightlines from the street and views from windows/avoiding views of the parking lot
- Small private meeting rooms in addition to larger meeting rooms

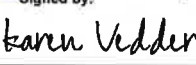
Anthony shared the next steps the board will take in the design process. A special board meeting will be held on December 16th for the board and consultants to work on the design, and a public meeting will be held on February 12th to present a conceptual design to the community for feedback, as well as share an estimated project timeline. Board members and staff thanked attendees for their participation.

3) Adjournment

MSC Boyd Pratt moved and John Aschoff seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Board Secretary
Signed by:


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Board President

Approved:

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