

MINUTES
NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
SEPTEMBER 17, 1987

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Judy Elliott
Gerry Harthun
Mary Kerns
LaVerne McIntosh

STAFF

Doreen Turpen
Jim Watson

OTHERS

Bonnie Arbogast
Barry Post
Linda Lowe
Julie Want

ABSENT:

Stew Harris

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Gerry Harthun.

Other business was postponed and the Chair moved directly to new business.

CHEHALEM VALLEY LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FINAL REPORT:
Introductions were made as there were several members of the advisory committee present.

Discussion was held on the report. Committee members responded to questions raised by the City Manager, Jim Watson, as to the background of their work. He questioned the recommendation for a two thirds/one third split for use of the proposed level of revenue from the district and why the cost of the building was left out. Committee members summarized the topics that they had covered in the past year in reaching their recommendations. They noted their stand that the construction costs of the building were not voted on by people living outside the City, therefore, there were legal difficulties in passing on repayment costs. They also noted that those living outside the City did not have any rights associated with use of the building. Committee members indicated that the statements in the report relating to use of funds from the proposed district were made because of their desire to see improvements made in library services and the materials available. They continued that they did not see that as a hard and fast ratio for long-term. The intent was to assure that there would be some additional benefit to all taxpayers served by the library and that the level of service provided by the library could be brought closer to minimum standards. Mr. Watson indicated that he was trying to strike a fair distribution of costs between City residents and non-residents.

MOTION: Kerns/Elliott that the Library Board adopt the concepts as presented in the Chehalem Valley Library Demonstration Project Final report, realizing that the intent is to provide mutual benefits for both residents of the proposed district and the residents of the City. Furthermore, that the Board recommend that the Newberg City Council support the proposed concept of a library district that would contract with the City to provide library services to those currently unserved. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Elliott/McIntosh to accept the consent calendar. Motion carried.

Board members concurred to hold other items until the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.