



LIBRARIES

LIBRARY BOARD FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023, 2PM
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MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Carmen Cuthbertson, Jane Wheeler, Wendy Brown, Ashley Cummins, Teri Dugan.

- A. Call to Order:** J. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- B. Potential Future Library Properties and Updates:** The facilities committee discussed future possibilities of library locations.
- Discussion of potential locations for the Kalispell branch involves extensive research. No final decisions have been made or are ready to be reached.
 - Wheeler noted that, according to the information from the National Historic Register, the interior of the Depot Building burned in the 1920s but was restored for use until the 1950s. The outside of the building has been renovated but similar to the original.
 - The vision of the facilities committee is to see the Kalispell branch library in a central location that will serve a thriving community and act as an activity hub.
 - The library has, and will serve as an anchor for the downtown center of Kalispell. The 700+ people that use the library daily bring traffic to all businesses and services around it.
 - From approximately 25 properties, the facilities committee has narrowed its focus to 4 properties which require further research as potential locations for the Kalispell branch. They include the vacated Herbergers property, the ex-Cenex tank farm at 55 4th Ave. EN, the Wright/Kalispell Lumber site at 800 W. Idaho, and the former train depot at 15 Depot Park. All properties are privately owned, with the exception of the property at Depot Park, which is owned by the city of Kalispell.
 - The facilities committee will ask the Library Board of Trustees for a motion/guidance to help them focus their efforts.
- C. Meeting Adjourned:** J. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.