

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2006

Director's Report and Highlights

June 20, 2006

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Some actions you will be taking at Tuesday's meeting:

2007 Budget

Approve 2007 Rates and Fees: We discussed library rates and fees at the May Board meeting, and our current fees were included in that Board packet. **We need a motion on our 2007 rates and fees.**

Approve 2007 Capital Requests: I have attached a summary of our capital projects to the project spreadsheet. The summary will help you understand how the figures were derived. **We need a motion on our 2007 Capital Requests.**

Strategic Planning

On our behalf, Patty Fernandez from Public Works enquired about the potential for purchasing the property next door to Fairhaven. The response she received was that the owner is not interested in selling. She also received the lease price, and heard that the owner had an interested party. **Your decision on this property will be on the agenda for action.**

And other items of interest:

Personnel Update

v We celebrated our Annual Page Appreciation Day, when we recognize the important work our Pages do for the library customers and staff!

v Iris was selected to receive this quarter's "Leadership Award" given by Mayor Mark. In his comments, the Mayor referred to "the essence of Iris" - an unsung heroine who exemplifies the City's core competencies of teamwork, customer service, and results orientation. Iris is a leader in 'thinking outside the box', new ways of doing 'the usual', and working for greater efficiencies. June 15 was "Iris Kaneshige Day" around the library!

Program Partnerships

v Bellehaven's own Jo Dereske (author of *Miss Zukas* books and others) is appearing here on July 18th, in partnership with Whatcom Community College.

v We are jazzed to be the only library in the State of Washington to receive this grant, and are in company with such places as Denver, Phoenix, Berkeley, New Orleans, Princeton, and Dallas public libraries; Brown University and Georgetown University. Our project coordinator is Jud Sherwood from The Jazz Project here in Bellingham, and our scholar is Violet Malone from Western Washington University.

Stay tuned!