



Date: June 1, 2012

To: Chair Stephen Albers and Members of the Board

From: Neel Parikh, Executive Director

Subject: University Place Library Update

The following has taken place in the last month in regard to University Place:

Closing: As I related to you, I signed the closing documents on the condominium, taking ownership of the University Place Library and conveying Lot 9 to University Place. First American Title reports that the documents were recorded on May 23, 2012. The policies of title insurance will be completed and sent to Bill Holt this week.

LEED Certification: As I reported during the Board meeting, we were notified that we have received LEED Silver certification. Lorie Erickson is in the process of ordering the certificate/plaque. Mary Getchell sent out a press release publicizing the award of LEED certification. Our representative felt that we eligible for Gold, but it would have required further document and expense to receive that status.

Atrium Art: As I reported during the last Board meeting, we had heard that the City of University Place approved a project to place a signature art piece in the atrium. Based on this information and working with Bill Holt, I created the attached letter outlining the city's responsibilities related to such art.

After receiving the letter, City Attorney Steve Victor clarified the status of the project. Apparently Debbie Klowoski attended a city council meeting during the "presentation" portion of the meeting. She did not provide any notice or materials in advance of what she intended to discuss and no one knew anything about the art proposal. Ms. Klowoski asked for the council's "go ahead", however there were many unanswered questions. She did not receive any authorization to proceed. The council requested that the matter come back within their normal process, as a study session item, with full information from proponents and if it proceeded further from there, the matter would eventually end up as a formal resolution describing the project and the process for consideration by the council. As of now, the city has not been contacted by the proponents and no study session has been scheduled. The proponents have also advised that there is no identified source of funding apart from a potential multi-year private fund-raising effort.

Steve Victor felt the Library terms were both reasonable and appropriate and stated that should this come to the resolution stage, the library terms would be included.

Town Center: I was contacted by Steve Sugg regarding the expansion space. Apparently the owners of the apartment complex are interested in developing a site office. After exploring other options, they have asked the city if they could create the office in the expansion space. Steve wanted to know if the Library was going to want/need to expand sooner than planned. He indicated the office would probably be there around three years. Apparently the developers are considering more apartments in the Town Center. I told Steve that although the library is quite busy and full, unfortunately we do not have the resources at this point to purchase the space and expand. I thanked him for his call and for keeping us up to date.

Frog & Kiwi: The café opened Tuesday, May 29. Although it was a 'soft launch', the owner reported that they still have decent business and all is running smoothly. Several staff members have dropped by and report the food is good.