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DIRECTOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2016

COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND INTERLIBRARY RELATIONS:

NEW SERVICES:

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Update of the Public Area: The project is moving ahead. We have met with AcV2 to put together the bid, choosing the color schemes and carpet samples for the updated areas. We consulted with Rod Johnson, Public Works, and he will help getting the bid through the Public Works committee on November 14 and then past City Council on November 21. We hope to have acceptable bids back by December 13. We will have a special board meeting on December 14 to review bids and, if all goes well, to have the City Council award the contract on December 19.

Landscaping: We are looking onto landscaping in the area in front of the door to replace the rocks.

Black Hills Area Library Conference: Thirty-eight people attended the half-day event focusing on storytelling and programming ideas for children and teens. I received two emails thanking us for the opportunities: one from Piedmont and the other from Hill City.

Strategic Planning: The Chapman Group held another World Café meeting last week (Nov. 29) at Nummies (in the Creamery). Even though a very cold night, we had around twenty-five participants, ranging from high school student to retirees. The areas of greatest interest included a café and more meeting room space. I know they are planning a few more world cafes, one specifically with high school students. We have been promised a draft of the plan early in 2017.

Quarterly County Commission Update: There were no questions from the commissioners.

City press release:

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

RAPID CITY--The City's Government Efficiency Committee held its first meeting Thursday to initiate the process of reviewing the City's relationship with various agencies.



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The seven-member group is analyzing the City's relationship with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Dahl Arts Center, Meadowbrook and Executive Golf Courses, Journey Museum, Rapid City Public Library and the Humane Society of the Black Hills.

Committee members include Tim Doorn, Dick Leir, LaFawn Janis, PJ Haar, Dane Oman, Heather Fornay, and Council member Amanda Scott.

"The work of this Committee will focus on one organization at a time," said Mayor Steve Allender. "The goals are to better understand the relationship with the City, City Council and Citizens of Rapid City and the benefit of each program."

The Committee's focus is to gather data, evaluate criteria and make a recommendation to the mayor on how the City should move forward with each relationship and will likely include discussions with the organizations involved.

There is no time line scheduled for completion of the overall review or the reviews of each organization.

I will keep you updated on how this proceeds.

Chaos:

November was a little less chaotic in the Makerspace this month. We didn't have luck with our Stop Motion program on Wednesday nights; however, we had a local entrepreneur at our Monday Night Makers meeting stop by. His company is called 7400 Circuits, and he was interested in potentially getting involved in our makerspace and community.

The big selling point in CHAOS this month was our Paper Roller Coaster Build program. Throughout the month, kids, teens and adults were able to contribute to our roller coaster made of paper by making a support column, track, loop or some other piece that a marble could race through. The final build reached just over 5 feet (61"). We had 152 participants who contributed to the build and many more who came by just to drop a marble in the run.

CHAOS staff spent time training on the Tinkercad 3D modeling tool this month in preparation for our Drop in and Design an Ornament or Bookmark program. During December, people can stop by and learn from staff how to create a 3D model of an ornament or bookmark and have their creation printed for free on one of our 3D printers. In December, we expect to be busier with more programs happening than what we had in November.

Children's librarian: We will wait until the first of the year to readvertise this position.

Foundation Center Database (continuation): I spoke with Jessica Gromer and Sandy Diegel about a plan for us to work cooperatively with them to make this database available to library users. My proposal is for the Vucurevich Foundation to pay for the database for one year and for the library to designate one staff person as coordinator for research and to possibly teach grant writing, but NOT to write grants. They will bring the idea to their board in December.

Media coverage:

NewsCenter 1: <http://www.newscenter1.tv/story/33699462/local-thinkers-convene-for-socratic-discussion-KEVN/KOTA>:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=5350&DateTime=11%2F20%2F2016+10%3A10%3A01+PM&Term=Rapid+City+Public+Library&PlayClip=TRUE>



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NewsCenter1: <http://www.newscenter1.tv/clip/12913667/rapid-city-public-library-shows-importance-of-family-recipes>



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