

**Omak Public Library Board Meeting Report**  
**Conducted remotely via Zoom**  
**June 8, 2020**

**Members present:** Cynthia Tollefson, Betsy Rainsford, Lorraine Derig and Librarian Sharon Reddick.

**Minutes** from May read and approved.

**Bills** presented and approved for payment:

- City of Omak: water, sewer, storm- \$152.98
- PUD: power, lights- \$99.46.

**Old Business:**

~ Nancy O Neil contacted the city about the Native Plant Garden and a crew of 5 came to view the project. They agreed to install new landscaping fabric and new gravel. The city crew recommended and offered to do the additional work of taking out some overgrown bushes on the South side of the building that had been growing out over the sidewalk and where homeless people had been sleeping. The city will replace the bushes with pea gravel and decorative boulders. Pea gravel was chosen over plum sized river rocks because of safety concerns that the larger rocks could be thrown and cause damage. The board approved the plant removal plan and appreciate the city crew's partnership in offering to do this work.

~There are no new candidates for new board members yet. The board will keep this in mind and try to have names for next month's meeting.

**New Business:**

~ Todd McDaniel inquired when the library would reopen and Sharon informed him that would be during phase 3 which looks like it may be sometime in mid to late July. All five counties in NCRL service area will have to be in phase 3 in order for the Omak library to open because books and materials are shared throughout all the counties. Books and materials will still have to be quarantined. Todd offered financial help for the quarantine process. NCRL will cover those costs, but we are very grateful for Todd's offer and support.

~Tommye at the Police station told Sharon the pool will be closed this summer. Tommye was concerned about the kids having something fun to do and was hoping the library would open soon. Sharon explained how the library will open when all is ready. At this time the librarians are doing online training and meetings and planning for the future.

~When it was announced that the George Floyd March for Peace was starting at Omak Civic League Park next to the library, Barb Walters, the regional director for NCRL was supportive of it being started near the library. The senior class organized this event and the board thought it was valuable, well organized and well attended.

~Sharon read a note from Sue Radek thanking the board for a rose bush gift certificate. Thanks Sharon for purchasing the gift! We will miss Sue and appreciate Cynthia for taking on the chairperson duties.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be July 13, 2020 via Zoom.  
Respectfully Submitted, Betsy Rainsford