

May 27, 2016

To: The Mayor and City Council Members of Sedro Woolley

Fr: Loretta Saarinen

Re: May 25, City Council Meeting

I want to apologize for going over the allotted time, at the May 25 Council Meeting, during the public comment session. It was not my intention to do so. I wrote out and timed my comments to make sure it did not exceed the three minutes.

The request I made, at the end of my comments, may not have been heard and have enclosed it below:

“I’m respectfully requesting that you, as elected officials, fulfill your responsibility of providing venues for dialogue on this proposal and engage with your constituents. The people who elected you, in good faith, to serve them.

I propose that each district council member hold a library proposal public forum in their ward. Then afterwards, a city wide forum be held. Only after this democratic process of identifying resident’s needs, their ideas and solutions have been weighed, can the proposal proceed.

If there is a final proposal it would be decided by vote, as is our right and responsibility.”

I thank you for reading and considering this proposal.