

HIGH PLAINS LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNICATION

Meeting date: January 15, 2018
Type of item: Information
Subject: Moving the Lochbuie Public Computer Center
Presented by: Elena Rosenfeld, Associate Director of Community Engagement

Background

In November 2017, Hudson Library Director Terri Redden asked for the District to assess the possibility of moving the Lochbuie Public Computer Center (PCC), currently housed at the After Glows, Inc. Senior Center, to the new Lochbuie Town Hall.

Objective

The goal of the change of venue is to determine whether a different location will increase PCC use or if the PCC is simply of little interest to the community.

History

For the first four years since its inception in May 2011, the PCC has averaged about 52 uses per month. However, since 2015, use has steadily declined. In 2015, the average dropped to 30 uses and in 2017 use averaged at about 27 uses per month.

Thanks to the partnership with the Hudson Public Library, this PCC has remained open despite the dropping use. The opportunity to try a new location to determine whether the service is still valuable is an exciting one.

Steps thus far

Terri Redden, Elena Rosenfeld, Rosa Granado, and Susan Staples visited the Lochbuie Town Hall on November 16, 2017 to assess the facility and talk to a representative about general needs to make the transition successful.

At this point, a rough plan of action has been drafted. If all goes well, a new PCC can be in place in July 2018 and the PCC in the Senior Center can be decommissioned in August 2018. Actual costs are being determined but a rough estimate, not including labor, is that startup costs will fall in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range. There will be ongoing costs to support the PCC.

Next steps

A scope of the change including a project plan, schedule and detailed costs along with any required agreements will be available in February.