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Date: October 10, 2017
To: The Board of Supervisors
From: John Presleigh, Director, Jeff Gaffney, Director of Parks, Open Spaces & Cultural Services
Subject: Live Oak Library Annex Project

On January 24, 2017, your Board received a report and approved a work plan for the Measure S funded Santa Cruz County Library Projects. The County's Measure S library funding allocation includes \$5 million for upgrades at the Live Oak Library and a new Live Oak Library Annex. At that time, it was reported that discussions were underway to define the types of programs and facilities that could improve library services and to identify a location for the library annex. The purpose of this report is to share the outcome of those discussions and to recommend a concept and preliminary work plan for the Live Oak Library Annex Project.

Beginning in November 2016, Supervisor Leopold convened a working group including representatives from the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Live Oak School District, Santa Cruz Boys and Girls Club, County Parks, County Administrative Office and Public Works. The group discussed the need for learning facilities not otherwise available at the existing Live Oak Branch Library, opportunities to partner together to provide a wide variety of learning programs, and the interest in identifying a central Live Oak location for a library annex. Working in collaboration, the following goals were developed for the Live Oak Library Annex Project:

- Create a learning environment which serves all ages and provides gathering spaces which encourage intergenerational activities
- Provide learning facilities not available at the existing Live Oak Library branch that are free to the public
- Locate the facility in a central location accessible to the Live Oak community
- Design the facility to function in partnership with other community organizations maximizing the opportunities for collaborative and engaging programming as well

as providing the most efficient use of resources and personnel, and

- Leverage past investment in existing community institutions

With these goals in mind, discussion of possible locations quickly focused on the existing facilities located on 17th Avenue which include Shoreline Middle School, the Simpkins Family Swim Center and Live Oak Community Center, and the Live Oak Clubhouse of the Santa Cruz Boys and Girls Club. The vision that emerged was to locate the annex at Simpkins Swim and Community Center and to enhance the physical and programmatic connections between the County facility, the Boys and Girls Club, and Shoreline Middle School. This presents the opportunity to create a dynamic community center environment including the swim center, a new learning center-library annex, and the Boys and Girls Club with connections to Shoreline Middle School, Schwan Lake State Park and the future rail trail. Similar facilities can be found at the Antioch Community Center and Centennial Recreation Center in Morgan Hill.

The scope and budget for the project will require additional study and refinement during the next phase of work; however, the working group agreed that the Measure S funded facilities could include a flexible, centrally located space that could be used by both small groups and individuals for reading and conversation with access to a small collection of library materials and technology; a classroom program space for story time, meetings, trainings and classes; small group study rooms; access to a flexible outdoor space for gatherings, performances and other classes; places for regular visits of the book mobile and bike mobile; connection to fiber optic lines; expanded parking as needed; and other site improvements to enhance the physical connection between adjacent facilities. It is anticipated that these improvements would require the construction of a new addition to the existing building and at least some renovation of existing facilities at Simpkins Swim and Community Center.

It is also proposed that feasibility studies and planning for the library annex include other upgrades to the existing facility to further activate the community center concept. These include the opportunity for an enterprise kitchen in the existing commercial kitchen, perhaps operated by the Boys and Girls Club, offering food in conjunction with a small indoor and/or outdoor café space; a child care center; a room for exercise equipment; covering the warm water pool; and covering the Boys and Girls Club basketball court. Staff proposes to develop funding strategies for these ideas as part of feasibility study and concept plan for the overall concept.

With approval of the concept for a new learning center-library annex located at the Simpkins Swim and Community Center, the next step would be to select a consultant to prepare a feasibility study and concept plan. This work would include design studies, community meetings, cost estimates, and conclude with a final project scope and financing plan. This phase would be followed by development of preliminary plans, development permit approvals, preparation of construction documents, and construction. Staff proposes that the Preliminary Work Plan for Measure S Library

Projects be updated as shown on the attachment to include the following timeframes for the Live Oak Library Annex Project: Project Start Up - begin Fall 2016; Design and Approvals - Spring 2018 through Winter 2020; and Construction - Spring 2020 through Spring 2021.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Accept and file this report on the Live Oak Library Annex Project;
2. Approve the concept and location for the Live Oak Library Annex Project as described herein; and
3. Direct the departments of Public Works and Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services to return December 12, 2017 with a Request for Proposals for Design Consultant Services for the Live Oak Library Annex Project.

Submitted by:


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Recommended:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Administrative Officer

Attachments:

- a Updated Preliminary Work Plan Measure S Library Projects

Attachment

**PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN
MEASURE S LIBRARY PROJECTS
Revised October 2017**

Library	Project Start Up	Design & Approvals	Construction
Felton Library	Complete	Fall 2016 - Spring 2018	Fall 2018 - Fall 2019
La Selva Beach Library	Begin Summer 2017	Winter 2018 - Spring 2019	Fall 2019 - Winter 2019
Boulder Creek Library	Begin Summer 2017	Summer 2018 - Fall 2019	Spring 2020 - Fall 2020
Live Oak Library	Begin Summer 2017	Winter 2019 - Spring 2020	Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
Aptos Library	Begin Summer 2017	Spring 2018 - Spring 2020	Summer 2020 - Fall 2021
Live Oak Annex	Begin Fall 2016	Spring 2018- Winter 2020	Spring 2020 – Spring 2021

Notes

1. Project Start Up includes development of project scope, budget and process, determination of project delivery approach, and consultant selection process
2. Design & Approvals includes conceptual, preliminary and final design, community input, development building permits and other approvals, as required
3. Construction includes construction of improvements, and will be followed by move-in and opening which may take up to 2 months.

Attachment: Updated Preliminary Work Plan Measure S Library Projects (Live Oak Library Annex Project)