

August 6, 2017

Hello to 44 recipients of this update ~

Miscellaneous News

Three of us have been attending the ongoing meetings of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC), which was formed "*to help with the design of a new library*" (City Council motion 12/6/16).

Library Director Susan Nemitz has consistently spoken about the importance of including the general public in the workings of the DLAC. At the July 12 meeting (which included a tour of the Los Gatos library) committee member Martin Gomez asked "*How will we get feedback from the general public?*" Susan stated that "*how we engage with the public is a point of concern.*"

At the July 27 DLAC meeting, there was more discussion about how to engage the public and a decision was made to form a Communications Subcommittee to address public engagement to create a better community input plan.

While it is good to hear about concern for public engagement, in a cordial email to Susan I mentioned "*we have DLAC meetings that are supposed to be*

*available to the public but that the public does not know about because the meetings are **not advertised** to the public."* The net result of the concerns about public input is an agenda item on the upcoming August 9 DLAC meeting (6 - 8 pm at downtown library upstairs meeting room). Currently public comment is allowed toward the end of each 6 - 8 pm meeting (3 minute time limit per speaker).

Most Important Meeting

We encourage everyone to attend the September 13 DLAC meeting. Currently three options for the downtown library are on the table: 1) renovation of existing building, 2) a new building on the same site, and 3) a new library under a parking garage, even though so far the DLAC has expressed no interest in the parking garage option. All three options will be discussed and City staff will be presenting its euphemistically titled "shared space" option (aka library buried under 5 story parking garage).

The meeting on 9/13 is scheduled for the upstairs meeting room at the downtown library. Most meetings have been 6 - 8 pm, with public comment starting about 7:45 pm. The 9/13 meeting is 6 - 9 pm.

[Don't Bury The Library Web Site](#)

Navigating the SCPL web site to stay engaged in the workings of the DLAC is frustratingly difficult, to put it mildly. The DLAC itself will be found on a [Measure S](#) page but there is no menu item for Measure S on the SCPL home page. One has to know to go to the bottom of the page and find a link for Governance and Funding, get to that page, then scroll all the way down to finally find a link for Measure S.

Due to difficulties finding anything on the SCPL site, we have collected all pertinent documents and installed them on our user-friendly Don't Bury The Library web site. One may see the listing of these documents at <http://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com/documents.html>

Remember to ***mark your calendars for the important September 13 DLAC meeting*** and/or plan to attend the August 9th meeting. The DLAC needs to see more than 2 or 3 interested members of the general public at these meetings! Another update will be published about right after Labor Day. Meanwhile, please share this update and our web site with others. The Current work plan of the DLAC is shown below.

All the best,
Jean Brocklebank (Communications)

Michael Lewis (Webmaster)
 Judi Grunstra (Librarian)

Santa Cruz Downtown Library Advisory Committee: Work Plan/ Process Outline

Meeting Date/Place	Topics	Speakers	Outcomes
June 14, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. SC City Council Chambers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Context • Public Comment 	Library Director	
June 29, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Building Assessment • Tour 	Architect Library Director Branch Manager	
July 12, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Los Gatos Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st Century Library • Tour 	Architect Library Director	
July 27, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Scope • Siting criteria 	Architect Program Consultant	
August 9, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Input Plan • Code of Conduct • Services to Homeless • City Homeless Plan 	Communications Committee Library Staff Library Staff Assistant City Manager	Approve Community Input Plan
September 13, 2017 - 6-9pm Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Assessment (Renovate Option) • Program (Rebuild Option) • Site Criteria Draft (Move Option) • Shared Space (Move Option) 	Noll & Tam Program Consultant Noll & Tam City Staff	Approve Siting Criteria

September 28, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Summary • Demographic/Use Data • Review of Community Input • Public Comment 	Library Staff Library Staff Library Staff	Approve Program Priorities
October 11, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Analysis • Review Program • Public Comment 	Architect Library Director	
October 26, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Draft • Recommendation Discussion • Public Comment 	Library Director	
November 8, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options Communication Process Draft Plan 	Library Director	Approve Options Public Process Plan
December 13, 2017 - 6pm Downtown Library Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback From the Public Process • Recommendation 	Library Director	Approve Recommendation

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