

January 24, 2018

A *reminder* to all that the DLAC will meet **Thursday (1/25 at 6:30 pm)** to review and approve the final report of the DLAC to go to the City Council.

Public Comment comes at the end of the agenda, *after they have approved the report*. So attending this meeting will be for entertainment value only, not for being heard before the vote of the DLAC on their report.

Still, it is important to show up and reiterate, for the record, that not only the process but the conclusions are faulty. We're talking \$23 million dollars of public money, not just from voters of the City but of the entire County!

From the get go the three DLAC members who drafted the final report (Blair, Dubin, Martin) have been vehemently opposed to any consideration whatsoever of serious discussion of, or vision for, a creative, exquisite, renovation option for the downtown library that could meet program goals and design criteria. Between the three of them a renovation option never stood a chance.

Below is a link to their final report, to be approved by a vote of the full committee on Thursday (1/25). It is consistently bad, filled with unsubstantiated opinion, factual errors, biased presentation, and lacking the substantial comments from the only public meeting the committee held on 12/3/17.

https://www.santacruzpl.org/files/library_boards/documents/DLAC/DLAC_2018-01-25_agenda.pdf

One surprise is a report from the architects hired (Noll & Tam), that is dated **January 18, 2018** ... over a month after the DLAC last met and voted on the library/parking garage option.

We're just now seeing it. The public had no chance to review or comment on the Noll & Tam report, which begins by discussing how noisy the current downtown library is. Nor did the DLAC ever discuss this 1/18/18 report in public. Where's the transparency?

Unfortunately, the document has only been available for 2 days. Drafting comments on it will take some time. **Fortunately** we have plenty of time because this will not go to the City Council until March or April. More importantly, right now our best strategy is to not clean up the mess (their report) created by the DLAC, but rather let them approve it and then shoot holes through it.

Given this strategy, if one cannot attend the meeting tomorrow, we suggest the only comments to be emailed to the DLAC be of general opposition only to their choice of Option B. Comments may be emailed to the DLAC via sumanovargasi@santacruzpl.org with Comments to DLAC in the subject line.

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