

October 23, 2017

Hello All ~

We are down to the wire, sort of, with scheduled Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) meetings. Attendance at all three meetings is highly recommended!

This Thursday's meeting (10/26) will be followed by only two more. The schedule is shown on the DLAC Work Plan here:

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

The agenda for the 10/26 meeting is found here: https://www.santacruzpl.org/files/docs/measure_s/20171026_agenda.pdf

At the last DLAC meeting, one of the questions asked of the architects was why the renovation of the existing building had to be a *complete removal of everything except the skeleton of the building, including tossing all the furniture, shelves, etc. and replacing it all with new stuff*. This was my question and I think the DLAC and the public deserve to have a **Renovation Light Option** cost estimate, where only the most important remodeling be included and where most of the existing library need not be touched.

The reason the parking garage came out the cheapest is because the multi-storied parking building would be paid for by the City's Parking Authority, which would be reimbursed by ... those who park there. The library would be considered a tenant and would only pay for tenant improvements but not pay for the shell (foundation, walls and ceiling).

Interestingly, the City Manager is now saying that the multi-use building could be used for housing as well as other retail. Housing, of course, entices the community to support the library being part of such a "good" project. This new 5 story structure is being promoted as a solution to so many problems!

One thing is certain, the County Administrative Officer (Carlos Palacios), a Board member of the Library Joint Powers Authority (JPA), warned that the city should stay within budget (Measure S funds) at the 10/5 JPA meeting. This warning is not only for new construction but for maintenance into the future.

Hope to see some of the 55 of you receiving this update at the Thursday's meeting. Remember that Public Comment is accepted only towards the end of these 2 hour meetings and that one must sign in to be called to speak.

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