

Don't Bury The Library Update #29

Hello All ~

Our DBTL [website](#) continues to attract visitors. We've added our 119th recipient of these e-updates.

The *purpose of today's update* is to ... update.

- Right now things are static with the library/garage project. The City Council voted to proceed but as yet there is no published Request for Proposal (RFP) for the so-called multi-use structure (parking garage). Any RFP will have to be publicized, so until that happens there is basically no news to report.
- Until an architectural design for the parking garage emerges, there can be no RFP for an architectural design for a library as a tenant of the structure. There's a long way to go for that to happen. If ever. Right now there is no project (no RFP, no architectural blueprints, no consultations hired, no contractors awarded the project).
- We are monitoring any activity and will send an e-update when there is news to report.

Live Oak Library Annex

Those of you who read the Sentinel should have seen the following recent LTE on yet another troubling library project:

SC Sentinel
Letter-to-the-editor

<https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2018/10/26/letter-library-annex-just-another-bait-and-switch/>
October 27, 2018

Fast on the heels of the deceptive use of Measure S funds to move the downtown library into a parking garage comes another project playing fast and loose with taxpayer bond money. Measure S funds, intended to “improve and upgrade” the existing 10 branches in the county’s library system, will be spent on the Live Oak Annex, actually a remodel of the County Parks Department Simpkins Swim Center building. It essentially creates an eleventh branch, about a mile away from the existing Live Oak branch but with barely any books and staffed by County Parks personnel. Library staff will be present during planned library programs. This was presented at the Oct. 22 public meeting (attended by only 13 residents). How is this project justified as an acceptable use of Measure S funds intended for libraries, especially when the proposal includes non-library uses like cooking classes, yoga classes, and child care? — Judi Grunstra, Santa Cruz

For those interested in following the LO Annex project, DBTL has created a separate web page for the so-called [LO Annex](#). There are two drop down menu items from that page, one with documents and one with News and Articles.

To make sure that we are not sending unsolicited news, DBTL will initiate a *separate* LO Annex *e-mailing list* for updates. To be placed on that e-list, reply to this email with your request.

Other Miscellaneous Information

- DBTL received an email regarding concerns about public health impacts in a library in a garage. We can look at other parking garages in the city (e.g., the Front St. garage with a very fancy restaurant on the bottom floor). To date, and for years, there has been no evidence that a fully engineered separation from the parking garage levels is not functioning properly to assure human health. With enough money, air circulation to assure public health in the library would be likely be assured. So DBTL has never focused on air pollutants as a reason to not put the library in the garage.
- We remind all that if one has a specific concern about the parking garage component of the proposed project, the best contact to make is with the Campaign for Sensible Transportation ([CFST](#)). There you can also find information on City Council candidates and how they either oppose or support the library/garage project.

All the best,
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