

Subject: Don't Bury The Library Update #19

Hello Friends ~

Two City Council meetings that involve plans for the downtown library are now set. They are scheduled for June 12 (mid-afternoon) and June 19 (7:00 pm). This update concerns the **June 12** meeting only, although be sure to mark your calendars for the June 19th meeting as it will be a very, very important one for the library! We'll send another update before the June 19 meeting.

Meanwhile, here is the full agenda for the **June 12** meeting <http://scsire.cityofsantacruz.com/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=967&doctype=AGENDA>

The Council afternoon session begins at 1:00 pm but Agenda Item 20 *Downtown Study Session and Santa Cruz Community Farmers' Market Recommendation* comes after the Consent Agenda and after two other General Business items, so it is likely to be at least 2:30, maybe later before Item 20 is discussed.

Rick Longinotti (of the Campaign for Sustainable Transportation, leading the opposition to the parking garage as we work on the library itself) has suggested that this June 12 meeting is not THE specific meeting for discussion of the library-garage project. However, we must still either attend or email the Council and state our continued opposition to the sham DLAC process that precluded any meaningful study and discussion of a real renovation of the existing downtown library. We want a library that is independent of a parking garage.

For your convenience, click [HERE](#) to read the Staff report to the City Council for the **June 12** meeting. Please take the time to read it.

The report contains rationalizations for a new parking structure, a new library on the first floor of said structure and a new location for the Farmer's Market. All rationalizations are glowing (of course) and lacking details for decision-making (of course). All rationalizations are geared to convince the City Council that doing otherwise will take us back to the dark ages. Of course.

The library is identified to be part of "*best practices in downtown revitalization*" thusly: " ... *creating and reinvesting in our community spaces, like a new, modern library with the space, technology and amenities requested by community members and library patrons during the facilities master planning process and the subsequent strategic planning process;*"

We find it curious that the City stole our theme words (remodel, renovate, refurbish, rehabilitate, and renew) to add *revitalization* to their best practices rhetoric.

Our campaign's emphasis has always been that a truly creative renovation of the existing library, seriously considered, can deliver the "*space, technology and amenities requested by community members.*" Such a seriously considered renovation option continues to be our goal and our

message to the City Council.

Please plan to attend the **June 12** meeting, holding signs that say **Don't Bury The Library**. If unable to attend then please take the time to email the City Council with the same, simple message (citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com). They need to hear from all 102 of you who are receiving this update.

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