

Update #20 June 15, 2018

THIS IS IT ...

June 19 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers is the most important meeting of the year for those who want to save the downtown library.

Your attendance and/or your emails to Council are absolutely imperative! We need 100 people on the 19th or 100 emails to the Council (citycouncil@cityofsantacruz.com) **no later than Monday at 5:00 pm.**

From the agenda packet <http://scsire.cityofsantacruz.com/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=1091&doctype=AGENDA>:

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive a report and presentation on the (1) Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) recommendation for the Downtown Branch and (2) Downtown Parking Rates Strategy.

Granted, we don't know if a motion will be made to "*receive*" the report or to accept the report as a means to get going on the DLAC recommendation to build a new library in a new parking garage ... even though we all know the decision has probably been made. Still, enough people can turn that decision around!

This meeting is especially important for residents to say "*Whoa! The DLAC report was made without any consideration of a legitimate renovation option for the downtown branch.*"

Guidelines for effective statements at the meeting or in emails to the Council:

- Please ***focus your comments on the library***. Others will be speaking about the Farmers' Market and the parking garage.
- State your preference for renovation and revitalization of the existing library.
- State any personal knowledge of how the public was never really engaged by the Downtown Library Advisory Committee, which seemed to turn deaf ears on any comment at the end of its meetings that favored renovation.
- Say if you like the library right where it has been for 115 years, that this location means something, that history counts even in a modern society!
- Request that the City Council find a way to reconsider renovation before moving forward with plans to abandon the library and put it in a parking garage.

As Mayor David Terrazas wrote in his own Sentinel OpEd: "*We should show our respect for the past by....doing a better job of taking care of what we have. We don't just start over from*

scratch...throwing away everything from our past. Instead, we renew. We revitalize. We transform." 12/20/17 Santa Cruz Sentinel

Let's all get to this meeting in any way possible and show our respect for the downtown library right where it is. See you there!

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