

Mark Your Calendars

City Council Study Session on Downtown Development

7:00 pm on April 17

City Council Chambers

Tuesday evening we learned that Martin Bernal informed City Councilman Chris Krohn that there will be a Study Session on downtown development, parking, and other things. *It is to include the library-in-the-garage project.*

More on this important public meeting in our next Update. For now, mark your calendars!!

Meanwhile, we've had a flurry of activity since we sent Update #15 to 82 recipients on March 24th.

- Our OpEd to the Sentinel was published on Monday (3/26) and we have had a great response via email, phone and in person. Read it here: <http://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com/news-and-articles.html>
[News and Articles - Don't Bury the Library!](http://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com)
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Santa Cruz Sentinel - Letter to the Editor February 26, 2018 I saw a picture the other day of the Carnegie library of Santa Cruz, times gone by.
- In the last four days, we've added ten more recipients to our Updates e-list (now at 92 ... and counting).
- We received a song from Jan Harwood of the Raging Grannies which she wrote and which will be sung in public very soon. Thanks, Jan! Take a look at the lyrics to the song here: <http://dontburythelibrary.weebly.com/dbtl-song.html>
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Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries

Apparently someone who receives these updates shared the last with the Executive Director of FSCPL. That's okay. There is nothing in our updates to be hidden from the public. In this case I apparently ruffled feathers with my informal

greetings in Update #15 (3/24) when I mentioned that there is no official Downtown Chapter (amongst the six others found on the Friends of the Santa Cruz Libraries web site). The next day (3/25) I received a personal email from the Executive Director of FSCPL. Although there is no official Downtown Chapter, she wrote "there are 35 volunteers we have who are working only at the Downtown Branch for the Downtown Branch." She said they "would not like to be ignored or misrepresented in the public."

My cordial reply to her was:

I did check on the fscpl.org web site to make sure there is no official Downtown Branch shown. Seeing none, I felt comfortable in writing what I did. As a matter of fact, there are also many volunteers doing good work at the Live Oak Library, and it has no official Chapter.

What I wrote -- about no official Downtown Chapter (as shown on the FSCPL web site) -- does not "ignore" or "misrepresent" those volunteers doing such good work at the downtown branch. I hope you will not misrepresent DBTL as ignoring or misrepresenting volunteers.

Do All Library Volunteers Support Option B?

The answer to that question is a definite no. In fact, we have been learning directly from volunteers that they are opposed to moving the downtown library to a new parking garage. However, they are hesitant to speak out, for a variety of reasons.

Isn't that a sad state of affairs? They love the library! These sentiments are shared by more than just FSCPL volunteers. Since the Executive Director is likely to see this update I will not name names.

We think it is fair to ask how FSCPL can presume to speak for countless donors over countless years. Have the FSCPL members been polled? Inquiring minds want to know.

Contributions by Others

I want everyone to know that Don't Bury The Library is a campaign of many

contributions from many library lovers. We are able to incorporate the comments, questions, suggestions and ideas of all of you who email DBTL. We take the time to reply to one and all and thank you for your contributions. This is a campaign by more than the three of us who sign our names to these updates. So many are engaged ... more with every passing day. Keep up the good work!

Reminder

Bruce Bratton is devoting a *full hour* to the library/garage controversy on Tuesday, April 3 from 7 - 8 pm. His guests will be Rick Longinotti, Chris Krohn, Judi Grunstra and Jean Brocklebank. Should be a good program so be sure to tune in!!

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