

Update #39 June 7, 2019

Good News!

DBTL received its official invitation to meet with the Subcommittee (from Amanda Rotella, Principal Management Analyst at the City of Santa Cruz Economic Development Office):

As a community stakeholder group for the Downtown Library Project, you are invited to the “Discussion of Library Needs” meeting with the Downtown Library City Council Subcommittee. We ask that you identify 2 representatives from your group that can speak to your group’s top library priorities and answer questions about library needs. **Others are welcome to attend the meeting and observe.**

The purpose of this meeting is to help the Council Subcommittee better understand the Community’s needs as it relates to the downtown library. This is the first of a series of meetings on a number of topics that the Council Subcommittee will have related to the Downtown Library Project.

WHEN: June 19th, 4-5:30 pm

WHERE: Civic Auditorium - Tony Hill Community Room

On that day, the Subcommittee will speak first with the DLAC, then with the other invited stakeholder group representatives: DBTL, Friends of SC Public Libraries, the Genealogical Society, City Schools, UCSC, the JPA's Library Advisory Commission, and Cabrillo/SBDC.

We pushed very hard for the ability of the public to observe the proceedings of the Subcommittee meetings. We promised that we would silently observe so as not to interfere with Subcommittee business. It will be very important to honor that commitment. Let's show them that our word means something. Be prepared to attend and observe.

A few more bits:

We do not yet know if the meeting will be recorded.

We do not know what the Subcommittee plans are for feedback and thoughts from individuals, beyond representatives of what they are calling stakeholder groups. We'll query Amanda in that regard and report our findings.

There is now a website for the Subcommittee and it is filled with other information: <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-council-subcommittees/downtown-library-3994>

More as things progress ...

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