

Update #44 October 17, 2019

Mark Your Calendars!

We have two important meetings confirmed by staff at the City's Economic Development Department (EDD), which is coordinating the City Council's Library Subcommittee. A third meeting is not yet scheduled. *Italicized* comments are direct quotes from EDD staff.

October 24

Library Subcommittee meets

5:00 pm

Louden Nelson Community Center

301 Center Street

According to EDD staff, this meeting will be for "*an update from Jayson Architects on their work completed so far, which includes the site evaluation, the preliminary floor plan, and preliminary cost model.*" This Subcommittee meeting will be open to the public for observation only. We've been doing well so far at these open meetings. Let's keep up the good work!

November 26

"The subcommittee is scheduled to return to Council with their recommendations."

TBA, probably in the evening

City Council Chambers

At some time and place between 10/24 and 11/26 there will be at least one more Subcommittee meeting where the subcommittee will receive the ***final report*** from Jayson Architecture. The final report "*will inform their recommendations to the Council. It will be up to the subcommittee on whether or not to have Jayson Architects make a presentation at the November 26th meeting or just be available for questions.*"

We're sure the public will be able to attend that interim meeting and/or see the final report from Jayson in advance of the November 26 City Council meeting.

As we said in the last update, the situation is fluid. The EDD has been making this process up as it goes along, based as best as it can on the original [RFP](#) it issued for a Downtown Library Renovation Cost Assessment.

Downtown Commons Advocates (DCA)

These folks are working overtime to convince the City Council that Lot 4 should become a public gathering place, a commons, where the Farmers Market will have a permanent home and where the beautiful trees will remain. Think of this as an opportunity to create something like Central Park in New York City - on a much smaller scale, of course, but an oasis nonetheless in the built environment of downtown Santa Cruz.

If you are not already on the DCA updates distribution list, their email address to get you subscribed is downtowncommonsadvocates@gmail.com . DCA has a Facebook page you may visit here <https://www.facebook.com/SantaCruzDCA/>.

Campaign For Sustainable Transportation (CST)

CFST has been working long and hard to stop the mega parking garage project, for good reasons. For those of you not already on the CFST e-list, go to their [website](#) or contact rick@sustainabletransportationSC.org .

Together we are working to make a difference. Our combined optimism, enthusiasm, efforts, and no small amount of group hugs sustains us as we do what some might find impossible to accomplish. Let's continue forward because we care, indeed for all the right reasons.

Warm regards,
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