

Library Construction Improvement Project Update

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NEW MAIN LIBRARY

The Police garage facility has been demolished and the site cleared. A contract to clean up contamination on the site has started and is expected to be completed early this year. City Council action is necessary to approve additional remediation/change order work. A structural review of the plans has been completed and the plans are being modified to reflect the necessary adjustments. The plans are being sent to the State for additional reviews required by the grant. Resubmittal of the plans and specifications to the Development Services Department for the building permit is scheduled for February 2007. Staff will also work to finalize the building program for future State Office of Library Construction submittal, and prepare project specifications.

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA LIBRARY

The new library has been very successful with increased usage by the community since its December 2006 opening. Circulation has gone up 143% and the new meeting rooms available to the public are being used for a variety of community meetings

Staff is working on contracts for a specially designed area for children under the age of 5 years of age. An artist team has been selected to provide the designs and the work will also require an additional small construction contract.

Project staff had a meeting with the General Contractor on February 5th to review the punch list and receive a progress report on finalizing the outstanding items on the list.

NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The project is approximately 80% complete. Current ongoing activities include electrical, dry wall, and exterior tile installation. Ongoing site work includes the installation of shade structures, lighting, irrigation, site concrete and base materials for the roadways and parking lots.

Staff is meeting with the architect to discuss the design of the donor wall. A meeting with the Council District is scheduled in March to discuss plans for the opening.

LOGAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The Architect is finalizing construction documents and specifications in preparation to going out to bid for a contractor. We have obtained the final approvals from the Department of the State Architect and Development Services and are working towards completing all the ADA and coordination issues.

KENSINGTON-NORMAL HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Park and Recreation sent out a notice for a community meeting on Saturday, February 24 from 8:30-11:30 am. The meeting included a presentation by the architect and a discussion of the proposed expansion of the library building in a north/south direction. There was a good turnout from the community who also broke up into smaller groups for discussion. There were a

variety of opinions expressed, but it appeared that the majority did prefer a “Spanish” style design that is common in the Kensington community. The small site and the constraints of sharing the site with the Park were also discussed.

SAN CARLOS LIBRARY

There was a meeting of the San Carlos Library Planning Committee on Tuesday, February 27. The project architect gave a presentation that reviewed the input from the last community meeting and how those suggestions were included in the revised designs. The community had requested some revisions of the entry/exit traffic patterns, more outdoor areas and an exterior walkway that connects the upper and lower levels. The committee generally seemed very satisfied with the design revisions.