

Library Capital Improvement Project Update

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COLLEGE-ROLANDO LIBRARY

The new College-Library passed inspection and received a Certificate of Temporary Occupancy on Aug. 12. Library staff began moving the books from the old College Heights Branch on Aug. 15. Punch list work is continuing. Vendors have begun to deliver and assemble furniture. The grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 9, 2005.

OTAY MESA-NESTOR LIBRARY

Progress is slow in this final phase of construction for the expansion of the Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library. The contractor presented a series of billings for additional work. It is being reviewed by Field Engineering. The Otay/Nestor Community Planning Group voted to recommend an additional \$75,000 of developer impact fees to the Council District 8 office to allocate to the project for additional furnishings. City staff is in the process of initiating a 1472 to have the funding transferred to the project.

NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Grading continues on site for the entire project that includes the new University Community Branch Library, a recreation center, ball fields, and park areas. Final plans should pass Plan Check by the end of August 2005 and construction on the buildings should begin by September 2005.

SERRA MESA/KEARNY MESA LIBRARY

Construction is approximately 25 percent complete on the new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library. Building framing continues and the shape of the building is very visible from Aero Drive. A meeting to review the interior designs will be scheduled next month.

LOGAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Construction has begun on Phase 1 of the new Logan Heights Branch Library. The work includes the construction of the parking lot and the relocation of the trailers used as portable classrooms. It is expected that this phase will be completed by November 2005. A meeting was held by the architect with Library staff and staff from the City's Commission for Arts & Culture on Aug. 12 to present the project artist and his proposed art work for the project. Local artist Roberto Salas is proposing a large mosaic work on the exterior wall facing the parking lot and plaza area. The mosaic will picture a view from space of the Americas.