



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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TO: Jay Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer

FROM: Deborah L. Barrow, Library Director

SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - UPDATE

NEW MAIN LIBRARY

The Police garage facility was demolished and the site cleared. A construction contract to clean contamination on the site was completed in March 2007. The property closure report is being prepared by the environmental consultants. A structural review of the plans was completed. The Office of the State Library review of the 90% plans and specifications was completed on July 9, 2007. The Development Services Department issued a foundation permit on May 14, 2008. The construction plans were approved by the Division of State Architect and the Development Services Department. The final bid set was approved by the Office of the State Library on November 7, 2008. City and San Diego Unified School District representatives are exploring the possibility of incorporating a high school on the 6th and 7th floors. The State Librarian extended the \$20M grant agreement deadline to July 1, 2009 in order to give the City time to complete a school/library feasibility study and enter into a School/Library joint use agreement, revise the project budget and schedule, and identify all project funding.

LOGAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY

As of March 2, 2009, construction was approximately 74% complete. A decision was pending on the new book drop location. The City is reviewing the book drop operation for ADA compliance.

The Library Director has approved painting the accent colors to the building instead of using colored stucco, which could not be color matched and was expected to fade.

SKYLINE HILLS LIBRARY – Nothing new to report since last month's update

The San Diego Foundation's Hervey Family Trust Fund has committed 3.5 million dollars to help fund the construction of the library. Per the donor, this commitment will expire at the end of the year if progress has not been made on the library. At a staff meeting on September 17, the Architect informed library staff that the community would like scheme C as their architectural choice.

MISSION HILLS LIBRARY – Nothing new to report since last month's update

Staff met on August 18th, 2008 with Engineering staff and the Architects for the new Mission Hills Library. The library is planned to be 15,000 square feet allowing for an additional 10,000 square feet to be added in the future. The plans call for 90 underground parking spaces. Since there were some modifications to the plans, Engineering staff and the Architects were requiring feedback from library staff. A meeting with Council Members Atkins, Faulconer and Library Commissioner Katie Sullivan took place to help ensure full funding for the project. The plans will go back to the community for feedback.

San Carlos Library – Nothing new to report since last month's update

On September 5th, 2008 library staff met with the Architects and Engineering staff for a presentation for Library Director, Deborah Barrow on the new San Carlos library. The library will be 25,000 square feet with 2500 square feet dedicated for community services. There will be a 300 person Community Room, and 78 parking spaces are currently planned. We learned the City is in the process of buying the lower parking lot, and hazardous materials cleanup was the issue that has been holding up the process. Revised plans will be reviewed again by the community for input.

North Park Library – Nothing new to report since last month's update

Library staff attended a meeting held by the North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee on October 14th. Michael Lengyel from City Planning & Community Investments also attended this meeting. The group approved moving forward to do a study to determine if the building (former Big Lots) located at 28th & University would be suitable to house the North Park Library.

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