

# **Library Capital Improvement Project Update**

September 30, 2005

## **NEW MAIN LIBRARY**

The 90 percent construction drawings for the new Main Library have been submitted to the City's Development Services Department for building permit review, and the construction management team for a final plan review. Value engineering constructability review and the final cost estimate are being developed. The demolition of the existing police garage is set to begin in October 2005 and be complete by the end of the year.

## **COLLEGE-ROLANDO LIBRARY**

A pre-opening reception was held Sept. 8 with approximately 250 community leaders and donors in attendance. Dan Cornthwaite, president of the Friends of the College-Rolando Library, headed the community fundraising efforts that raised more than \$200,000 for the new library. The new College-Rolando Branch officially opened Sept. 9. Councilmember Jim Madaffer served as master of ceremonies for the grand opening program. Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins, former Mayor Dick Murphy, and Library Commissioners Mel Katz, Matthew Hervey, Judy McCarty and Katie Sullivan. The community was excited by the special features of the building which includes a computer lab, large meeting room, fireplace reading area, teen lounge and preschool children's area. More than 1,100 items were checked out by the over 1,300 who attended the grand opening.

## **OTAY MESA-NESTOR LIBRARY**

Construction is in the final phases for the expansion of the Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch. City staff is working with the general contractor to resolve issues with change orders for additional work. Site work and landscaping is still ongoing, the interior has been re-carpeted, and new shelving has been put in. Basic fixtures have been installed in the restrooms. The counters and other finishes need to be completed. The City Communications Division technicians have performed some preliminary work for the installation of the audio/visual equipment in the meeting room and security camera system throughout the building.

## **NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Construction work on the buildings (the library and the recreation center) should begin before October. With the building permit process complete, the architect will now focus on completing a furnishings package for the Library's review. A meeting to review the first proposal for furnishings will be scheduled in October or November.

## **SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA LIBRARY**

Construction is nearly 50 percent complete on the new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch. Work continues on the plumbing and HVAC, insulation and the roof. The architect and interior designer had a presentation for staff on the interior designs for the building on September 12. Staff will receive a furnishings package for their review before the package is forwarded to Purchasing to go through the bid process. A meeting was held with District 6 staff to review ideas for the children's area, especially as it pertains to the "Zero to 5" grant that will fund

furnishings and equipment aimed at children under 5 years of age. A follow up meeting will be held in the community at the end of October.

### **LOGAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY**

Phase 1 (parking lot) of the new Logan Heights Branch is underway and should be completed by Nov. 30. Work on the sidewalks, curbs and gutters will take place in this phase; however, the landscaping will not be installed until the completion of the library's construction. Part of this phase includes moving the portable classrooms and creating the faculty parking lot so the actual construction phase can proceed with minimal impact on the school children and staff. Bids for building construction should go out in January 2006 with an estimated construction start of April/May 2006.

### **MISSION HILLS-HILLCREST LIBRARY**

A meeting was held with staff, the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library and the architect to discuss planning a series of meetings with the community to get input about design and services of a new Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch. The first meeting will take place in November 2005, with two more meetings in December 2005 and a final meeting in January 2006. As soon as the meeting agendas, dates, times and locations are set, the Library Department and the Friends group will publicize the meetings in the local press and on the Library Web site to notify the community of the opportunity to contribute ideas to the Library and the architects for design. Interviews for a project artist were held and a selection was made. Contract negotiations with the artist are currently underway.