

# **Library Capital Improvement Project Update**

December 1, 2005

## **NEW MAIN LIBRARY**

Plans call for the construction of a 366,094-square-foot Main Library in downtown. The 90 percent construction drawings 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 cost estimate based on 90 percent construction drawings was released. The demolition of the existing police garage, located on the site of the future library, is set to begin in December and be complete by the end of the year.

## **COLLEGE-ROLANDO BRANCH LIBRARY**

The new, 15,222-square-foot College-Rolando Branch Library opened on Sept. 9. Punch list items are being completed by the contractor.

## **OTAY MESA-NESTOR BRANCH LIBRARY**

Construction is 98 percent complete on the expansion of the Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library. Some of the stairway railing and concrete work requires correction. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act walkway, the interior painting, landscaping and site work are still to be completed. Preliminary punch list work on the interior is being corrected. Staff is working with the general contractor to resolve issues with change orders for additional work. A Council action is being docketed to transfer \$75,000 in developer impact fees to the construction improvement project to purchase additional furnishing and equipment.

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

Construction is approximately 60 percent complete on the new, 15,250-square-foot Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library with much of the framing completed. The plumbing, electrical and fire sprinkler rough-ins are complete. Work continues on the interior framing. The architect and interior designer made a presentation to the community on the interior designs for the special Preschooler's Door to Learning Center services in the children's area on Oct. 26. City staff received the furnishings package for its review on Nov. 21. After review, the package will be forwarded to the City's Purchasing Department to go through the bid process.

## **NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY BRANCH LIBRARY**

The construction work on the new, 15,900-square-foot North University Community Branch Library and the nearby recreation center buildings has begun. Furniture selection for the library was presented for review on Nov. 15. A follow-up meeting is scheduled with City staff in early December.

## **LOGAN HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY**

Phase 1 (parking lot) of the new Logan Heights Branch Library project is underway and should be completed by Dec. 30. Building construction should start around April or May 2006.

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

A meeting was held with City staff, the Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library and the architect to plan a series of meetings with the community to receive input about design and

services of the new branch library. A second meeting was held Oct. 3 to discuss the agendas and logistics for the meetings. The first community meeting took place Nov. 12 at Florence Elementary School on University Avenue and another meeting was held Dec. 1. Additional meetings are planned Dec. 15, again at Florence Elementary, and Jan. 19, at a location to be announced.