

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 next year. A structural review of the plans has been completed and the plans are being modified to reflect the necessary adjustments. The plans will then be sent to the State for additional reviews required by the grant. Staff is coordinating with the State for the submittal requirements. Resubmittal of the plans and specifications to the Development Services Department for the building permit is scheduled for mid-January 2007.

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA LIBRARY

The Grand Opening of the new library took place on December 2, 2006. Over 2,200 community members came to visit their new library on opening day. There were many positive comments about the new library that had been a community dream for over ten years. Along with the greatly expanded size, the new facility provides a community room for local meetings, a computer lab and an office for Workforce Partnership that assists the public in seeking employment.

An art component in the children's area and outdoors for children under 5 years of age has begun with an artist team selected and their contract is being processed.

NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The project is approximately 72% complete. Site work includes the installation of shade structures, lighting, and irrigation. Site concrete and the installation of the base material for the site roadways and parking lots are also ongoing.

LOGAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Plans and specifications for the new library have approved by the Department of the State Architect and Development Services. Bid packages are being prepared to put the construction project out to bid.

BALBOA LIBRARY

Staff met with the architect on December 1 to review some design changes. The basic floor plans have been sent to a library design consultant for additional review before proceeding to develop the designs.

MISSION HILLS-HILLCREST LIBRARY

Staff met with the architects on December 6 and 18 to review options for the building design, parking and the building lay out. A meeting with the community will be held in early 2007 to review the options with the community.

SAN CARLOS LIBRARY

Staff met with the architect on December 1 to review the conceptual plans before a planned presentation to the community on December 12. Councilmember Madaffer chaired the community meeting on December 12. The community had the opportunity to comment after a presentation by the architect.

SAN YSIDRO LIBRARY

The Redevelopment Agency is working with the Library to investigate locating a new library as part of a “pilot village” project proposed along San Ysidro Blvd. where the current library is located. The “pilot village” project would include City facilities as well as commercial and residential developments. On December 20 staff attended a meeting with Redevelopment and Planning staff with the proposed developer of the “pilot village” project to review their applicants for the first stage of planning and design of the area. One applicant was selected and they will be asked to include locating the library as part of their work.

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