

# **Library Construction Improvement Project Update**

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## **NEW MAIN LIBRARY**

The building permit review process for the new Main Library is finishing up and being sent to both the state architect and state librarian for review in accordance with the state grant requirements. The final cost estimate has been established at \$184,900,000 based on a contract start date of July 1, 2006. The processing of the contract, bid evaluations, and negotiating the final cost with Turner Construction will take approximately five months. The demolition of the existing Police Garage began in March and should be complete very soon. Directly following the demolition will be a contract to remediate any contamination that may exist on the site. This contract was advertised in May and will proceed with award as soon as demolition is complete. The cleanup process will take one to three months depending on the level of contamination found.

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

The new branch library project is nearly 90 percent complete with much of the site work remaining to be completed. The artist selection panel for the First Five Commission project took place this month. Three artists were short-listed and will be given contracts to develop their concepts for final selection.

## **NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY BRANCH LIBRARY**

The project is approximately 40 percent complete for this new branch library. The furnishings package for the library has been finalized with a few small pieces of equipment to be added. Library staff met with City Park and Recreation Department staff on June 8 to discuss landscape maintenance and operations. A summary memo will be sent by Park and Recreation next month with recommendations. City staff will meet again later in the summer to discuss arrangements for the grand opening of the library.

## **LOGAN HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY**

The building plans are being completed for final review for this new branch library. Plans should go out to bid by fall.

## **NORTH PARK BRANCH LIBRARY**

Library staff met with staff from the City's Engineering & Capital Projects Department and City Attorney's Office to review the cost proposal prepared by the developer for this new branch library. Some revisions will be prepared and a meeting will be scheduled with the developer and the Redevelopment Department to review them.

## **BALBOA BRANCH LIBRARY**

The architect has submitted some schematic designs to the new branch library for approval before moving ahead in development. The City's Engineering & Capital Projects Department will set up a meeting next month for a review of the documents.

## **SAN CARLOS BRANCH LIBRARY**

The architect is developing the community/library approved plan into a schematic design. The geotechnical investigation is expected in August. Cleaning the soil contamination on site is in process.