

Library Construction Improvement Projects Update

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OTAY/NESTOR BRANCH LIBRARY

The grand re-opening of the expanded branch library was held April 7 at 2:30 p.m. Mayor Jerry Sanders, Councilmembers Ben Hueso and Jim Madaffer, state Sen. Denise Moreno Ducheny and Library Commission Chair Mel Katz all made introductory remarks. The community members in attendance were very enthusiastic about the expansion of their library and checked out nearly 1,000 items after the opening ceremonies.

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY

Construction is approximately 80 percent complete on a new, 15,000-square-foot branch library. The Council District 3 office is working with City staff to provide some enhancements serving children under 5 years old for reimbursement from the First Five Commission grant. The City's Commission for Arts & Culture will be issuing a request for qualifications to design a special exterior area for this purpose. Furnishings are going through the procurement process.

NORTH UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY BRANCH LIBRARY

Construction is approximately 35 percent complete on a new 15,000-square-foot branch library. The furnishings package will be finalized in April and will proceed to procurement by the design-builder contractor.

LOGAN HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY

The first phase (parking lot and portable classroom relocation) has been completed on a new 25,000-square-foot branch library. The construction documents are being completed. The state must approve a request to allow the community auditorium to be bid as an "add/alternative" when the project goes out to bid. City staff has met with the architect to finalize some finishes and floor plan issues.

BALBOA BRANCH LIBRARY

City staff held a meeting with the architectural consultant on March 23 to discuss developing the current conceptual plans to the bridging document stage for a new, 15,000-square-foot branch library. Additional meetings will be scheduled to review the plans and programmatic needs.

OCEAN BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

The City's Engineering & Capital Projects Department is routing an item for Council Action to extend the architect's contract to continue design work for the expansion of the branch library to 15,000 square feet.

NORTH PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

A community meeting was held March 4 to provide a project update to the community and introduce a new proposal for the project, which calls for a new 25,000-square-foot branch library. Councilmember Toni Atkins introduced the owner of KDL Properties and his designers, Hawkins & Hawkins Architects. KDL was selected by a request for proposals process to identify a developer for the library project. KDL is planning a mixed use residential/commercial development between University Avenue and North Park Way at 31st Street. As currently planned, the library would occupy the corner of 31st Street and North Park Way. The majority of the community members in attendance approved of the plan and offered their opinions of important concepts they would like to see carried out in the design.

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