

Community Questions and Comments

Skyline Hills Branch Library

Q. Is it possible to have the library visible from Paradise Valley Road?

A. Several schemes were presented to the community: scheme 1 is preferred for the location of the library.

Q. Can the Designer and or Contractor be from Council District 4?

A. The Design Build Contractor will be selected from the three (3) shortlisted Design Build Contractors which need to meet the City Equal Opportunity Contracting Program requirements.

Q. Can the library have features similar to the Police Station design?

A. The features similar to the Police Station design that are feasible for the library could be included in the design of the library.

Q. Will there be a perimeter road or area for the police to provide safety for patrons as well as preventative measures for homeless occupants?

A. This feature will be evaluated by the project team and if it is feasible it will be included in the design of the library.

Q. How will the duration of the project be monitored and kept on track for 2016?

A. The construction completion date Winter of 2016 is a requirement of the contract with the Design Builder.

Q. Will the parking be a shared use due to the proximity of small stores and if not, will the store owners have the option to buy parking spaces?

A. The City is the sole owner of the property.

S. The community prefers scheme 1 and would like the parking lot to be moved east to allow for landscaping.

A. This option will be specified in the Design Build Request for Proposal.

Q. What if the contractor walks away, how can we be assured of the quality?

A. The contractor is in a binding contract and shall comply with the contractual obligations.

Q. What is the open space going to be used for and is that property purchased?

A. The open space is City property and development of this area is not in the scope of this project.

Q. Will there be solar power?

A. This project will comply with the City Council Policy 900-14 and is designed to receive the LEED (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) Silver rating. The Solar Panels may be installed as part of the scope of this project to achieve the LEED Silver rating.

Q. Will the exterior and interior interchange?

A. This feature will be included in the design of the library.

Q. How will space be allocated? The community would like designated areas to encourage youth to realize the importance of reading through sculptures of children reading, as well as an area for senior citizens.

A. This feature will be included in the design.

Q. Can MTS relocate the bus stop due to emissions?

A. The relocation of the bus stop is not in the scope of this project.

Q. Is it possible to have a water feature?

A. Water features pose long term maintenance challenges and increase operation cost of the facility, therefore they are not preferred.

Q. Can a Mexico Santé Fe style be incorporated?

A. This information will be shared with the Design Build contractors.

Q. Will there be an access road?

A. Yes, There will be two (2) access ways to the library; from Paradise Valley Road and Meadow Brook Drive

Q. Will there be a remodeling of the nearby stores.

A. It is not in the scope of this project.

Q. Can the parking lot be smaller?

A. The parking lot must comply with the City of San Diego Municipal Code parking requirements.

S. Make façade more presentable.

Acknowledged

Q. What are the latest alterations to the design and deadlines?

A. Our goal is to keep construction on schedule to be completed by winter 2016.

Q. Can the parking spaces not be so tight?

A. Parking spaces will meet the minimum width requirements.

Q. Can the bike rack not be placed in the front of the building?

A. This information will be shared with the Design Build contractors.

Q. What will happen to the existing library after demolition?

A. The area will be made part of the new library site and received hardscaping or landscaping.

Q. Will the younger generation have any input?

A. Yes, Teen Council's input could be incorporated in design.

S. Community would like follow up on the job.

Acknowledged

S. Community would like a state of the art building facility with protective glass and easy to clean materials.

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S. Community would like to make a dedication to Martin Luther King, Jr. and express the history of the building. **Acknowledged**

S. District 4 has numerous transitional independent living homes. When residents are released for alcohol and/or drug abuse they tend to gravitate towards public buildings. The current Skyline Hills library has people sleeping between it and the smog center on one side and the strip mall on the other. The police will not get out of their vehicles but will drive past the library at night. I recommend the new library come with a perimeter road, to allow the police access and prevent homeless from setting up camp in dead space between buildings.

Acknowledged

As a participant of the Skyline Hills library community outreach event on September 11, 2013, I would like to propose some of the ideas I presented regarding the development of aesthetics and the creation of a foundation for educational growth.

My first proposition is directed to the overall appearance of the library exterior. In order to engage the populace to the newly renovated library it would be beneficial to have the name of the library in large letters with a metallic coating that is weatherproof to a cost effective degree yet maintaining a high level of brilliance. Conceptually this may be chrome or a similar polish to illuminate the site name and attract the eye to the establishment. The next exterior proposition is to include a light colored, reflective blue mosaic on the exterior of the building. This may be sporadically placed on the building exterior or repeatedly mirrored at specific locations on the building. By having the blue reflective theme it maintains the "skyline" theme and also attracts the eye of the general public. Even during the later hours of the day the building will still generate an illuminating appearance with the mosaic or stone inclusions. The last proposition is to include advanced architecture that will ensure the future aesthetic and foundation of the building. This will allow the building to become a beacon of many facets including advanced infrastructure capability which would reduce expansion costs. This would stimulate entering into a future basis for an educational experience or research.

Propositions to the interior include ground reflective pools to increase contemplation and relaxation while adults review materials. Creating another setting for children including statues of children or historical figures would be ideal to separate the two environments. Conceivably Martin Luther King Jr. would be one of the historical figures. These esthetics emphasize the "skyline" theme and create an atmosphere of contemplation.

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- (Q) -Question
- (S) -Statement
- (N)- Note
- (A)- Answer