

## **Electronic Survey- 07-08-2022**

### **Feedback for Concept 1: 19 Votes**

The pergola is nice. The other aspects look dull and sallow. Add more color.

Pedestrian, should be avoided.

I like that the addition seems more spacious in this option. I think the colors blend nicely with the existing structure while being distinct.

Fairly basic. No wow factor.

I like this one best

This concept seems bigger than concept 2. Is square footage the same for all designs?

Love it! Good personality/vibe.

I would like to see the colors match and a similar roofline to the existing building. It looks like a huge cardboard box was put down beside the existing structure. My preference would be to have the same type of architecture but for it to match the original. I think this will look very dated in a few years.

The community room east profile is bulky and not in line with the OB Community Plan. 4.1.1 , 4.6.1 and 4.6.4. Santa Monica view corridor ends at Sunset Cliffs, but the community plan calls for step backs in the facade or aligning gables with the public views. With removal of the annex, there is nothing else this bulky westward of the library until you get to Cable st. An offset in the facade would help open it up more and make the patio a little less closed in. I would step it back between the lower and upper windows and maintain the same overall architectural style.

Architects like to create prominent buildings, but in OB, our community plan generally says the opposite, to make them more diminutive.

I like the Monterey style,

I really like the blending of Modern Spanish Monterey with the existing architecture.

Does not have much style. Looks cheap. Who is the architect? Why not consult with Manuel Oncina Architects who did many other libraries with interesting designs. Patio should not be open or accessible so the bums can jump over the fencing to sleep or poop in at night. Flat roof requires more maintenance or subject to easier leaking, no? A flag pool should be in the front of the building so no one has to get on a ladder to put up or take down the flag. Any exterior seating should be more than 20' from the building and no smoking signs should be posted on seating. Cameras should be present on the building exterior for staff to view activity on the property. Outdoor landscaping should be done possibly decomposed granite with low water plants and succulents along with rocks and metal sculptures similar to Cardiff Library. Get rid of the bushes where bum sleep and pee. Commission a stained glass window or hanging reflecting OB - maybe the ocean and part of the pier. New bathrooms are needed in the current building with proper ventilation.

Love the pergola

I like this one because it uses iron fencing

Too reminiscent of a Spanish garrison!

All three options are unacceptable but this one could be the least objectionable. None of them have integrated the accessible entry ramp into the design or made it an interesting feature - accessibility should not be an afterthought. Whoever cobbled this together does not understand universal design principals for accessibility - a competent licensed architect would!

This concept is closest to what in sync with the area

Best of the 3 designs. Windows/natural light should be a priority.

I do not like the addition as it seems like a totally different building. It should fit in with the historic portion, and I know there are exceptions that can be obtained to follow the old roof line. The exception to not follow the Interior guidelines. If you could slant the roof like the rest of the existing building, the windows in front if the community room could be nice to have and make them OB centric stained glass (an artist could design).

### **Feedback for Concept 2: 11 votes**

The folding desk idea is unique, but is it practical? Adding some drought tolerant plants could liven up the exterior.

Yes.

Would the fence be folded down during operational hours? If not, it looks to closed up. I think the natural light in the building is wonderful (if not too damaging to the books) so not a fan of the shutters. I prefer the taller versions of the addition. This is my least favorite of the 3 concepts.

The rock and wood combo looks classy and modern. There's just enough features to stand out yet subtle enough to look natural.

new roof looks strange from the SS Cliffs street view

Looks like this one has a community garden? That would be great!

Don't like the white a frame upper portion. Those tables would be broken quickly and a pain to clean.

As drawn, I think this is the best option of the three. The new building mostly blends in with the existing building. I would rather see matching windows to the original structure.

I like the folding fence concept for more space.

See above. The pitched roof is nice, but without being hipped on the east elevation, it blocks off as much as 1st concept.

This would be my second choice.

preferred design; incorporates older and newer sections

Better than #1 however the rear building should be higher and include tinted windows for light with ability to open and provide fresh air. The current library has no air circulation and smells not to mention that is probably unhealthy. Stone looks too dark/grey depressing feel. Possibly use river rock facade since the building is close to the ocean or better yet an interesting mosaic artistic design incorporating ocean waves and sun. Again, patio should be closed so bums cannot access at night to sleep or poop. A flag pool should be in the front of the building so no one has to get on a ladder to put up or take down the flag. Any exterior seating should be more than 20' from the building and no smoking signs should be posted on seating. Cameras should be present on the building exterior for staff to view activity on the property. Outdoor landscaping should be done possibly decomposed granite with low water plants and succulents along with rocks and

metal sculptures similar to Cardiff Library. Get rid of the bushes where bum sleep and pee. Commission a stained glass window or hanging reflecting OB - maybe the ocean and part of the pier. New bathrooms are needed in the current building with proper ventilation.

Fits the community best

less appealing because of the wood

The lines appear to be the most natural of the three proposals, with some nice flexibility in the design.

I would think that the Historic Resource Board would take issue with this option as the forms are too close in appearance to the existing Historic Library building. Don't understand why you consider this to be flexible. The so-called flexible features have nothing to do with the way the library will actually function or provide flexibility on the interior. Stone cladding is a waste of money and the wood is a maintenance problem.

Too many moving parts

This is my vote as it looks like the same building. Would you have built Scripps Ranch to have different designs? The slanted roof fits in, and won't need as much maintenance as a flat roof...less chance of leaks, etc.

### **Feedback for Concept 3: 3 votes**

The color and brightness make a friendly vibe. Will the glass steel make the inside of the building get really hot?

No good.

I love the arched windows and tempered glass fencing and would ask they be added to Concept 1. The pop of orange is fun but I don't like the steel posts and the wall with cutout in this Concept. Fun shapes and colors, will definitely stand out. This type of design makes it feel and look like an upgrade, like something new. The orange does seem a tad out of place, though.

the orange feature looks strange from the Santa Monica side.

Love the modern look but not sure it fits with OB vibe.

The stucco color is abrasive, and the design looks dated (not historic, unfortunately, more cheesy). If it was a milder color and that rectangular framing was gone I could be convinced.

This design has potential, but the bright orange trim is terrible. The goal should be to blend the new structure in with the existing building. This would probably win the yearly "onion" architecture award...

This design doesn't match the OB local design

Too modern and too bold for OB and even more bulk for the sake of bulk. Distracts from and partially blocks the historic original library. I don't think this would sit well with most residents.

I don't like this design at all!

not good; too artificial and stark contrasts

Feel it has the best style but someone gave it orange trim exterior so people would immediately hate it. Get rid of flat roof for better wear and tear. Color should be soothing - consider a mosaic design by someone else other than the architect who does not seem to have much flair for style, uniqueness, creative. Love the arched windows. Again, patio should be closed so bums cannot access at night to sleep or poop. A flag pool should be in the front of the building so no one has

to get on a ladder to put up or take down the flag. Any exterior seating should be more than 20' from the building and no smoking signs should be posted on seating. Cameras should be present on the building exterior for staff to view activity on the property. Height should be like Beyer Rd Library and have wood beams inside and colorful walls and comfortable furniture. Outdoor landscaping should be done possibly decomposed granite with low water plants and succulents along with rocks and metal sculptures similar to Cardiff Library. Get rid of the bushes where bum sleep and pee. Commission a stained glass window or hanging reflecting OB - maybe the ocean and part of the pier. New bathrooms are needed in the current building with proper ventilation. Orange stucco is too bright

I don't think OB is modern at all so I dislike this option

This appears more Spanish Colonial Revival and seems to be too much of a juxtaposition with the existing more muted Monterey Spanish Revival style. It lacks any subtlety and may even verge on garish.

I rate this one as the worst of the three. How does this ignorant "designer" see this as "modern." Its kitsch arches, grid windows random color accent make no sense in its composition. Busy, Busy, Busy. This really exposes the short comings of having an amateur design a building rather than an experienced (and licensed) architect.

This would be my second option

It feels like this design could use some more windows. If the arches in this design were windows instead of wall it could provide more natural light. Also get rid of the orange portions of the structure. It would be an absolute eyesore to look at.

Throw this option out please.

### **Feedback for Landscaping:**

#### **26 votes Drought Tolerant; 8 votes Low Water Mediterranean**

I like low water better, but with so many dogs and people around, there is more of a chance the plants will get peed on or destroyed (being picked or sat on).

Clean Spanish design and drought tolerant landscaping

Better get used to it. Drought-tolerant can be very lush. Ceanothus is fantastic.

OB is known for being socially responsible and progressive. Planting native plants aligns with this identity.

I just love seeing palm trees around San Diego! Yes, we are a desert, but palm trees, I think, help represent the paradise-feel that is San Diego.

OB has a lot of environmentalists who support water wise efforts and the drought tolerant is better than low water concept in that regard.

Drought tolerant would be more environmentally friendly since we are in a drought. There are also lots of succulents around OB so it would fit.

The Mediterranean relies on blooms, which won't always be there. The drought tolerant plants are the water-smart decision for today's climate.

Due to current and future water restrictions, the lowest water option should be chosen.

We have lots of succulents and I like the tropical feel.

DSD won't let you put palms on the street frontage anymore, they say it's an invasive species. Actually there is no reason to not use all CA natives. All adapted to our climate and many commercially available. and in fact many need no watering once established. I suggest asking the CA native plant Soc. for guidance. Good for the birds, the insects and the landscape as our climate changes.

It is in tune with the character of OB.

more consistent with community standards

Low maintenance. No grass!

Seems more resistant to climate and homeless aversion

The palms

Fits area better. We are not arizona.

drought tolerant is most sustainable with the drought situation

We've done a pretty good job of trying to turn San Diego into someplace else by displacing our native plants and replacing them with exotics. We have the opportunity here to bring back our natives, to showcase them and to proudly display what was here before we were. The inside of the library is not the only place for learning; interpretive signage can accompany the native plants, identifying them, giving some natural history, and explaining how the indigenous peoples used them. Natives also provide habitat for our native insects which, in turn, draw in our native reptiles and birds (an opportunity for more interpretive signage and learning). And now, with our demand for water increasing and our supply decreasing, we need to look forward to the time when water will no longer be available for non-natives (unless they're edible); this is also the reason the grass should be removed (a crop that we plant, water, fertilize, apply pesticides to, mow, then harvest, only to throw it away!?!). Once established, natives generally need to be deep watered only once per month (unless there was rain that month, in which case no watering is necessary) and pruned only a couple of times per year, saving both water and labor.

Less chance trespassers will hide there bikes and property and camp out if there are no large bushes banks or walls.

Tree canopies

It's quite literally better for the environment to have plants that are local to the environment. There will be less maintenance and water usage and on top of that they will fit in as they are representative of the area around.

Water conservation should be a priority. Plants/beds along the sidewalk are inevitably going to be peed in, littered in and damaged by dogs/bikes/skateboards/disrespectful humans. Consider adding a low wall, fence or large stones between the plants and sidewalk to act as a barrier to access to plants.

We are in a drought! And as the climate classification is high desert having native plants that flower would be preferred.

### **How would you like to see the Courtyard utilized?**

Outdoor events, meeting space, a little play area for kids

Area to read

Community events (yoga classes, movie nights)

events

Library events (author readings, children's story time), community events (nonprofit meetings), library patron reading

Safe space for kids

I want to see people reading on the grass, enjoying each other's company or just the beautiful weather. I want to see groups of children listening to a story being read or playing and enjoying childhood.

community events, comfortable lounging/reading area

Quiet outdoor reading, studying, working, etc. Special events. Family activities now and then.

Outdoor reading space, small event space

Outdoor reading and events.

Area for enjoying the San Diego sunshine

By actual library patrons, not people using it as their personal living room or bedroom. Design elements, signage, and security can help with this. If the library becomes a defacto homeless shelter, it will discourage people from using it as intended as a library.

I would love to see education opportunities for both children and adults. Maybe host local artists events including music. We really need opportunities geared to seniors as well.

any way possible; good idea

Public meetings, secured so no bums or vandals can enter, show movies like Beyer Blvd

Outdoor events, cafe cart of similar and tables for eating, reading and visiting.

Large events

Tables for reading outdoors with kids

reading area. waterfall/fountains

community events

I visualize it as a place to hang out - to read, socialize, and engage the community.

Good outdoor lighting. No book cart sales. A few tables and chairs plugs, as long as the area is protected from trespassing. Good shade. Adequate water runoff. Reading studying eating allowed. Security gate installed to keep people from passing books and materials through the outdoor grates without checking out.

It should be effectively and outdoor space is the library, the same expectations should be set indoors and outdoors. It would be accessible from the library but not accessible directly from the street. Ensuring that it is a part of the library and not just a hang out spot will ensure it's proper use and discourage loitering while encouraging library usage.

A variety of seating/table options. I.e table/chair sets, Adirondack or similar 'lounge' style seating.

A fountain or other small water feature. turf area for those with small children who may not be old enough to safely sit in adult sized chairs. ADA accessible tables. Plenty of shade and plants.

### **Any additional comments on landscaping / outdoor spaces?**

Want the courtyard to feel inviting and open but also discourage folks from utilizing it without approval/after hours.

I love that conserving water is key in both of the landscape designs. I recommend seating, and perhaps even chess tables.

Try to keep it clean and drug-free and not another homeless encampment.  
Outdoor space is critical especially in our new world where COVID may be a reality for many years. We also have great weather so let's take advantage of that. Reading and being outdoors is good for mental health.  
Simple and low maintenance!  
Need to ensure that the transient population can't access any areas or damage any parts of the building. What about a fence along the street?  
Comfortable seating  
Hire a private company to maintain it. Not the Park and Rec department.  
CA natives, some areas of outdoor seating would be nice  
Use Cardiff as a model. No benches near the building where people sit and smoke. Benches are fine but in excess of 20' with signage of no smoking or sleeping.  
OB unlike some parts of San Diego has more days that are not conducive for outdoor activities when it's cold or overcast. Going to be used less than expected without heat at times.  
Ideally this becomes a gathering space for our community as a whole. Emphasis on thoughtful design and long term use would be great. Having quite relaxing areas inside and out will create a welcoming environment for those who may not have access to it other wise.  
Keep it SAFE and CLEAN. Noise restriction times and CLOSED when it isn't occupied for library activities.  
No grass! It will help curb the homeless and make it prettier for patrons. Keep the tree in front.

### **Provide additional for feedback project:**

Perhaps a coffee bar would be an addition to consider. That will encourage people to come and stay at the library longer and more often.  
both are attractive but the drought tolerant is more water wise and also probably requires less landscaping maintenance to look good.  
Get moving on the rebuild OB has waited too long and been disrespected and ignored-shameful!  
Quiet flooring because book carts make a lot of noise going across the wrong type of surfaces.  
Good Wi-Fi. Good air flow within the book-stacks and customer service area.  
I hope the final compilation of input will be made public and given to the OB council, the Friends and the planning board.

### **Input for furnishings:**

The kids area is cute. Please have adult sized chairs in the kids area too. Add a place for breastfeeding and stroller parking in the kids area.  
Common area  
whatever libraries do now.  
Quiet workspace cubicles and in others areas nicer more relaxed seating  
Love the kid's section examples. Would be nice to have a "kids" bathroom like at other libraries.  
Want items that are easy to clean and maintain. The library is used by a number of individuals experiencing homelessness so should have area outside or near door for them to store their



belongings while using the facility. Some small conference rooms would be great for homework help and collaboration without disturbing others. Adults want chairs with backs so benches aren't a good choice.

Furniture for the children should be creative, fun, and colorful. This space should be inviting, easy to clean, and comfortable. Furniture for the adults should be both comfortable and functional. This includes lounge chairs for reading as well as desk spaces for work and study. Natural lighting for study would be beneficial. Adult furniture can be original and fun, but it must be comfortable.

comfortable yet cleanable and durable

Natural wood and ocean colors- blue, green, sand color, etc.

The most durable option should be chosen.

Furniture that is easy to clean

Kid size furnishings are welcome. Please, no benches. Standing computer workstations are nice as they will tend to serve more people during the day. People can find somewhere else to get comfortable without blocking a computer.

something sturdy, don't try to save money with cheap IKEA stuff and end up replacing it too soon.

Please be mindful to include spaces that are functional for folks with differing abilities (visual, hearing, neurological, physical, etc.)

suggested furnishings are good ideas

Comfortable and colorful furnishings like Beyer Rd. No hard seats like your pictures indicate. No dark table or chairs. Keep things light and bright. No high stools without backs which are uncomfortable and that people can fall off and create a liability.

Lightweight modular furniture. No fabric or leather furniture (our environment is conducive to mold, odors, and bed bugs). Nothing that encourages sleeping. Would love to see Ocean or Ocean Beach themed decor. Mural on children's wall. This is a very tight knit community and the decor should reflect our community.

Easily cleaned, comfy

While we should embrace the kids going to the library, we also need to acknowledge that the main usage will be by underserved adults.

Durable, comfortable furnishings that can be rearranged to meet current and future uses.

unimportant in the bigger picture -

Smaller tables next to each adult size sofa chair is better than one shared table in the center.

Avoid sinking plugs in the floor it causes a sinking in the continuity of the floor and ultimately a hazard. Long study tables with library lights and table plugs can work better than individual spaces because the library is smaller. Or consider the empty study carrels spaced opposite each computer space. Stick with furniture that can be cleaned well once a week instead of bringing in cushions. Lots of people bring lots of bags in and they can go under the table to avoid being tripped over.

Kids section

Comfortable yet easy to clean/maintain, and long lasting. Some of the chairs in the teen study areas look very uncomfortable. Hopefully, their functionality is taken into account along with design, before final decisions are made. Teens deserve to have a comfortable place to study as well, and typically don't just sit in a chair feet on the ground, elbows on table as these chairs would indicate. Strongly recommend asking kids and teens for input on the furniture as well, they will tell you



what they like! Please also take into account sensory processing, and physical limitations, especially in the kids area in terms of colors and usability.

Friendly for the handicap and elderly; safe for the kids

It all looks good! I like the colors for the childrens area.

I saw a display case built into the floor in the kids section at the Port Washington NY library, which would be fun for our littlest patrons (at Signing Storytime)

<https://www.skolnick.com/spielman-childrens-library> It would also be nice to make it have a theme tied to the community (like the ship at PL). Maybe something with surfing or the beach.

are there any more private spaces for activities like tutoring?

Would be great to have a community mural inside or outside.

Comfortable reading chairs for kids

I am an old person so I like chairs with backs not modular "footstools" but also some comfortable, stay a while chairs. They can't all be for studying

Get professionals to propose and show proposals to the public before purchasing or proceeding.

It's been well over half a century since my first visit to a library, but my fondest, oldest memories are from when I was a young child and was left to my own in the children's section, with the ability to go through the books and just plop down on the floor as I went along, thumbing through the books. I think it would benefit the children to provide a comfortable carpeted floor in front of the stacks and room to sit immediately in front of them right on the floor.

Hire a licensed architect for this project!

I'm confused about all the plastic pieces and parts in the children's area. There should be another staff desk near the teen area.

Comfy couches.

**EASY TO CLEAN**

The furniture, other than tables and desks, should be some sort of plastic or material that would not stain, or perhaps get lice if bed bugs embedded in the furniture. Needs to be durable and easy to clean.