



## MINUTES

January 9, 2019

**CITY OF PACIFICA  
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SANCHEZ LIBRARY  
1111 TERRA NOVA BLVD., PACIFICA**

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| <b>COMMITTEE PRESENT:</b>                 | Cindy Abbott (CA);<br>Caroline Barba (CB);<br>Jerry Crow (JC);<br>Anne Evers-Hitz (AH);<br>Ryan Kraske (RK);<br>David Leal (DL);<br>Kathy Long (KL);<br>Eric Ruchames (ER); |
| <b>CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS<br/>PRESENT:</b> | Deirdre Martin (DMa);<br>Sue Vaterlaus (SV)   |
| <b>COMMITTEE ABSENT:</b>                  | Barbara Eikenberry (BE);<br>Andy Lie (AL);<br>Kellie Samson (KS);   |
| <b>CITY STAFF PRESENT:</b>                | Planning Director Tina Wehrmeister (TW);  |
| <b>CONSULTANT TEAM:</b>                   | Dawn Merkes, Group 4 Architects (DM)<br>Daheen Maeng (DMg)  |
| <b>SMCL STAFF:</b>                        | Julie Finklang (JF);<br>Carine Risley (CR)  |

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cindy Abbott called the meeting to order.

#### **1. Approval of November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Review and approval of November 14, 2018 meeting minutes postponed to next meeting.

#### **2. Oral Communications**

#### **3. Project Update and Schedule**

- a. Dawn reviewed project update and schedule
- b. Speaker Forum Presentation Follow-up
  - i. Cindy - the presentation was used at the PB&R Commission meeting
  - ii. Caroline - updated Friends Of the Library newsletter
  - iii. Eric - presented at the Library Foundation & Friends of the Library
    1. Number of comments were received and shared with G4

- 2. Communicated w/ liaison for Jefferson and PSD - planning to give a presentation after school starts
- iv. Tina - police chief went ahead and looked at and called PD of the cities (3-4) with automated/self-serve library
  - 1. They all had no problems/issues with safety
  - 2. Eric - could we have the names of the PD, just in case we get asked at the meeting
- v. G4 to double check the video - video paused during the presentation (Eric and Cindy)
- c. Project Schedule
  - i. Dawn - looking at scheduling a project update with the City Council
  - ii. Tina - polling would happen sometime during February, potentially information could be accessible for the presentations
  - iii. David - are we planning to talk about estimates and share them with the community?
    - 1. Tina and Dawn - the cost estimates have been completed last phase

#### **4. Community Outreach Results**

- a. ~700 people participated during round 1 outreach
- b. Top 4 Library services at Sanchez
  - i. Open 7 days a week
  - ii. Browsing collection
  - iii. Library programs
  - iv. Holds + drop-off
- c. Top 4 Community services at Sanchez
  - i. Pre-school/Kids program
  - ii. Community events
  - iii. Enrichment classes
  - iv. Teen programming
- d. Top 4 Design Values
  - i. Site Context
  - ii. Coastal Design
  - iii. Warm + Inviting
  - iv. Modern California
- e. Public Comments - none

#### **5. Sharp Park Library Design Update**

25K, 60/40 split massing strategy. 1st floor - all library spaces except for the maker space, which is located along with other meeting spaces. Second floor - community hall, conference room, maker space. Providing adjacent speed ramp to neighboring apartment.

- a. Option A - Pacifica's Civic Hub (City Scale)
  - i. Lower level of the parking (half level down) accessible from Pacific Ave

- ii. Upper level parking accessible from Hilton Way
  - iii. Usage of signage to create landmark/gate post
  - iv. Comments:
    - 1. Big footprint - needs to be considerate of the adjacent neighbors/houses
    - 2. Is civic a right design strategy for Pacifica?
- b. Option B - Pacifica's Town Commons (Community Scale)
- i. Circulation has pulled out of the building, creating a landmark
  - ii. Civic frontage, but breakdown of massing on Hilton Way - smaller massing on the residential side
  - iii. Lots of opportunities of outdoor deck/patio
    - 1. Makerspace outdoor patio
    - 2. Community Hall deck
    - 3. Children's terrace
    - 4. Adults terrace
  - iv. Comments:
    - 1. Kathy - like this option, breakdown of scale and dedicated deck space for the makerspace are nice
- c. Option C - Pacifica's Cannery Row (Neighborhood Scale)
- i. Break down of massing - 2 roof lines
  - ii. Pulled the community room back and has direct access to the deck
  - iii. Cannery - always growing and changing and addition
  - iv. Comments:
    - 1. Cindy - Adult space
      - a. Adults are separated from Children space, would it work?
        - i. Carine - creating distinct spaces, acoustical zoning wise, it would actually be beneficial
      - b. Dawn - library is moving on with browsing collection, lobby space in between could be a space where they could expand the browsing collection
    - 2. Kathy - In general all floor plan seems to work, but it is hard to determine which option would be the best
- d. Generic Parking Plan
- i. Parking plates same for either floors
  - ii. Two parking floors not connected - use of internal circulation would be inefficient with site constraints
    - 0. Use of digital signage
- f. In the future, when presenting to the community, maybe displaying all options on one page?
- g. Eric - staff space and location of external book drop? Possible to locate book drop adjacent to the staff space?
- i. Dawn - it is challenging due to underground parking, but working closely with SMCL on different operational strategies
- h. Kathy and Anne - option B is appealing; smaller mass is nice. Option C is too boxy
- i. Kathy - view from Hilton Circle on option C is really nice, great opportunities for ocean views and natural light

- j. Eric - option B or C looks good in terms of breakdown of massing and considering footprint
- k. Sue - option C is preferable
- l. Ryan - option A and community room in option C is nice
- m. Dawn - to sum up, generally people like the option B and C because of the breakdown of massing
- n. From public:
  - i. Ellen - option C, is there an access to the community room from the Hilton Circle?
    - 1. Dawn - it could be
  - ii. Ellen - natural ventilation for underground parking?
    - 1. Dawn - no, mechanical ventilation, because natural ventilation requires 2 openings.
- o. Kathy - since library is located in one floor on the lower level, how much of the daylighting would penetrate?
  - i. Dawn - currently, lower level is almost same level as existing, so ample daylighting penetrates. Staff area has limited daylight, but we are trying to incorporate different options for skylights

## 6. Sanchez Library Bubble Diagram Plan & Program Option Summaries

- a. Larger Library
- b. Larger community room
  - i. Potential divisible rooms
- b. Potential addition - does not go over the easement, but there was a breezeway
  - ii. G4 to make revision to the diagram
- c. Draft recommended program
  - iii. Planning to work with the library and PB&R to vet this recommended program
  - iv. Lounge seating - wrong sf was used (10), 30sf should be used - G4 to make changes
- d. Comments:
  - i. Eric - given this site, can we zoom out and see other site opportunities? Showing bigger site context
    - 1. Dawn - we wanted to move away from scope creep, but definitely could explore and look at different opportunities
  - ii. Julie - are you leaving the courtyard as is?
    - 1. Dawn - creating protected space, children friendly. Improved courtyard
    - 2. G4 to dash-in around the courtyard
    - 3. Eric - are there opportunities to make courtyard bigger?
  - iii. Cindy - larger community center option is turning library into a community center
  - iv. Kathy - labels are misleading
    - 1. Dawn - community room can be also used as library programming space
      - a. Re-label the program bubbles - shared space to lobby/lounge
  - v. Dawn - all very preliminary, still need a lot of work done with the library and PB&R
  - vi. Public Comments:
    - 1. Ellen - community garden
      - a. Would the garden be open to the comm. to maintain? Or staff would?
      - b. Julie - open for possibilities

**7. Committee and Staff Communication**

- a. Eric - visited HMB library, very lovely... but neighbor envy. We need one for Pacifica. Also, gives you a sense of two floor real world option
- b. Julie - attended the presentations, thanks to everyone who participated in the process
- c. Cindy
  - i. City is doing an update to a new comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
    - 1. Very interactive website
    - 2. Provide feedback
  - ii. Opening at the Sanchez Art Center this Friday

MEETING ADJOURNED

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Cindy Abbott  
Library Advisory Committee Chair