

MINUTES

Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
6:00 PM Los Gatos Public Library
100 Villa Avenue in Los Gatos

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Steve Blair, Linda Craighead, Martha Dexter, Rena Dubin, Martín J. Gomez, Elise Granata, Nikolara Jansons, Tera Martin, and Teresa Thomae

ABSENT: Yolanda Henry

STAFF: Director of Libraries Susan Nemitz, Assistant Director Janis O’Driscoll, and Administrative Assistant Ivan Sumano-Vargas

2. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

None

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2017 MEETING

RESULT:	APPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2017 MEETING
MOVER:	Teresa Thomae
SECONDER:	Tera Martin
AYES:	Blair, Craighead, Dubin, Gomez, Granata, and Jansons
ABSTAIN:	Martha Dexter
ABSENT:	Yolanda Henry

5. REPORT BY THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mentioned an article that was in the Sentinel which encouraged the public to participate in the process for the new Downtown Library building.

6. MEMBER REPORTS

Martha Dexter: She was absent from the previous DLAC meeting because she was at an ALA meeting. There were several sessions she attended and pointed out one called, “Building and Renovating Existing Spaces or Unusual Spaces”.

Steve Blair: Suggested to set aside some time at an upcoming meeting to discuss some of the ideas and concepts gathered from the articles shared amongst the members in a structured manner. Susan pointed out that at the July

27th meeting a programming consultant will do a 60 minute exercise that will treat the members like a focus group and this should fulfill Steve's suggestion.

Martín J. Gomez: Raised a question about the structure of these meetings. When are certain topics going to be discussed? How will we get feedback from the general public? Susan stated that how we engage with the public is a point of concern. She also pointed out that the purple binders have a timeline with a general outline of what each meeting is going to be focused on. The timeline will be modified as different topics surface, such as adding discussion items about the parking ramp and security.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Los Gatos Public Library Tour

B. Characteristics of a 21st Century Library

C. Discussion

Elise Granata: Was struck by the push out at the front of the library as it showed a creative way to make more space. Loved the several designated spaces and how there has been many different forms of gatherings that have taken place. Felt it was a bit unclear where to go when she first stepped in.

Rena Dubin: Liked that there was a sufficient amount of outlets. Feels there is not a lot of quiet spaces. Loves the open light, space, and visibility. Would like to incorporate the feeling of openness but also have designated soundproof areas for the future Downtown building.

Nikolara Jansons: Liked the thoughtfulness in the design of the library such as placing the large print downstairs so it's more accessible to patrons. Also liked the feel of the designated stack areas where there was no interruption by seating so a patron can just be in the stacks with the books.

Tera Martin: The way the furniture is laid out she can see that it's adaptable going forward. Thinks being adaptable is key to making it last. Loves the thoughtfulness of staff visibility to each other. Loves the indoor/outdoor sections. Likes the multiple areas with a screen and projector and how the furniture around it can be easily moved around.

Steve Blair: The lighting in the building is very nice. Creates a warm and inviting environment. Likes the division of space in this library. Everything is split into different sections but there is still great visibility from one spot to another. Every space is well defined giving them a feeling of intimacy.

Martha Dexter: Really likes the outdoor spaces. The climate in Santa Cruz and California in general allows for the use of outdoor spaces all year round so taking advantage of that would be great. Compared how Los Gatos Library is 30,000 sq ft while the Downtown Santa Cruz Library will be around 44,000 sq ft which may allow room for more designated areas.

Teresa Thomae: Loves the children's room and how open it is. Prefers high book stacks. Doesn't like how the windows can't be opened at this library. Made the room feel stuffy.

Linda Craighead: Wonderful library and a beautiful setting. The children and teens are very important to her. She wants to try to focus on making safe spaces for those specific groups.

Martín J. Gomez: Not a fan of outdoor spaces. Feels they are usually not used that often. Was surprised by the staff space. Expected a little bit more and thought it felt a little bit crowded.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Judi Grunstra – Made the comparison about the size difference between Los Gatos and Downtown Santa Cruz. Commented on how much the committee has to accomplish in the remaining meetings. Suggested to narrow down the choices to either the 1 story or 2 story idea. Mentioned she prefers the library to be further away from Pacific Avenue.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Final Adjournment of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) at 8:00 PM to the next Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 PM at the Downtown Branch Meeting Room located at 224 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.