



MINUTES

Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC)

Thursday, January 25, 2018

6:30pm Meeting Room, Downtown Branch
224 Church Street in Santa Cruz

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Martha Dexter, Rena Dubin, Nikolara Dunbar-Jansons, Martín J. Gomez, Yolanda Henry, Tera Martin, Teresa Thomae

ABSENT: Steve Blair, Linda Craighead, and Elise Granata

STAFF: Director of Libraries Susan Nemitz and Administrative Assistant Ivan Sumano-Vargas

2. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

None

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING

RESULT:	APPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING
MOVER:	Martín J. Gomez
SECONDER:	Nikolara Dunbar-Jansons
AYES:	Dexter, Dubin, Martin, and Thomae
ABSTAIN:	Yolanda Henry
ABSENT:	Steve Blair, Linda Craighead, and Elise Granata

5. REPORT BY THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

None

6. MEMBER REPORTS

None

MOTION:	MOVE PUBLIC COMMENTS BEFORE GENERAL BUSINESS
MOVER:	Rena Dubin
SECONDER:	Martín J. Gomez
AYES:	Dubin
NAYS:	Dexter, Dunbar-Jansons, Gomez, Henry, Martin, and Thomae
ABSENT:	Steve Blair, Linda Craighead, and Elise Granata
RESULT:	FAILED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS



A. Review & Approve the Report

The committee reviewed the report and were directed to discuss the substance of the report while any grammar corrections should be written out and submitted separately. There was discussion on certain phrases and language used in the report, but overall the committee had a consensus of the content presented in this draft of the report.

MOTION:	APPROVE REPORT WITH MODIFICATIONS
MOVER:	Yolanda Henry
SECONDER:	Teresa Thomae
AYES:	Dexter, Dubin, Dunbar-Jansons, Gomez, and Martin
ABSENT:	Steve Blair, Linda Craighead, and Elise Granata
RESULT:	PASSED

B. Next Steps

Hoping this will be on the City Council agenda at the end of March coordinated with the parking study and farmer’s market. All present committee members were willing to volunteer to present to the City Council.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Brocklebank – Claims the document is faith based and that believing and hoping are not adequate to the task of decision making. Calls the report a defensive report and felt that the committee was annoyed by the critiques given by the public. Claims the report still contains errors of fact, erroneous statements, and misstatements.

Michael Lewis – Claims affordable housing, parking, homelessness, and farmer’s market are things the committee have no purview over and are a waste of time to be considered by the committee. Claims there are no problems with the roof. Points out that there is nothing related to the public process in the report.

Hugh Fowler – Questions the committee on whether they really believe the combined structure will actually be that great. Complained about putting the structure where the farmer’s market currently meets.

Judi Grunstra – This report contains many misrepresentations of facts, incorrect assumptions about Option A, and disregard for public opinion. I’ve been doing some research on parking garages and mixed use projects, and I have yet to find a single example of a library included in a garage/housing mixed use project. According to this book, parking garages have a life expectancy of 40 years, so in another 40 years we may again be faced with needing to rebuild or relocate our downtown library. The city just renovated Louden Nelson community center and it will need further maintenance as years go by. The same is true of extensive renovations planned for Santa Cruz City Schools. Detailed costs are available on their web site for new HVAC systems, roofs, technology infrastructure upgrades, etc. Many school buildings are older than the library and cover more square footage, yet renovations will cost considerably less than the figures you were given by Noll & Tam. At this time there is no information on where \$37 million for the garage would come from, or specifics about potential partners in a mixed use project. There is no information on where the \$6-7 million will come from for the



farmer's market pavilion. These are not your concerns, yet tying the library to the garage may well prolong the process and cause more expense, and frankly insults our community.

Susan Cavalieri – Claims that the city's proposal to build a garage is showing support for the use of cars and enabling solo driving. Believes the money would be better spent on public transit. Wants the library to remain at its current location.

Dana Bagshaw – Claims a lot of people feel the same way about not knowing that voting for Measure S would support a parking lot.

Pauline Seales – Feels that from day one this was set up to be a sham, to invite the public and then ignore them. Claims that they never heard one person stand up and state they support the garage proposal.

Zachary Woodford – Doesn't see anything with regards to working with the university. Feels that is an untapped resource and the library should look into it.

She'aShaunna Egling – Compared the City Council and this meeting to the federal level of government and called it despicable. Thinks the library is going to be built underground and states it's a bad idea due to earthquakes.

Gillian Geensite – When thinking of downtown thinks of city hall, the civic auditorium, and the library. Considers it the civic center and that taking the library away is not a good thing to do.

Anne – Called out a previous comment about never hearing someone state they support the garage proposal and said that was false. Pointed out that their opinions don't always hold a lot of weight, but is also aware that there will be other venues to provide public opinion.

Debbie – Wants to see the report unapproved. Claims that choosing the combined structure is linking the library to a big fight and delay. Would like the report to reflect what the committee would really like to see and that the garage was chosen because it was the most affordable.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Final Adjournment of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Sumano-Vargas, Clerk of the Committee