

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC)**

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

6:30-8:30 pm Santa Cruz City Council Chambers

**Committee Members:** Steve Blair, Linda Craighead, Martha Dexter, Rena Dubin, Martín J. Gomez, Elise Granata, Yolanda Henry, Nikolara Jansons, Tera Martin, and Teresa Thomae  
Ex Officio: Susan Nemitz, Director of Libraries

Staff: Janis O’Driscoll, Assistant Director; Jessica Goodman, Regional Manager; Ivan Sumano-Vargas, Administrative Assistant

### ***Welcome and Introductions – Susan Nemitz***

#### ***Committee Organization***

- 1. *Review the Charge to the Committee – Martín Bernal, Santa Cruz City Manager***  
Martin Bernal provided an overview and explains the charge of the committee.
- 2. *Ground Rules for Meetings***  
Susan Nemitz provided an overview and explained the ground rules for the meetings. There was a consensus for the rules presented. Start time for all future meetings were set to 6 PM with a meeting length of 2 hours and would require a majority vote to extend meeting.
- 3. *Facilitation of Meetings***  
The consensus was to rotate through members as chair for every meeting.
- 4. *Strategies for Completing the Committee Charge***  
Susan Nemitz developed a process outline for every meeting.
- 5. *Public Input Process***  
Public comment will be limited to the end of the meeting with a 3 minute limit per person.
- 6. *Supporting Documents***  
Susan Nemitz gave an overview on the supporting documents in the purple binder provided to all committee members.

#### ***Background***

- 1. *Library Governance***
- 2. *Measure S***
- 3. *Facilities Master Plan – Downtown Branch***
- 4. *Current Building Options***

- a. Renovate existing building**
- b. Rebuild the branch on the existing site**
- c. Construct a shared use (library/parking garage) building on Cedar Street**

**Public Comment: No more than 3 minutes per person**

Jack Nelson – Concerned about building another parking garage in Downtown Santa Cruz. Advocates for more sustainability and improved public transit.

Jean Brocklebank – Favors a remodel of the existing library.

Susan Work – Expected that voting for Measure S meant an improvement of the existing library building.

Dana Baqshaw – Very active in climate change issues and also with the campaign for sensible transportation. Advocates for a green city so her vision for the library downtown does not have a parking garage above it.

Judi Grunstra – Hopes the committee revisits the option to utilize the present site. Believes the public should have been asked sooner in the process about what they thought about the idea of combining the library with a parking garage.

Reed Searle – Comments that one of the most important aspects of a library are its books and hopes the committee does not forget about the books.

Alene Smith – Concerned about the parking garage idea and advocates for more public transportation options.

Erica Stanojevic – As a bicyclist is concerned about the combined library with a parking garage. Encourages the committee to seek out the other options. Believes the city's climate goals will not be met with a parking garage.

Mark Lee – Also thought that voting for Measure S meant the money was going strictly to the current building. Voiced concerns about the future of the farmer's market.

Colonel Terry Maxwell – Stated that the current building can be renovated at a fraction of the cost.

Mary Bailey – Against the parking garage.

### **Adjourn**

Final Adjournment of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) at 8:30 PM to the next Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:00pm in the meeting room of the Downtown Branch at 224 Church Street in Santa Cruz.

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