

## **Pleasant Hill Library Task Force Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date: **August 10, 2015**

Large Community Room, Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

### **Attendees:**

- Michael Harris, Pleasant Hill City Council
- Sue Noack, Pleasant Hill City Council
- Lisa Chow, Supervisor Mitchoff's Office
- Sherry Sterrett, PH Recreation & Park District Board
- Patrick Remer, Pleasant Hill Library
- Jack Prosek, Pleasant Hill Library Fund
- Bill Bankert, Planning Commission
- Mitch Avalon, consultant, Contra Costa County Flood Control District
- Jim Kennedy, consultant, Contra Costa County
- Wendy Gollop, resident
- Diane Longshore, resident
- Jeff McDaniel, MDUSD
- Julie Golinski, resident
- Matthew Golinski, resident
- Robert Golinski, resident
- Ann Flynn, Friend of the Library
- Katherine Bracken, PH Library Commissioner
- Norman VanHole, PH Citizens for Responsible Growth
- June Catalano, City Manager
- Danielle Habr, City staff

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Update from Contra Costa County representatives**

Jim Kennedy reported on the disposition of the three county properties. The Dahlin Group has been selected as the planning consultant and will begin work in October. In early 2016, the County will initiate the land use entitlement process. Chair Harris asked for a brief summary of the process, which Mr. Kennedy provided.

Jack Prosek commented that the planning consultant was supposed to be on board by Labor Day weekend. He also enquired about the schedule or timeline for the planning process. Chair Harris stated that the Dahlin Group would be invited to a future meeting of the Task Force once they had started working on the project.

Sandy Bonato asked if the decision on where to site the library is economically driven. Jim Kennedy responded to this comment. Mitch Avalon informed the group that 10-acre property (former Oak Park Elementary site) was currently being used by a construction contractor as a staging area for dirt piles. June Catalano stated that the City had issued a stop work order to the

contractor until the dirt piles had been substantially reduced. These piles were not being used on any City projects.

## **Reports from Sub-committees**

### **Needs Assessment**

Chair Harris provided details about photos from recent library visits by members of this subcommittee. Jeff McDaniel reported that the MDUSD Board would be considering a proposal at a closed session meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the possible use of the track and field area of PH Middle School as a site for the new library. June Catalano suggested that a representative from the County should attend this meeting.

Jack Prosek commented that the Needs Subcommittee hasn't had a meeting since January 23<sup>rd</sup> and that there needs to be more discussion about the size of the new library.

### **Outreach Subcommittee**

Patrick Remer introduced a new promotional video. He stated that he would send a YouTube link of the video to the Task Force. Susan Weaver reported that the Friends of the Library is in a position to lead community outreach and that the subcommittee would like to partner with the Friends to achieve this. She stated that there needed to be a clear message to the community regarding the need and desire for a new library. She distributed a draft blueprint for a community outreach campaign or program. The subcommittee does not have a budget for this yet but the Friends do have money available to assist with this.

### **Funding Subcommittee**

There was no report from this committee. Norman Vanhole mentioned a sports complex facility in Folsom.

### **Other Business**

Jack Prosek mentioned the Brentwood Library article in the Contra Costa Times. He asked about deficiencies with this library and if they had been addressed by the County. Sandy Bonato suggested that Sherry Sterrett should be involved in future discussions regarding funding given her experience with Measure E.

### **Future Meetings**

Chair Harris stated that he would have Martin Nelis send out meeting requests for the subcommittees. The Task Force agreed to meet again on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Chair Harris stated that he might be unavailable for that meeting.

The Task Force adjourned at 12:02 pm.