

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

Meeting Date: **May 9, 2016**

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
- Bill Bankert, Planning Commission
- Sandra Bonato, PH Rec & Park District
- Sherry Sterrett, PH Rec & Park District
- Jack Prosek, Pleasant Hill Library Fund
- Patrick Remer, PH Library
- Katherine Bracken, PH Library Commissioner
- Kim Brandt, Resident
- Wendy Gollop, resident
- Michelle LaFontone, resident
- Norman VanHole, Resident
- Kim Brandt, Resident
- June Catalano, City Manager
- Danielle Habr, City staff
- Martin Nelis, City staff

### **Public Comment**

Kim Brandt asked for an update on the negotiations between the County, PH Rec & Park District and City of Pleasant Hill.

### **Presentation by Girl Scouts Troop 33354 (Strandwood Elementary) regarding ideas for a new library**

Girl Scouts Troop from Strandwood Elementary presented their ideas for a new library which included:

- A proposed roof-top garden
- Motion sensor lights on book stacks and shelving so that energy is only consumed when users are present
- Use discarded plastic, bottles etc to make recycled art
- Use glass curtain walls with mesh inserted between double glass panes to reduce heat and glare
- Use recycled carpet tiles to eliminate need to replace entire carpet with wear and tear

### **Presentation on “Imagining a New Pleasant Hill Library” by Independent Study Students**

Horizons independent study students presented several design videos for a new library with the following themes and concepts:

- Youth see that libraries of the future will continue to have a blend of print books and computers/tech
- The aesthetic experience of libraries should reflect the imaginative power of programs & collections (as represented by glass domes, extravagant staircases, balconies)
- Fun, secret staff space emphasizes the playful and deep relationships that youth have with librarians
- Green expansive outdoor spaces
- Rooms to read and explore are balanced by rooms to create own content

### **Discussion regarding the results of the Revenue Measure Feasibility Survey conducted by Godbe Research**

Mayor Noack presented the findings of the Revenue Measure Feasibility Survey which was conducted in late March/early April among 427 likely Pleasant Hill voters in November 2016 election. The results indicated that 85% of respondents were pleased with the job that the City was doing to provide services. 70% supported a possible sales tax measure in November 2016 and identified the following five issues as their top priorities which would lead them to support such a measure:

- Fixing potholes and repairing neighborhood streets (77% in favor)
- Maintaining neighborhood police patrols (74%)
- Maintaining storm drains (71%)
- Repairing and maintaining sidewalks (70%); and
- Providing a library that meets current health, safety, fire and seismic standards (67%)

### **Reports from Sub-committees**

There were no substantive reports from any subcommittees.

### **Future meeting date**

The Task Force agreed to meet again at 11:00 a.m. on June 6, 2016.