Update on the Activities of the Pleasant Hill Library Task Force



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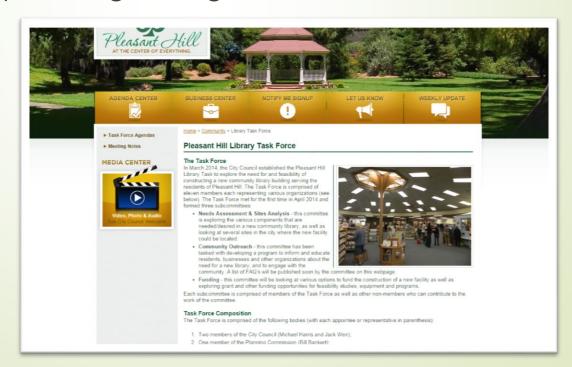
Background:

- Current Library built in 1961 on 5-acre parcel
- Home to County Library Administration
- Building is outdated with many physical limitations & structural defects
- Access to technology and computers limited
- More than \$10m in deferred maintenance needs
- Space Constraints lack of meeting rooms
- Not energy efficient
- Disabled access is limited



- City Council established the Task Force at March 10, 2014 meeting
- Task Force Goal:

"To explore the need for and feasibility of constructing a new library building serving the residents of Pleasant Hill"



Task Force Composition:

- Two members of the City Council (Michael Harris and Jack Weir)
- One member of the Planning Commission (Bill Bankert)
- One member of the Education Commission (Jennifer Andersen)
- One representative of the CC County Library (Jessica Hudson)
- One representative of the Board of Supervisors (Karen Mitchoff, alternate Lisa Chow);
- One representative of the MDUSD (Jeff McDaniels)
- One representative of the Recreation & Park District (Sandy Bonato, alternate Sherry Sterrett)
- One representative of the PH Library Fund (Jack Prosek)
- One representative of the Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library (Brian Crowell, alternate Lynn Murphy)
- City of Pleasant Hill representative to the CCC Library Commission (Katherine Bracken)

- Task Force convened in April 2014
- Elected Councilmember Harris as Chair and Supervisor Karen Mitchoff as Vice-Chair
- Established three sub-committees:
 - Funding
 - Community Outreach
 - Needs Assessment & Sites Analysis
- Task Force Agendas and Meeting Notes posted on City website
- Meetings are open to public

Funding Subcommittee:

- Jessica Hudson (Chair), Jack Weir, Katherine Bracken
- Reviewing funding mechanisms for a new facility
- Looking at similar facilities in other cities to determine potential costs
- Exploring possible grants to assist with planning process

Community Outreach Subcommittee:

- Brian Crowell (Chair), Jack Weir, Patrick Remer, Lisa Chow, Jennifer Andersen
- Develop FAQ's for Task Force approval
- Determine ways to reach out to the community for input and support
- Reach out to key community leaders and organization

Needs Assessment & Sites Analysis Subcommittee

- Michael Harris (Chair), Katherine Bracken, Sandy Bonato, Jack Prosek, Jeff McDaniels, Jessica Hudson, Bill Bankert
- Evaluating various sites around the city for new a library facility
- Space analysis to meet the needs of Pleasant Hill residents
- Conducted tour of three libraries in Orinda,
 Lafayette & Walnut Creek all relatively new,
 constructed since 2001

Sites Analysis – Criteria used for site consideration:

- Proximity to schools
- Geographic location in the city
- Public Transportation
- Proximity to other gathering places e.g. Teen,
 Senior, Community Centers
- Proximity to Downtown Pleasant Hill
- Adequate parking
- Available land
- Possible partnership with other agencies

Library Tours in Orinda, Lafayette & Walnut Creek

- Identified Positives/Negatives in these facilities:
 - Meeting & Conference Rooms flexible for multiple purposes
 - Computers & Technology throughout the building
 - Flexible stacks, furnishings & equipment
 - Teen area visible and easily accessible
 - Story time area larger and flexible for other uses
 - Information/help desk(s) highly visible and central
 - Friends of Library Bookstores a valuable asset
 - Adequate parking
 - Two-story facilities require more staffing

Space Analysis for a new facility

- Approximately 25,000 sf facility proposed
- Main library area (13,500 sf) consisting of:
 - Adult Collections (6,000 sf)
 - Circulation/Marketplace (1,500 sf)
 - Children/Early Learning area (6,000 sf)
- Jeen Area (1,000 1,500 sf)
- Community/Meeting Room (3,000 sf)
- Public Technology (1,000 sf)
- Friends of the Library (600 sf)
- Quiet Reading/Magazines (880 sf)
- Staff Offices/Workroom/Bookdrop areas (1,600 sf)
- Public Entry/Restrooms (600 sf)
- Tutoring/smaller meeting rooms (500-800 sf)

Next Steps

- Additional Sites Analysis
- Community Outreach development of FAQ's post to website and promote in Outlook, Focus etc.
- Gather public input via Workshops/Town hall meetings and Online Survey
- Funding provide details on library funding at other locations over past ten years – include funding for construction and operational/maintenance costs
 - Determine lead agency