



Civic Center Modernization Project

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Comments: _____
Currently parking space occupies ~41% of the
land use. Would it be better if we can build a
multi-story parking structure so that more parking space
can be converted to build additional buildings (larger
library, other Sunnyvale city offices, etc.) ?

- lots of green, established green space

- great the way it is

- * openness of space is positive

- teen center

- library expansion

- landscape is great, take advantage of what's there

- expansion of core functions

- * Community Garden is great

- Public Safety relocated to make room for park

- playgrounds, picnic areas

- the existing green space is well liked

• parking could be reduced? or consolidated into less
area

• keep the land!

• keep the trees!

• expand library toward Office Center

• passive spaces are good

• indoor/outdoor connections

• open green space aesthetically important spiritually

*** bizz in green statement that "open space wasn't usable"

• hardscape could be reduced by utilizing integral parking

• keep green spaces

• kick park

• need more park space

• indoor/outdoor spaces for library

* Maintain Community Garden

• currently will used as vegetable, 

• more controlled to site (Community Center)

• or, relocated to Community Center

- not a feeling of overcrowding
- gathering site somewhere in City, if not at C.C.
- not necessarily 2 need for children's functions
- Not MANHATTAN!
- more visible connections
- library plaza is one of the better parts of the site
- keep footprint 20' x 100' (the glossy building)
- key decision - determine future brand library
- more open space, specifically around library

- Separation between City and Community uses on site
- maintain open space and buffers
- no higher than 3 stories
- keep C.G. as is
- is below ground parking an option?
- accommodate functions primarily over bringing more people
- electrical at open space
- more connection to fountain

- like that there's plenty of parking
- like the buildings are set back from street
- keep library area quiet (no playground adjacent)
- move non-essential functions off the site
- no tree removal
 - too much parking
 - the City NEEDS the existing green space
- public art, plazas,
- more walking paths
- plenty of parking already
- more dense buildings to increase open space
- places to sit, contemplate, read, eat lunch
 - set back multi-story portions of buildings to maximize one-story feel
 - exercise stations
 - protect Community Garden
- maintain flexible space for future needs
 - keep statue @ library

- maintain/create places for users to interact w/ outdoor spaces
- • City should be purchasing land, not selling - for parks, etc.
- small scale services
- • spaces that can accommodate larger events, but not permanently designed for it
- brick is valuable
- connect outdoor spaces ~~the~~
- • walking paths
- • look into doing off Alameda
- • bike lanes, bike paths
- alternative transportation options

* more park / family activities

— convert some area into city park
pavilion for events

— visible community functions from outside

* LEED platinum city hall at

— new library - not renovated

* more identity

— more flexibility to allow more open space

* - gallery spaces



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Comments: Don't move the library!



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Comments: PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE LIBRARY.

PLEASE DO NOT "LINK-IN" THE LIBRARY



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Name (Optional) Charles Moore

Comments: The library should not be moved to the Community Center site.

It needs to be about where it is - close to downtown,
bus service, walking distance to nearby residential areas
with lots of children. For example, there is a large
concentration of families with small children in the area
around ~~Washington Park~~ Washington Park + area to West & South.
+ my 5 year old granddaughter has walked here for several years
(with parents) & considering it as a place to go to.



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Michael

Comments:

Noce Workshop. Hope all the good ideas are really listened to.



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Name (Optional)

Erin Jew

Comments:

Library exterior and size and green space is Perfect the way it is. Maybe please put reading benches in green courtyard behind the community room. Someone mentioned welcoming a food truck to the parking lot.

Bigger is not better! We are cozy and people from Santa Clara come here instead of their "glass box" library!



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Comments: re "Culling" of library books -
One of purposes of a public library is have books
that are not readily available elsewhere even if
they are not frequently checked out, they may
be used at the library. Such as - out of print books,
reference books for info even Google doesn't do a good
job of finding ab-



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Name (Optional) Elaine Manley

Comments: meeting rooms w/ projectors, mics, podiums
available, free or low affordable rent
internet, computers, 1 main library, lots of
parking, more e-materials yet still access to
books. Santa Clara library is a great example -
aesthetic, parking, cafe, several stories, energy efficient



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Comments: ADD A BRANCH LIBRARY

MAKE ORIGINAL two stories
conference rooms & offices on second floor
dedicate first floor to Public with more access to
outside areas- with seating

separate children's area - keep adult area quiet

cleanable upholstery in Library



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Name (Optional)

Miranda Wendell

Comments:

What's the status of the branch library? What impact on main library? When creating a design & budget, separate functions into 2 categories - those promoting literacy & all others. Donorships, terminals, meeting spaces really need to be co-located? Should the library house a shop-run by the Friends or the new foundation - to increase revenue stream? What is the role of the new Foundation? Capital project only or on going expenses?

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Floor space allocation - too much currently tied up with table seating. Are the reference books at the low counters used enough to be on the floor or could they be stored elsewhere & produced on request? The programs & ~~more~~ computers tie up parking. Parking space turnover much longer than for those checking out materials. Perhaps separate parking arrangements for short trips vs long trip users. Library plays currently the only informal public gathering place we have. New plan should include study of whether this will change if & when the downtown ~~is~~ ever gets going again.

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- Would like to see more of future generation at these meetings

LIB 1 

★ don't like moving Library
worst idea IIII

- ~~add~~ can add, but don't destroy
- if move, this area will not have a library in 2mi.

★ works - great book collection

- wonderful meetings/programs

★ not enough room for larger events

★ fantastic online presence + app

- e-book borrowing + online collection
- increase physical juvenile collection
- like quiet room w/ stained glass
- like not too noisy here
- sustainable co-working space like Sandbox
add this

- co working
 - revenue source
 - good location
 - high demand

* meeting rooms - for student study (free)

- non-profits
- reservable
- had before
- free
- contain noise
- small study groups

- maintain parking availability
- City shuttle serving library
esp. for non-drivers

* need sufficient bandwidth
+ task lighting + power outlets

- satellite library (branch)
- enough wi-fi

* ADA - restrooms

* concerned that entire population
is not geographically close

- idea of branch near ~~high density~~ housing like Vancouver has + other shopping (storefront library)
- improve image, reputation
 - more all inclusive
 - not segregated
 - all together - like now, good (together in community)
- keep big open space inside library
- like coffee shop (like Cupertino)
- ★ FOL store in library
 - outdoor garden area for reading
- ★ joint-use w/ public schools or colleges
 - help w/ homeless, handle situation properly
 - purchase request, more variety

★ like lunch statue

★ library expansion should be at a branch location, not here

- maybe two branches?

- library ~~is~~ is more for kids, needs to be close so can walk

- have lots of books, esp chapter books

- recycle

- places to sit + read

- brighter more inviting space

- don't want to move it

★ like natural setting, garden setting

- better air circulation

- location is good

- place for meetings - talk about issue

~~good~~

LIB 5

- improve A/V + computer connection
 - modernize interior, but exterior good
 - like passive space, but use for reading areas
 - larger bathrooms + cleaner
 - more quiet areas + places to sit
 - there will be limits
 - cafe could be a food truck
 - some spaces may just need chairs for reading
 - don't just expand + add, ^{be} careful
- ★ accommodate variety of needs
- don't want to have worst library
 - surprised this is worst
 - maybe just numbers
 - people say they prefer this library
- ★ well loved library

* values of moving

- ease transition
 - more room on site there
 - more flexibility
 - civic center needs land
 - grouping of use
- consider satellite @ comm ctr
- Sunnyvale is growing, need to address
- need a janitor
- good children's section

* feels good here

- see H.S students together-
- location
- open space
- convergence of ppl
- cozy
- not big glass box
- place for learning, work + play
- garden outside

- intimate gardens in middle, endearing
- library is perfect
 - here various times, haven't seen problems
 - really works
 - feel is more important than fancy amenities
- modern arch doesn't make ppl feel good
- * library needs to support relationships btwn ppl, variety of use w/o bothering each other
- plan needs to incorporate + coordinate w/ North side
- * prefer update over brand new for cost reasons
- more reading electronic, how change

- Why does library need to change?

- interested in adding chrome books

- small

- cost efficient

- good for students

- checkout as resource at library

- maintain library as place for books + media
as well as new, balance

* like being able to browse collection

- cull collection, more purchase
of high demand items, less waiting list

- library foundation should
get \$ from corporations

- keep depth of collection, not too contemp.

- balanced collection

- tables in a departments w/ plugs

* drive-thru book pick-up

- home delivery

- larger computer work area, often full
- need more mtg space ← wonderful
 - free
 - study
 - 10-12 ppl
 - 3-4 ppl
- more green space w/easy access
 - w/ chairs + benches, multiple entry
- ability to have comp. classes
- collection - materials for elem. school work
 - school support materials, up to date
- prefer addition instead of new
- don't want to tear down something functional
- don't move to connectr HHHH
- idea of 2-story addition
- library is more than books, character
- need a ^{really} good reason to move

* coffee shop

- more branches instead of bigger
- there is a lunch time librarian program at schools

- arrangement btwn library + schools as alternate to branches

* good to have library near other civic bldgs

- important for library can be neutral
library being able to control its own policies

* place for community to come together
planned or spontaneous, encourage physical presence

- if not broken, don't fix

- like library has always served needs
 - great book + dvd collection
 - after hours return
- more librarians accessible for help
(some better than others)
- well labeled, easy to find thing
- Hoopla (online) borrow online
- more quiet study space or work in small groups
- like to browse - discover
- environment gives peace of mind
- place for collaboration
- partner w/ other libraries - link plus
- can submit purchase request
- like lunch sculpture
- like character
- good, computers, books, don't need new
- access to more recent material online

* place for focused work

- research
- computers
- books
- ~~small gr~~

- small group project work, collaborate

- library, not Starbucks

- open social space - better outside
needs to be functional inside

- seating outside,

- other places are for socializing

- priority on collection + mtg space

- priority on books

- value employees, retain talent

* mix of functional + social



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safety office here w/o relocating.



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Comments: BBB Fast response from 911 and police,
saved my husband twice, thank you so much!



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Name (Optional) 4/25/2015

Comments: ① I like walking to the library.
② This is a once in a generation opportunity -
think creatively for the long term.
③ Improve library collection. Consider branch libraries
only if it does not drain resources from the main library



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Name (Optional) ELAINE MARLEY

Comments: Public Safety - needs upgrade badly, new
facilities w/ technology, training training rooms,
communication w/ public, I did SNAP training
I was surprised how old & low amenities; needs to
be more aesthetic; they deserve a nice space & quality
meeting rooms & technology.



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Name (Optional) Erin Jew

Comments: I like that the Police/Fire is "set
back" from Olive Ave. Future Police car
access should only be on El Camino
Road — Not Olive Ave. I live on
Olive Ave, and Police constantly race down
Olive w/ sirens Blaring in the middle of
the night. We need to keep Police OFF olive,
(Unless servicing our neighborhood).



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Name (Optional) ELAINE MANNEN screens, new wiring, accessibility etc

Comments: City Hall - high tech, able to host all types
of community activities & record on video,
screens you can read, more seating, comfortable seats,
good view from seats, good sound system, more parking
for services - more room, internet access, more
communication to residents. Able to get permits
within 1-5 days; meeting rooms available for
rent @ a fairly low price ~~11~~ 9a-9pm →

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easy to get to

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City hall & public safety

①

Public safety was easy to find - made pet payment
location is convenient - PS.

city hall - making payments is easy
centrally located planning - One Stop
geographically central to SU

< Continue to be gov't. center in future

< more diverse and center of city rather than outer limits
Golden triangle - central

olive are used as fast path of travel for P.S. future
CH

* < emergency operation center @ central location is good (2)

* < Keep P.S. in central SU - awareness of it being part of gov't center - would keep it central and visible

* moving it would need to be about efficiency

< visibility is important - presence

- CC should attract people to gather in a space

create more reasons to interact w/ P.S. - awareness

- online presence is good - no need to visit CH
- * consolidate city staff - services in one building for efficiency
- * same services at a future city hall
- add a DMV branch at CC - would add traffic people don't want

PS. - *response time is important
 non-emergency call number
 good community involvement - positive reinforcement
 improve interface at front desk entry

- * Keep PS on site if possible
- consolidate at a satellite location - evidence
- corp yard harder for public to find
- better organized

NIX communication about road closures - public safety - keep this service

engine storage @ Corp yard

PS Should be easily accessible to public - should be located @ CC
more welcoming lobby

uses council chambers - needs to be updated - not enough overflow

need public meeting rooms

one stop not obvious - need more space

^{consider future techn. needs}
*use more online interface for city govt and community

basement training room was inadequate and redundant

city staff is doing a good job

*submit and review drawing electronically - bandwidth to handle this

*don't duplicate functions at community center @ CC

*future ^{PS} facility should be able to handle a big emergency

consider any loss of services to the community if PS moves.
loss of centralized resources should be considered

Keep P.S. on site for ease of resident access

*consider adjacency to CC functions

*combine all city functions in one building to maximize open space

non-essentials such as gas station move off-site - contract w/ ARCO etc.

- Use Council chambers - chairs are worn out and need replacing
- Layout of city hall is convenient - its easy to find people
- ✓ good access to council meetings - access to Council - council chambers are a good size.
- good access to people in offices - not behind locked doors
- improve AV of council chambers
- is it about having a bigger government? will this raise taxes and crime?
- One stop is essential to keep
- Keep services all together - adjacent

Keep conf functions at one space and other functions close by

Accessing city services by phone or in person is difficult

P.S. - Storage can be off-site

* large meeting room function at P.S. is important
need large meeting space independent of P.S. and does not leave CC area.

all meeting spaces need better AV - video and over internet

fund maintenance for CC now and in future

* what are demographics for future growth of sunnyside? Use this information for planning.

More study is needed to determine if ~~Carp~~ PS should move to
Carp yard - general feeling is to keep it @ CC

-don't grow for growths sake -

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