



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
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REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

TO: Library Board Members
FROM: Scott Bauer, Library Director
MEETING DATE: 05/14/2019
SUBJECT: Update on Pacific Grove Library Renewal Project
CEQA: Does Not Constitute a “Project” per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378

This report updates activities related to the Library Renewal Project. With the Capital Campaign fundraising effort over, this report will concentrate on the Renewal Project and the Temporary Library Location.

Renewal Project

John Kuehl, Pacific Grove’s building Official asked for some minor revisions and language clarifications when he reviewed the Construction Drawings. Architect Karin Payson has submitted the revised drawings for Mr. Kuehl’s review and we expect to be able to pull permits, complete the bidding package and release the project for bidding in the next couple of weeks.

On Wednesday, April 17th the City Council “called up” from the Planning Commission the clerestory permit that is part of the Renewal Project. After a presentation from Community and Economic Development Director Anastazia Aziz , myself, and Project Architect Karin Payson, Council members heard from members of the public both for and against the clerestory windows. I want to thank the many people who attended the meeting, particularly the members of the Friends, Foundation and the Library Board who spoke eloquently on the need for the natural light that the windows will provide. After some discussion Council voted 6-1 to grant the permit for the clerestory window.

The current time frame estimates for the Renewal Project are looking like:

- Late May: Finalize the bid documents and put the Renewal Project out for bids. Director Gho estimates a 45-60 day bid window, which will include a mandatory pre-bid meeting/walk through a couple of weeks after the project is out for bids.
- Early July: Bidding closed. Bids evaluated.
- July: City Council approves awarding of bid.
- Early August: Library closes and construction begins.

Temporary Library Location and Continuity of Library Service

Negotiations for a temporary location for the library on the first floor of 542 Lighthouse Ave (the Holman building) have continued. A lease has been drafted and is acceptable to both parties, but a date for the lease to take effect has not yet been set.

Wald, Ruhnke & Dost architect Ken Turgeon (the architects who did the redesign for the Holman) has provided construction drawings for the temporary library space at the Holman, as well as carpet and paint color ideas for the space. Public Works and Library staff met with Holman developer Dave Gash on Thursday, May 9th to go over the drawings and discuss ways to continue to bring the tenant improvement costs for the Holman to as low a price as possible.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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