



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE SITE PLAN
AD HOC COMMITTEE**

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025, AT 7:00 PM

AMENDED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Amended Additional Documents to the January 2, 2025, Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee. The attached documents include written public comments submitted by the 12:00 p.m. deadline on the day of the Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

**AMENDED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO THE JANUARY 2, 2025 SITE PLAN AD
HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

General public comment – Yvonne LaRose

From: [Yvonne LaRose](#)
To: [Cathy Billings](#); [Lucy Hakobian](#)
Subject: Fw: Recommendations for Library/Community Center Planning
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2025 11:56:55 AM

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Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 11:55:19 AM PST
Subject: Recommendations for Library/Community Center Planning

Thank you for the meeting notice.

I've been attempting to address this body since October regarding Library user issues that were observed and are desirable. Several things occurred that rendered the several attempts futile.

November 7, 2024:

Printing Documents

About two months ago, I was working on several projects with tight deadlines. Being without a functioning printer at the time, I resorted to using the Library to complete several phases of each project. Difficulties with that plan arose. However, even the alternative research and printing plan proved difficult.

Remote Access of Research

My work commenced on my laptop. Research sources were found but not put into an email for later access and printing.

On reaching the Library, it was necessary to transfer the research content to hyperlinks embedded in an email so the content could be accessed and printed.

Remote Printing; Delayed Printing

- Once the research links and content were in an email, they could be accessed at a library computer.
- To do that, it was necessary to access an available station with access to electricity.
- The next step was to move from my personal equipment to a library computer

terminal. The number of terminal available is not problematic. There are ample terminals.

- The materials could then be sent directly to the library printer. FedEx). On this occasion, I was so focused on several other commitments that I forgot to actually print the materials that were queued before leaving the Library.

It was not possible to send the print command(s) to the library printer from my home (as can be done at businesses such as business services that offer remote printing and have a reserve period of up to two days before the print command is deleted).

The result was all of the several print commands expired when the Library closed that day; the content was deleted (not preserved at door opening the next day. The entire project (that involved several different documents) needed to be started again.

Having sound proof study carols would be helpful for those who want to practice vocalizations or have private study sessions for 2-4 individuals. Again, access to electricity and wi-fi in such a study carol is very important.

Summary

Electrical outlets for patron devices need to be available at the desks. The current program of using a charging device after using one's Personal Identification Card poses security risks for the owner should some type of disruption or disaster occur. Perhaps there's a means of wiring the desks with electrical outlets.

Remote printing is desirable. Having remote printing while in-house would be good. Then one would merely need to go to the printer before leaving the building to pick up the prints while leaving the Library terminals available for other patrons.

Remove in-house printing would also be desirable when one's work coming from unsaved websites that are available on a personal device.

Having that capability available from one's home / home-office would be ideal, especially for those who do not have immediately available transportation.

Transportation is another matter of concern. Dial a Ride is based in the Senior Center and is part of the Senior Center phone system. The concern is the limited hours of service. However, that matter needs to be considered by the Mobility Transportation and Infrastructure Commission.

Ancillary Matters - Community Services Areas

As I attempted to address the Committee and continued to read newsletters about activities available at the Library and Senior Center, several matters became glaring issues. Pivotal was location and accessibility of the activities. Then sitting in the reception area of the Senior Center magnified the importance of these matters.

Accessibility - Site and Activities

Accessibility to both the Oxley side of the Library and the front door of the Senior Center are

on level ground with automatic door openers available for those with physical challenges. Although the two sites abut one another, they are not conjoined. It's necessary to exit one facility in order to partake of activities being conducted at the other or in the Library Community Room on El Centro Avenue.

Many exercise classes are conducted in the Senior Center. However, there are other exercise activities conducted in the Community Room. Many come to the Senior Center to partake in an exercise class only to learn the class is at another location.

The Community Room has two means of access

- The front door with the several flights of steps or
- The side door that has a ramp that leads to a door on the east side of the building. This is also the case for the Senior Center.

Adjoining Access - Exercise, Activities, Classes

To reach the Community Room, one must navigate irregular terrain or take long paved paths (and cross crumbled pavement) which can prove to be a difficulty for those who use assistive devices of any type.

As plans are developed for improvements to the Library and Senior Center amenities, especially focused on exercises, classes, and activities, it would be good to consider modifications that allow the three sites to blend with one another so that they can more easily be accessed.

The Senior Center has a very spacious meeting room. It also has a very generous classroom on the south side of the building. Both lack a sufficient number of electrical outlets. This is even more so in the south classroom. It would be helpful to have more outlets on the south wall.

Close

As I said, my initial concerns related to a less cumbersome means of using a private device for research, then turning those results into printed documents. My initial concerns related to printing at the library via remote signal and then preservation print commands for longer than close of business on the same day.

As can be seen, there are many additional matters that beg be considered to make the Library and Community/Senior Center more accessible. It is my hope this "treatise" has been helpful in spotlighting those areas of concern.

Please feel free to reach out to me for clarifications.

Viva

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