



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

A G E N D A
THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
1115 EL CENTRO STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

South Pasadena Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board, we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The South Pasadena Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee Meeting will be conducted in-person from Library Community Room, located at 1115 El Centro Street, South Pasadena.

Public participation may be made as follows:

- In Person – Library Community Room, 1115 El Centro Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.
- Via Zoom – **Meeting ID: 875 1273 0840.**
- Written Public Comment – written comment must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting by emailing LibraryParkCampus@southpasadenaca.gov.
- Via Phone – (669) 900-9128 and entering the Zoom Meeting ID listed above.

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1. Go to the Zoom website, <https://zoom.us/join> and enter the Zoom Meeting information; or
2. Click on the following unique Zoom meeting link: <https://bit.ly/SitePlanAdHoc>.

CALL TO ORDER: Staff Liaison

ROLL CALL: Committee Members
Janet Braun (Mayor, City of South Pasadena)
Sheila Rossi (Mayor Pro Tem, City of South Pasadena)
Kristen Dubé (Board member, Friends of the South Pasadena Library)
Leslie Albe Field (Member, Community Services Commission)
Alexandria Levitt (President, Senior Citizens' Foundation of S. Pasadena)
Tom Afschar (At-Large Member)

Rich Elbaum (At-Large Member)
Tony Hou (At-Large Member)
Gene Kim (At-Large Member)
Bianca Richards (At-Large Member)
Victoria Rocha (At-Large Member)
Dean Serwin (At-Large Member)
Julia Wang (At-Large Member)
Jasmine Wong (At-Large Member)

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES *(Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes)*

The City welcomes public input. Members of the public may comment on a non-agendized subject under the jurisdiction of the Ad Hoc Committee during the General Public Comment period and on agenda items at the time they are being addressed. You may participate in the following ways:

Option 1:

Participate in-person at the Library Community Room.

Option 2:

Participate virtually via Zoom. Participants will be able to “raise their hand” using the Zoom icon during the meeting, and they will have their microphone un-muted during comment portions of the agenda to speak.

Option 3:

Email public comment(s) to LibraryParkCampus@southpasadenaca.gov.

Public Comments received in writing will not be read aloud at the meeting but will be part of the meeting record. Written public comments will be uploaded online for public viewing under Additional Documents. There is no word limit on emailed Public Comment(s). Submit by no later than **12:00 p.m.** on the day of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Please make sure to indicate:

- 1) Name (optional), and
- 2) Agenda item you are submitting public comment on.

PLEASE NOTE: The Staff Liaison may exercise their discretion, subject to the approval of the majority of the Committee, to adjust public comment(s) to less than three minutes.

NOTE: Pursuant to State law, the Committee may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Committee or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising public testimony rights (Government Code Section 54954.2). Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

PUBLIC COMMENT**1. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

General Public Comment will be limited to 30 minutes at the beginning of the agenda. If there are speakers remaining in the queue, they will be heard at the end of the meeting. Only Speakers who sign up in the first 30 minutes of public comment will be queued up to speak.

PRESENTATIONS**ACTION/DISCUSSION**

2. **REORDERING OF, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE SITE PLAN AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee review and consider approval of the Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee minutes from the June 5, 2025 Regular Meeting.

4. **SEEKING DIRECTION AND INPUT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, GROUP 4 ARCHITECTURE WILL PRESENT AND LEAD A DISCUSSION ON SITE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS AND UPCOMING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee receive a presentation from Group 4 Architecture that incorporates feedback received from the Committee in June and engage in discussion and provide direction as needed.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED

7. **CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL**

This time is reserved for speakers in the public comment queue not heard during the first 30 minutes of Item 1.

ADJOURNMENT***FOR YOUR INFORMATION*****FUTURE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

August 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
September 4, 2025	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 2, 2025	Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO AGENDA DOCUMENTS AND RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS

Library/Community Center Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee meeting agenda packets, any agenda related documents, and additional documents are available online for public inspection on the City's website: <https://www.southpasadenaca.gov/Your-Government/Committees>

AGENDA NOTIFICATION SUBSCRIPTION

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

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6/30/2025

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Date

Cathy Billings, Library Director



Library/Community Center Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: July 3, 2025

FROM: Cathy Billings, Library Director
Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director

PREPARED BY: Cathy Billings, Library Director

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER
COMPREHENSIVE SITE PLAN AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES
FROM THE JUNE 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee review and consider approval of the Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee minutes from the June 5, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Attachment:

Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 5, 2025.

ATTACHMENT

Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site
Plan Ad Hoc Committee Regular Meeting Minutes,
Thursday, June 5, 2025



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
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REGULAR MEETING
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Staff Liaison

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

- Janet Braun (Mayor, City of South Pasadena)
- Alexandria Levitt (President, Senior Citizens' Foundation of S. Pasadena)
- Kristen Dubé (Board Member, Friends of the South Pasadena Library)
- Tom Afschar (At-Large Member)
- Tony Hou (At-Large Member)
- Gene Kim (At-Large Member)
- Bianca Richards (At-Large Member)
- Victoria Rocha (At-Large Member)
- Dean Serwin (At-Large Member)

ABSENT

- Sheila Rossi (Mayor Pro Tem, City of South Pasadena)
- Leslie Albe Field (Member, Community Services Commission)
- Rich Elbaum (At-Large Member)
- Julia Wang (At-Large Member)
- Jasmine Wong (At-Large Member)

Cathy Billings, Library Director, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Cathy Billings, Library Director; Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director; Melissa Snyder, Deputy Community Services Director were present at Roll Call at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None

PRESENTATIONS

ACTION/DISCUSSION**2. REORDERING OF, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE SITE PLAN AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING AND THE MARCH 6, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion was made by Braun, seconded by Levitt, and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 3. The motion carried 9-0-5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Levitt, Dubé, Afschar, Hou, Kim, Richards, Rocha, Serwin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rossi, Albe Field, Elbaum, Wang, Wong

ABSTAINED: None

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESCHEDULING THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025 SITE PLAN AD HOC COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

It was decided that the Regular meeting would be held as scheduled on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m..

5. SEEKING DIRECTION AND INPUT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, GROUP 4 ARCHITECTURE WILL PRESENT AND LEAD A DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESULTS, NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, SITE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS, SQAURE FOOTAGE NEEDS, AND NEXT STEPS

Presenters: Dawn Merkes, Andrea Gifford, Vickie White, Justin Nutt (Group 4) and John Lesak (Page and Turnbull).

Written public comments were received on this item from Josh Albrektson, Lynn Tavarozzi, and Jayson Claypool.

The consultant gave an overview of the community engagement: 613 survey responses and total participants approximately 2,600 with kiosk activity at Community Workshop, Open House, Farmers Market, and other community events.

Survey results were reviewed, including top three needs for library, senior/recreation/community center, reimagined shared use spaces, and the park and demographics of survey takers (residency, housing, age, children in household, transportation to site, and frequency of use).

Needs assessment outcomes and peer comparison data were presented for both public libraries and community services/recreation, showing that our library ranks extremely high in number of visits and materials borrowed but has one of the highest ratios of materials per square foot of space, which equates to less space for seating and other uses, and that in terms of square footage for recreation centers/senior centers South Pasadena ranks second lowest among peers.

The Committee discussed three site plan “programs” varying in size from 41,000 SF to 53,200 SF. Three site development options were presented for the Committee’s direction, including demolishing all structures on the site, demolishing just the 1980s construction, or retaining and renovating the buildings currently on the site. The Committee doubted that demolishing the 1930 library building would be a viable option and noted that retaining and renovating existing buildings was not an option the site plan would consider. Direction was given for the consultant to return with refined site development options based on the feedback given.

Parking was discussed and the Committee agreed that underground parking was not a viable option at the site, being too expensive, possibly unnecessary, and not in keeping with the City’s overall approach to transportation.

The consultant gave a brief explanation of what the second round of community engagement in late summer would be comprised of and sought direction from the Committee on how the site development options should be presented to the community. There was consensus that the Committee wanted to recommend the site development option(s) that the community would be asked to consider, with transparency about the process the Committee went through to select the option(s) they recommend.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Staff recommend that Committee members not in attendance review the agenda packet and if possible, view the recording of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL

Josh Albrektson – Recommends there be a discussion about whether the balconies on the east and west sides of the library building should be considered historic. side balconies consider the side windows and balconies historic on the east side.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Library Director Billings adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee at 9:24 P.M. to the next Regular Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled for July 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Billings
Library Director

APPROVED:

Lucy Hakobian
Community Services Director

ATTEST:

Cathy Billings
Library Director

Approved at the Library/Community Center Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee meeting, July 3, 2025.



Library/Community Center Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 4

DATE: July 3, 2025

FROM: Cathy Billings, Library Director
Lucy Hakobian, Community Services Director

PREPARED BY: Cathy Billings, Library Director

SUBJECT: **SEEKING DIRECTION AND INPUT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, GROUP 4 ARCHITECTURE WILL PRESENT AND LEAD A DISCUSSION ON SITE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS AND UPCOMING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee receive a presentation from Group 4 Architecture that incorporates feedback received from the Committee in June and engage in discussion and provide direction as needed.

Summary

At the June 5, 2025 meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee, Group 4 presented site development options and sought input from the Committee. The current presentation first reviews the assessments completed by Group 4, including community needs assessment, program needs, and the site, and then presents refined site development strategies that incorporate the Committee's prior input. Group 4 again seeks input and direction from the Committee, in preparation for the second round of community engagement and presentations to the Planning Commission, Cultural Heritage Commission, and the Community Services Commission and Library Board of Trustees.

Attachment

Group 4 Presentation to the Comprehensive Site Plan Ad Hoc Committee, July 3, 2025.

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SOUTH PASADENA LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE SITE PLAN

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

City of South Pasadena | July 3, 2025



AGENDA

1. Project Schedule + Workplan

2. Assessments

- Community
- Program
- Site

3. Strategies

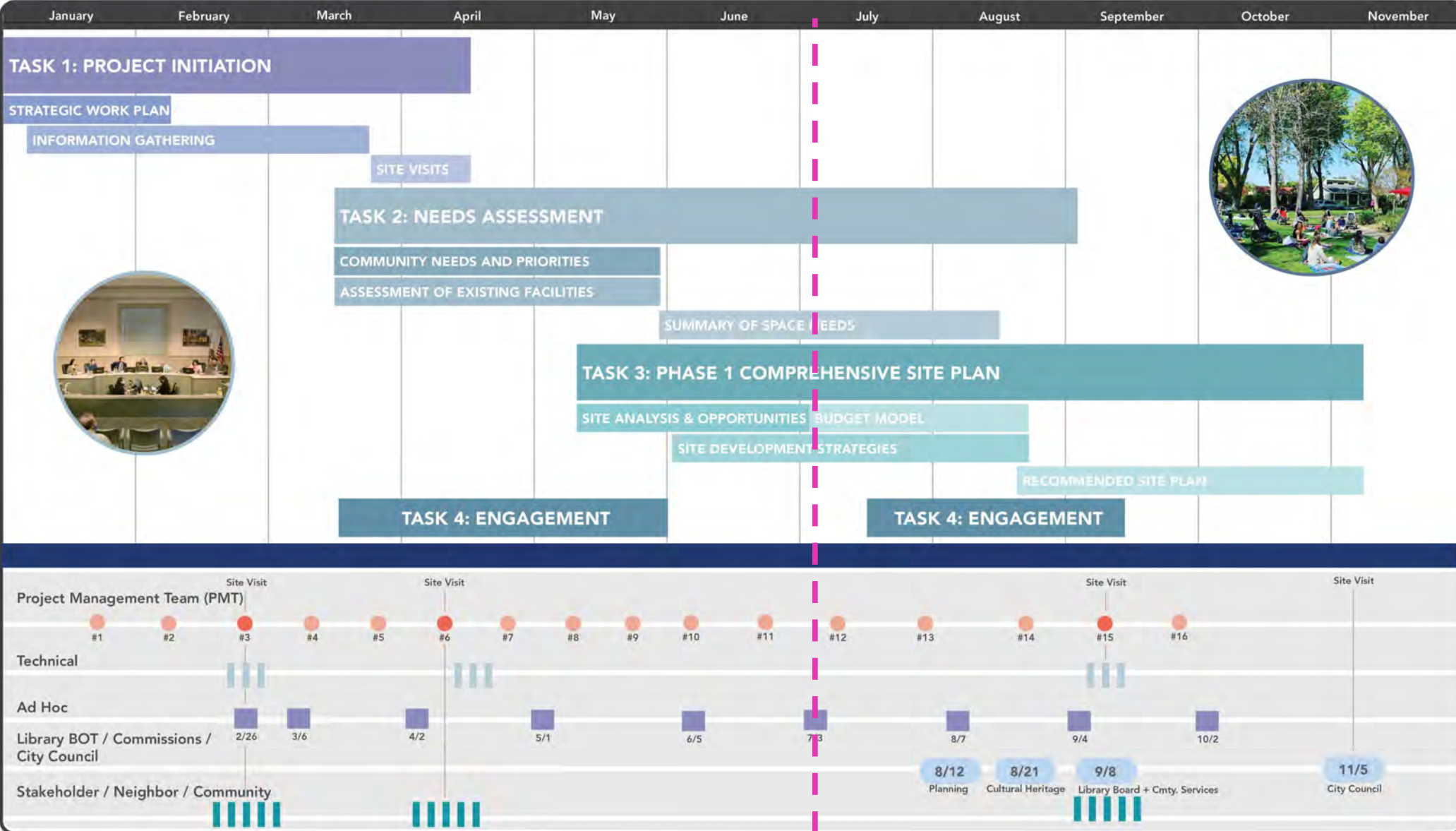
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4. Community Engagement Round 2

- Draft Exhibits

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COMMUNITY INPUT RECEIVED: ROUND 1

OUTREACH COMPLETED!

- ✓ Open House & Community Workshops
- ✓ Online Survey
- ✓ Farmer's Market 4/3
- ✓ Eggstravaganza
- ✓ Eclectic Music Festival
- ✓ Farmer's Market 5/8
- ✓ Library Kiosk 6/2



OUTREACH RESULTS

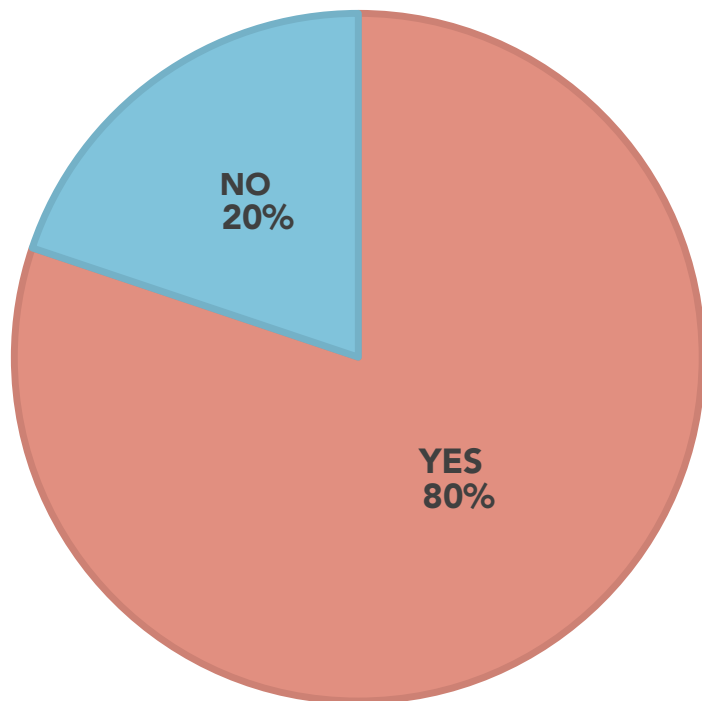
Online survey (March 15 - May 30) – 613 responses as of 6/1

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS (in person + online) ~2,966!

SURVEY RESULTS | DEMOGRAPHICS

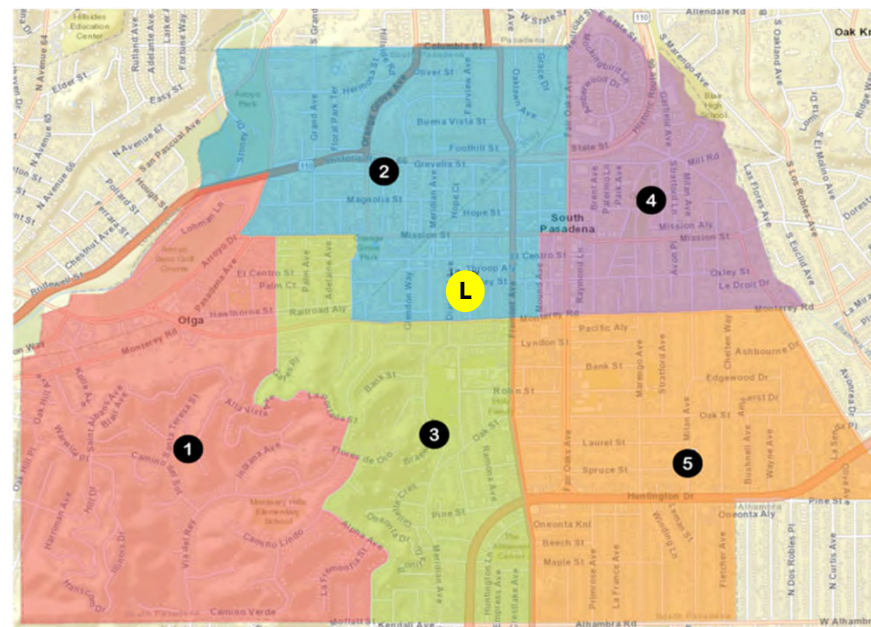


ARE YOU A RESIDENT?



Online Survey + In-Person Responses:
~818 residents out of 2,966 total responses

WHAT AREA DO YOU LIVE IN?



Area	% City Pop.	% Responses
1	20%	21.1%
2	20%	27.3%
3	20%	16.0%
4	20%	15.5%
5	20%	20.1%

SURVEY RESULTS | PRIORITIES



LIBRARY

1



**BOOKS FOR ALL
AGES**
(28.1%)

2



**QUIET READING,
WORK, STUDY**
(27.2%)

3



**CHILDREN'S PLAY +
LEARNING**
(19.5%)

SENIOR + COMMUNITY

1



**FITNESS +
WELLNESS**
(24.4%)

2



GAMES + HOBBIES
(19.0%)

3



SENIOR LOUNGE
(16.2%)

4



**NUTRITION +
MEALS**
(15.9%)

SURVEY RESULTS | PRIORITIES



SHARED USE SPACES

1



WATCH MOVIES,
PERFORMANCES + MUSIC
(23.8%)

2



VISUAL + CREATIVE
ARTS
(18.2%)

3



LIFELONG LEARNING
+ CLASSES
(18.1%)

4



COOKING CLASSES
(18.0%)

LIBRARY PARK CAMPUS

1



ENJOY THE
EXISTING TREES
(31.4%)

2



ATTEND MARKETS +
FAIRS
(29.2%)

3



ATTEND COMMUNITY
PERFORMANCES +
EVENTS
(24.3%)

4



WALK AROUND
THE SITE
(23.7%)

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LIBRARY SPACE: PROJECTED NEEDS



Recommendation for South Pasadena: ~1-1.2 SF/Resident
• **Facility to include all major library program spaces.**

SOUTH PASADENA					2045 NEEDS	
Current Library SF	Population 2020	Library SF/ Resident 2020	Population 2045	Library SF/ Resident 2045	1.0 SF/ Resident	1.2 SF/ Resident
16,800 SF	24,500	0.92	27,200	0.90	27,000 SF	33,000 SF

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RECREATION/COMMUNITY SPACE: PROJECTED NEEDS



Recommendation for South Pasadena: ~1-1.25 SF/Resident
• Facilities to include all major recreation program spaces.

SOUTH PASADENA					2045 NEEDS	
Current Indoor Rec SF	Population 2020	Rec SF/ Resident 2020	Population 2045	Rec SF/ Resident 2045	1.0 SF/ Resident	1.25 SF/ Resident
8,500 SF	26,943	0.49	27,200	0.49	27,200 SF	34,000 SF
Gym					<8,000 SF>	<8,000 SF>
Shared Senior/ Community Center SF Needs					19,200 SF	26,000 SF

- If a *co-located, integrated library/senior/community center* is planned at Library Park, then it the opportunity to share spaces (lobby + support spaces, activity spaces, meeting spaces, etc.) will allow for *~10% reduction in total square feet required*
- It is recommended that the recreation (gymnasium) component of the community's needs be met in a separate facility. Potential strategy to meet gym needs by partnering with another agency for programming access to gymnasium space.

LIBRARY + RECREATION/COMMUNITY SPACE PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

Co-located & Shared Facility





- If a **co-located, integrated library/senior/community center** is planned the opportunity to share spaces will allow for ~ @ **20% reduction in square feet required.**
- Recommended size range for co-located, integrated Library/Community/Senior Center is:

Co-located, Shared Facility:	Existing	2045 Low	2045 High
Senior/Community Center	13,300 SF	19,200 SF	26,000 SF
Library		27,200 SF	34,000 SF
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>46,400</i>	<i>60,000</i>
<i>10% Reduction for shared use</i>		<i><4,600></i>	<i><6,000></i>
<i>Total Range:</i>		<i>41,800 SF</i>	<i>54,000 SF</i>

Recommendation for planning size range for a co-located library and senior/community center for South Pasadena, based on need + site capacity, is approximately 41,800 SF - 54,000 SF.

PROGRAMMING OPTIONS



SOUTH PAS LIBRARY, COMMUNITY, & SENIOR CENTER CONCEPTUAL BUILDING PROGRAM		41,800 - 54,000 SF
Entry + Entry Plaza	LOBBY/ RECEPTION	
LIBRARY		
Browsing	COMMUNITY EVENT HALL + KITCHEN	
Group Study Rooms		
Adult + Outdoor Space		
Children + Outdoor Space		
Teen Center	PROGRAM ROOMS	
Library Staff Spaces		
COMMUNITY CENTER		
Fitness + Wellness + Outdoor Space	LIBRARY SPACES	
Senior Enrichment + Outdoor Space		
Community Staff Spaces		
SHARED SPACE		
Shared Entry		
Shared Community Spaces		
Shared Meeting Rooms + Outdoor Space		
Creative Arts Rooms + Outdoor Space		
SUPPORT		
Support Spaces (Janitors, Restrooms, ...)		
Walls + Circulation		

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HISTORIC RESOURCES AT LIBRARY PARK



- 1930 Library Community Room – remaining part of 1972 South Pasadena Landmark #10.
- Moreton Bay Fig Tree – South Pasadena Landmark #55.
- Within South Pasadena Historic Business District/ Mission West Historic District (National Register/ South Pasadena Historic District).
- Surrounded by eligible Library Neighborhood Historic District

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE DIAGRAMS



Primary Significance

Spaces with historic features or materials that are the most significant or intact to the historic period.



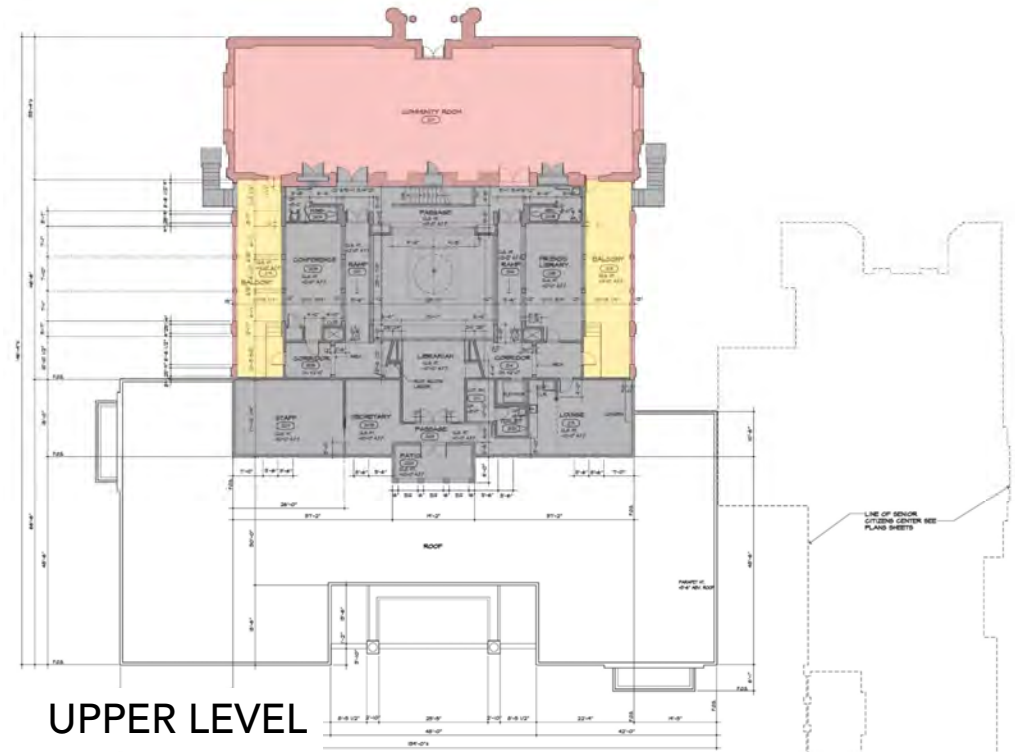
Contributing

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Non-Contributing

Spaces with historic features or materials that have been significantly altered, or do not contribute to the overall historic and are not considered historic.



Base Drawings: Ewing Architects, Inc., "S. Pasadena Public Library Renovation," A2.1 Existing Condition Ground Floor Plan (left) and A2.2 Existing Condition Upper Level Plan (right). Nov. 3, 2003.

SIGNIFICANCE DIAGRAMS



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HISTORIC VS. EXISTING



1946, Interior of Community Room, facing northwest.

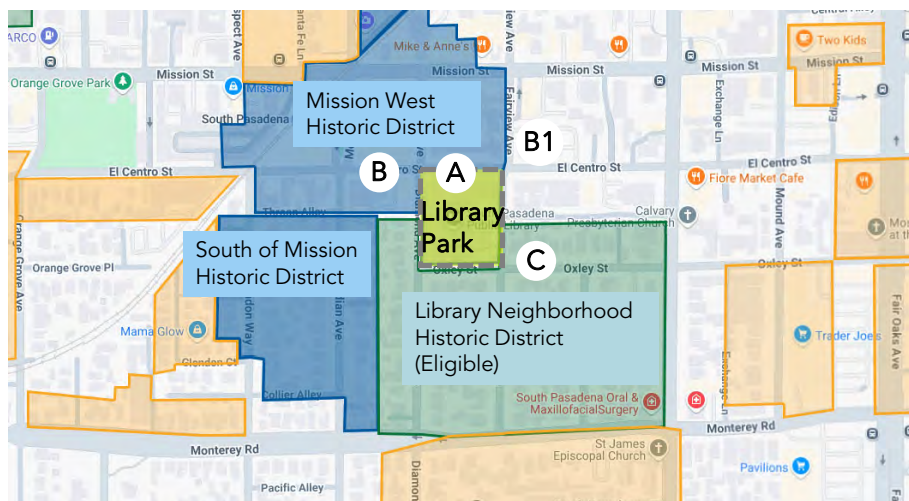


1968, Interior of Community Room, facing northeast.



Interior of Community Room, facing west.

SURROUNDING LIBRARY PARK



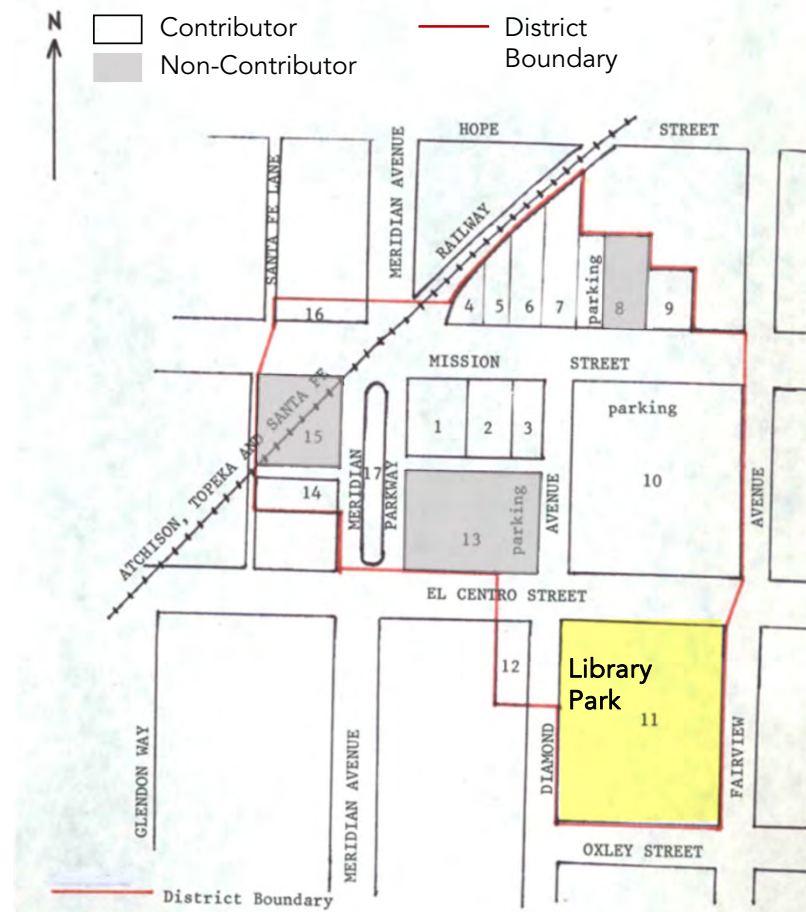
Non-historic building at northeast corner of Fairview Avenue & El Centro Street

- A. Library Park is in Mission West Historic District (Listed)
- B. Larger commercial and institutional buildings are to the north and northwest, some also in Mission West Historic District (Listed)
 - 1. Northeast corner not historic
- C. Smaller-scale residences are to the south, southeast, and southwest in Library Neighborhood Historic District (Eligible)

MISSION WEST HISTORIC DISTRICT (LISTED)



- Also known as the South Pasadena Historic Business District
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.
- Period of Significance: c. 1885 – 1925
- City's original business center fueled by rail stop before streetcar shifted commercial activity east to Fair Oaks.
- District maintains concentration of commercial and institutional buildings reflecting city's early 20th century small-town character.
- **Library Park is one of 14 contributors to the district.**



Information from 1977 NRHP Nomination Form South Pasadena Historic Business District (now known as Mission West Historic District)

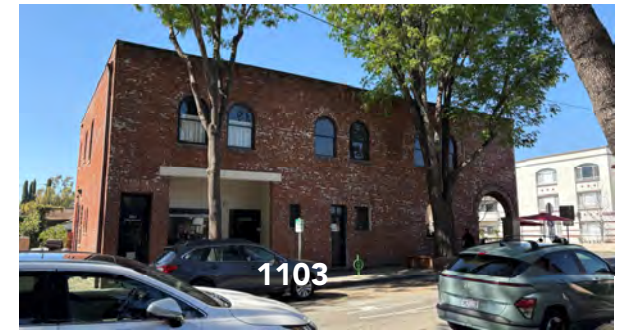
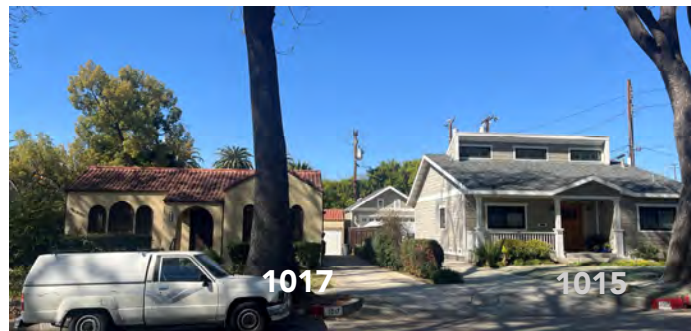
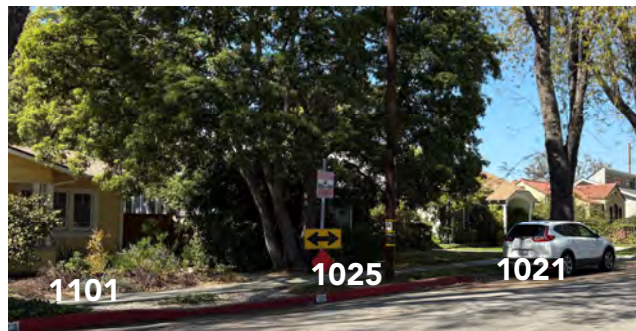
NORTH SIDE OF LIBRARY PARK | EL CENTRO STREET



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Not Historic

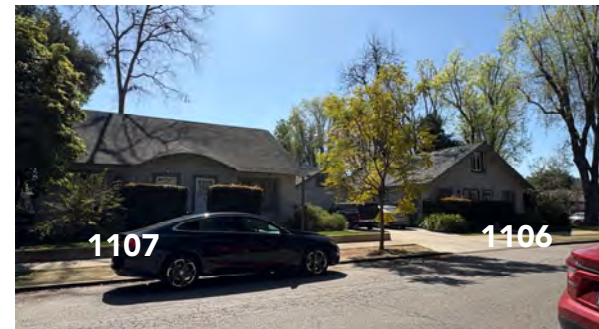
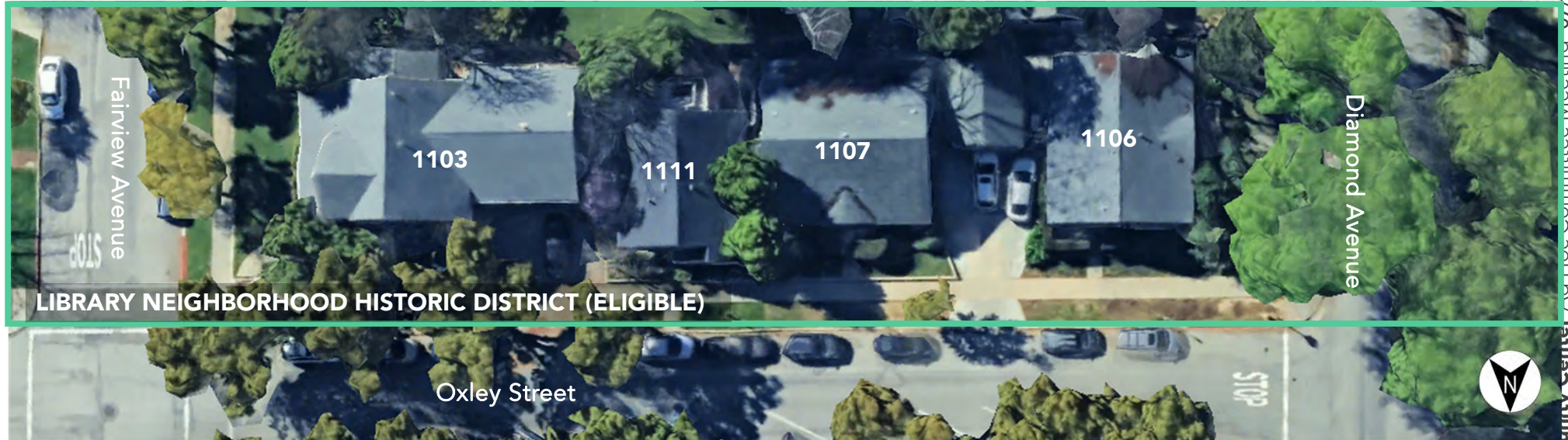
WEST SIDE OF LIBRARY PARK | DIAMOND AVENUE



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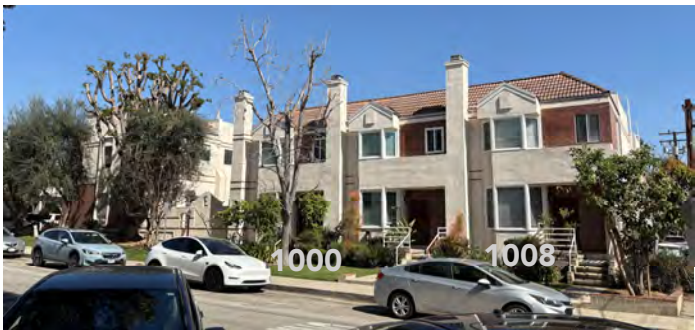
SOUTH SIDE OF LIBRARY PARK | OXLEY STREET



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Not Historic

EAST SIDE OF LIBRARY PARK | FAIRVIEW AVENUE



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Not Historic

ADJACENT MASSING + SITE OPPORTUNITY



PARKING STRATEGIES

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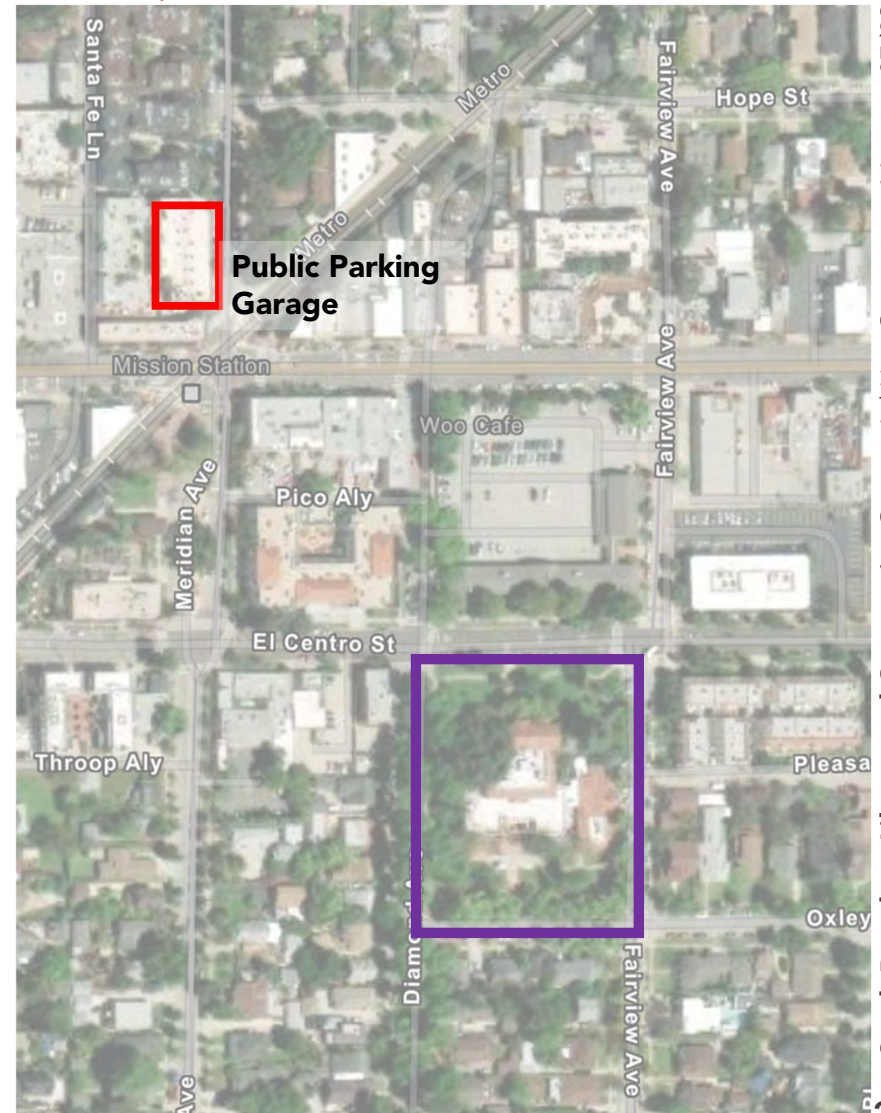
The City's Downtown Specific Plan describes a vision for parking that encourages multimodal transportation and walkability, incorporates partnerships between the City and private development projects, leverages public transit, and is sensitive to the needs of the business community, future population growth, and the unique character of the Mission and Fair Oaks corridors.

1. (E) STREET PARKING SUMMARY

Street Parking:	80 spaces
3 Minute	1 space
2 Hour	33 spaces
3 Hour	17 spaces
4 hour	29 spaces (3 ADA)

2. OFFSITE PARKING

1. City Garage	142 spaces
2. Potential Public-Private Partnership	TBD



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HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

Site development: Improvement of (changes to, or keeping existing elements of) a site, including building(s) and natural elements.

Building program: A list of the functional and space requirements of a building construction project.

Site program: A list of the functional and space requirements of the site of a construction project, including the planned building.



SITE OPTIONS – JUNE 5, 2025

EVALUATION



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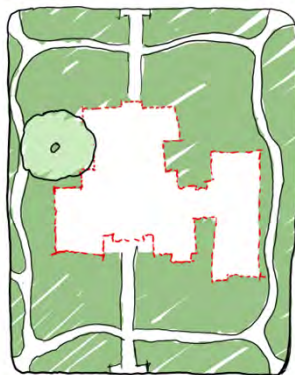


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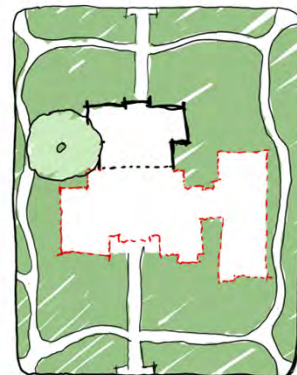


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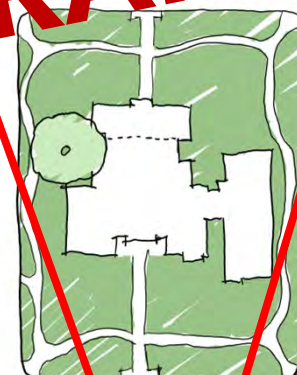
EVALUATION CRITERIA



A. DEMOLISH ENTIRE BUILDING



B. DEMOLISH 1980s BUILDINGS + RETAIN 1930s BUILDING



C. RETAIN + RENOVATE ENTIRE BUILDING

<input type="checkbox"/> Allows 21 st Century Services and Operations	✓	○	✗
<input type="checkbox"/> Aligned with City's Specific Plan Cultural Heritage - National Historic District Goals, Mission West/Historic Business	✗	✓	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost Effective Improvements	✓	✓	✗
<input type="checkbox"/> Retains SoPas Heritage and Character	✗	✓	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Retains Civic Presence of Building	○	✓	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhances Library Park	✓	○	✗
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other			

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CONFIRM SITE PLAN DECISION PROCESS :



July 3, 2025

- ☐ **Ad Hoc Committee** selects **either** A- New Construction or B- Partial Re-Use

August 8, 2025

- ☐ **Ad Hoc Committee**

August 12, 2025

- ☐ **Planning Commission Study Session,**
Commissioners and public provide input site options

August 21, 2025

- ☐ **Cultural Heritage Commission Study Session,**
Commissioners and public provide input site options

September 4, 2025

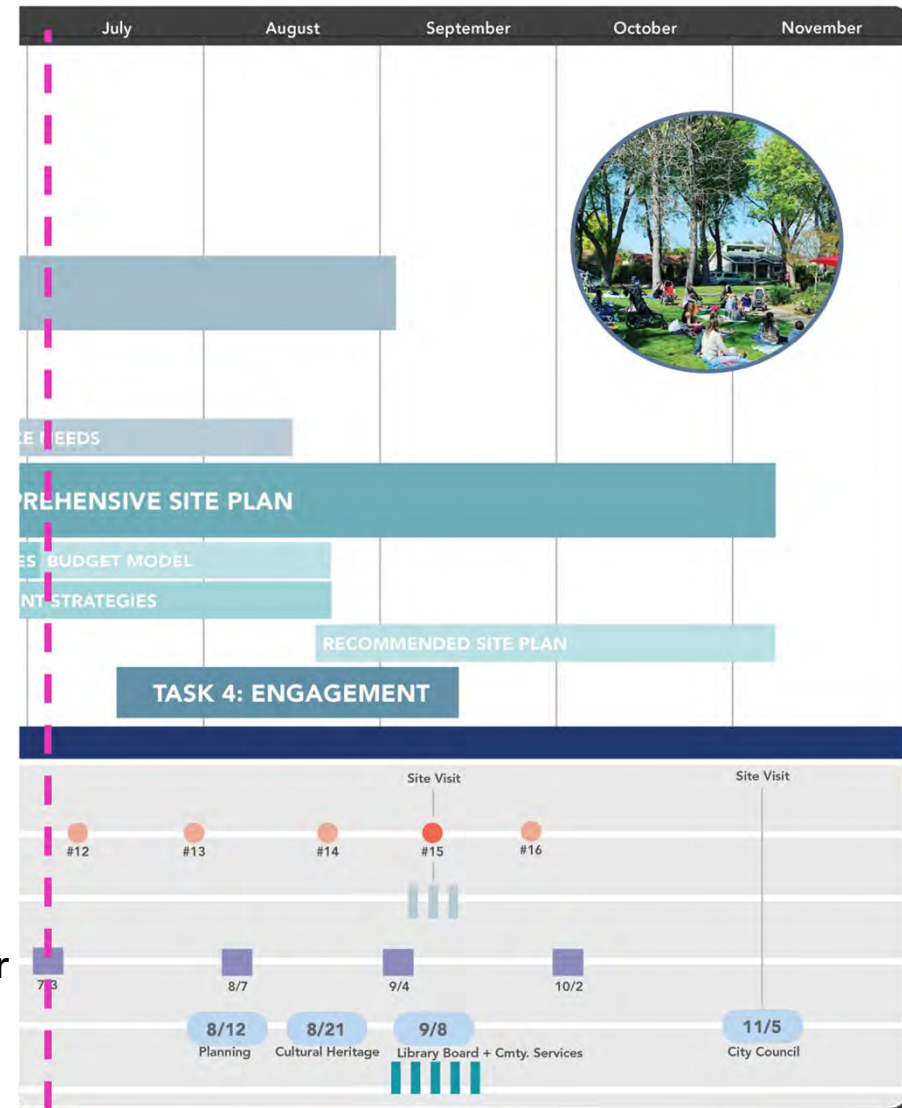
- ☐ **Ad Hoc Committee** Review Refined Site Strategy

October 2, 2025

- ☐ **Ad Hoc Committee** Review Recommended Master Plan (final Meeting that G4 attends)

November 5, 2025

- ☐ **City Council** Receives Master Plan



SITE OPTIONS – COMPARISON



Option A: Demolish Entire Building

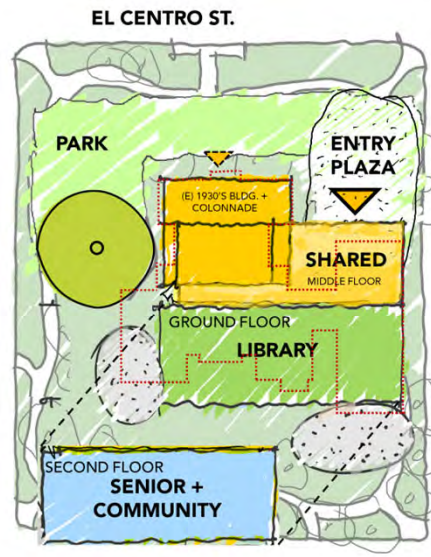


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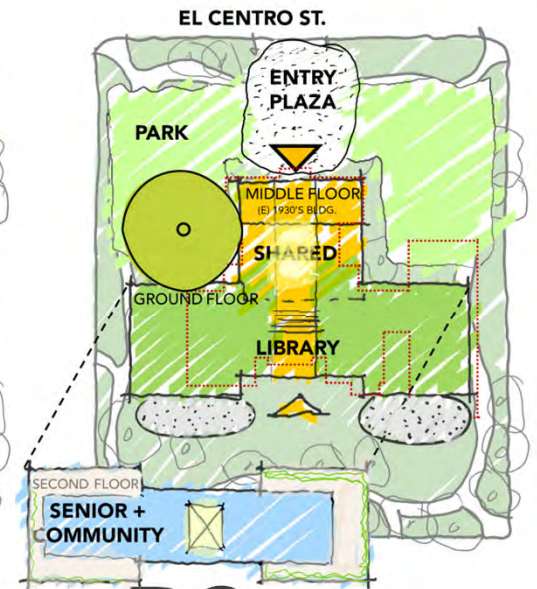


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Option B: Retain 1930s building



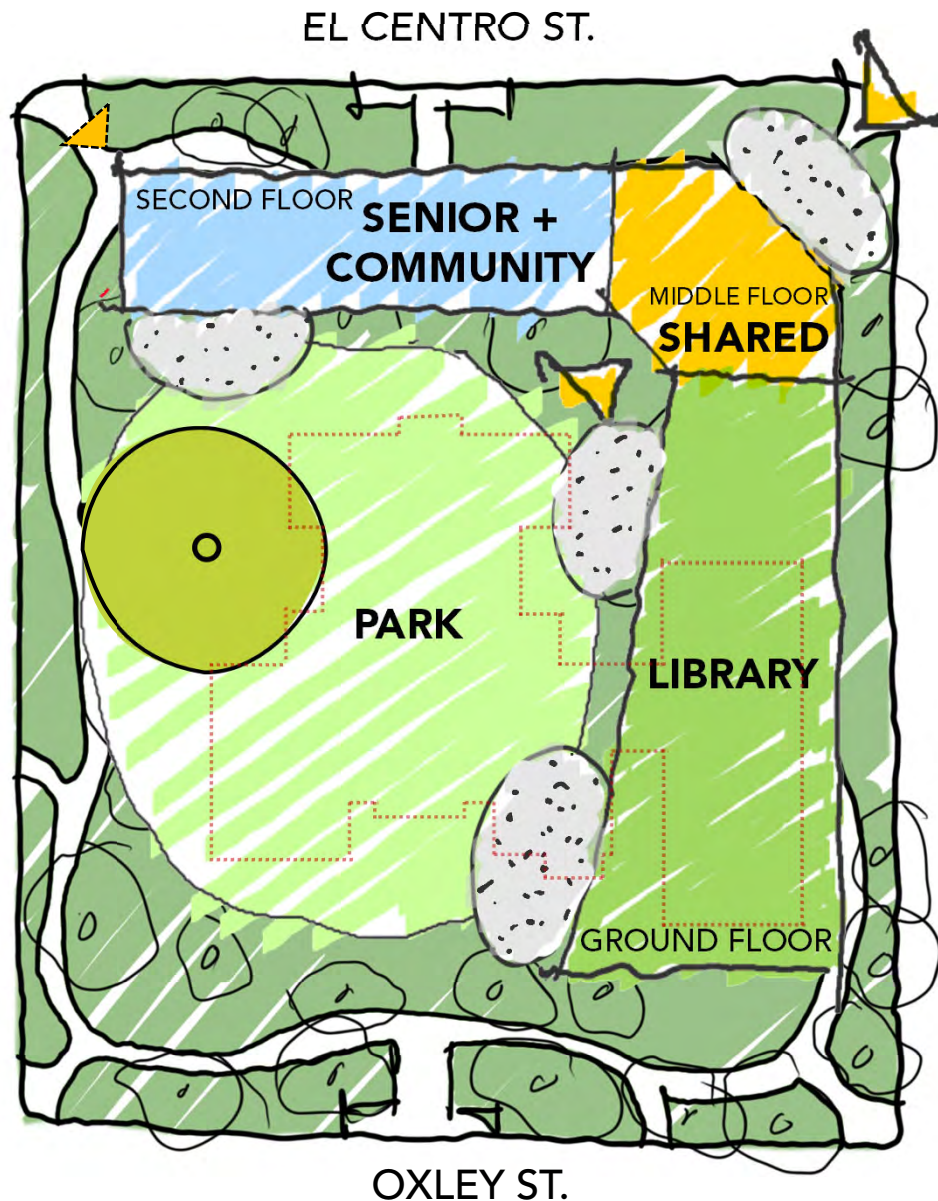
B1 w/ colonnade



B2 w/o colonnade

DEV. OPTION A1: DEMOLISH ENTIRE BLDG.

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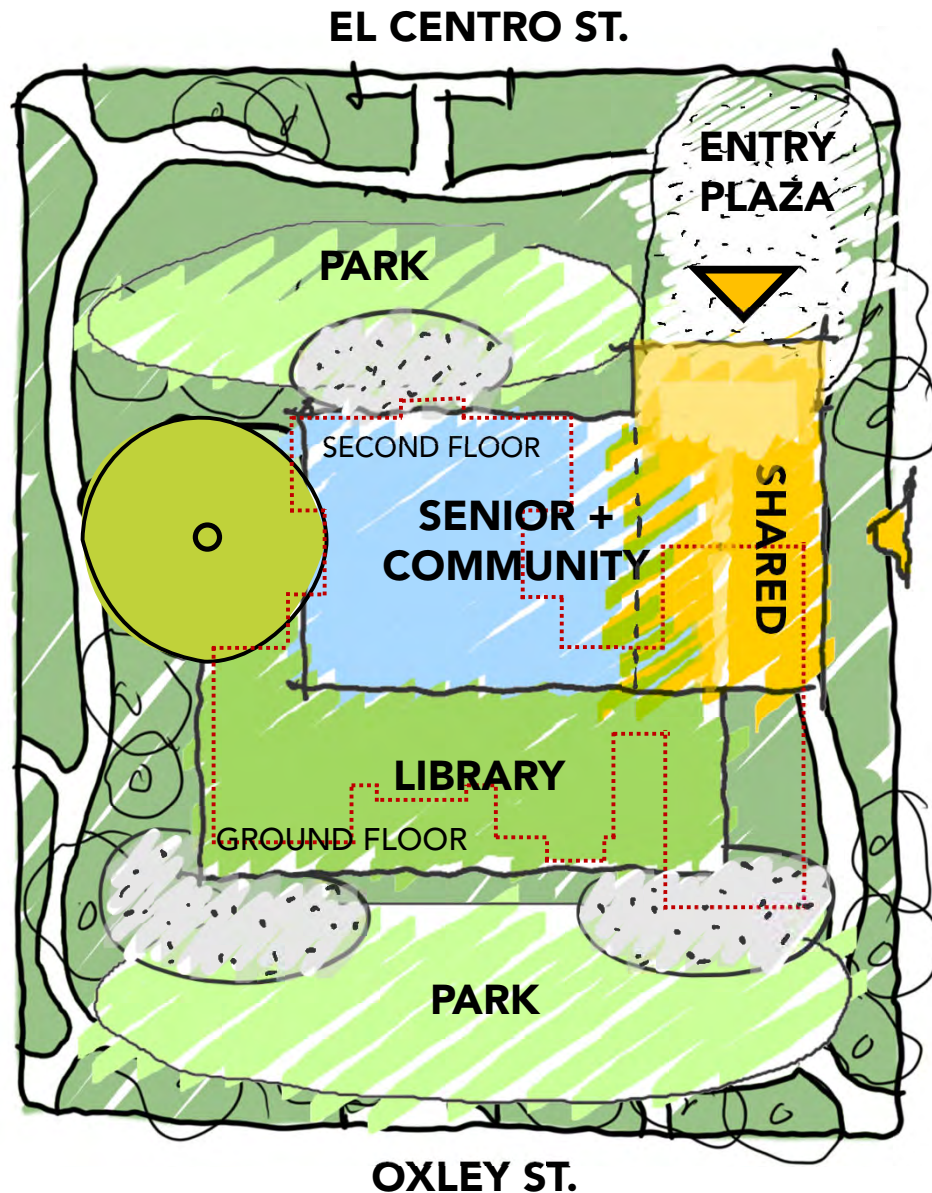
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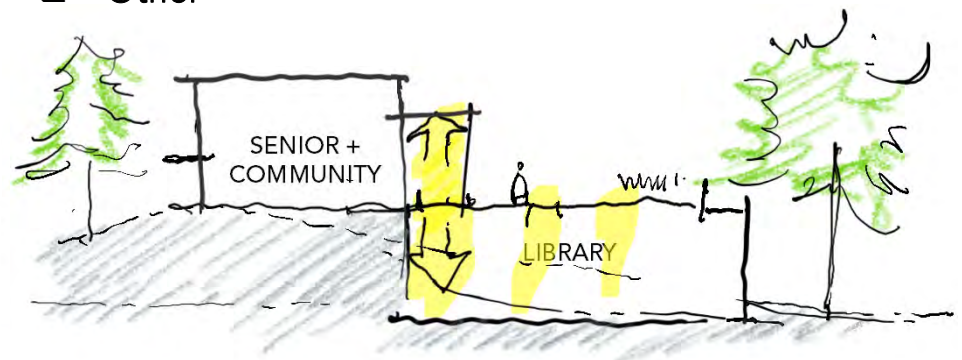
DEV. OPTION A2: DEMOLISH ENTIRE BLDG.

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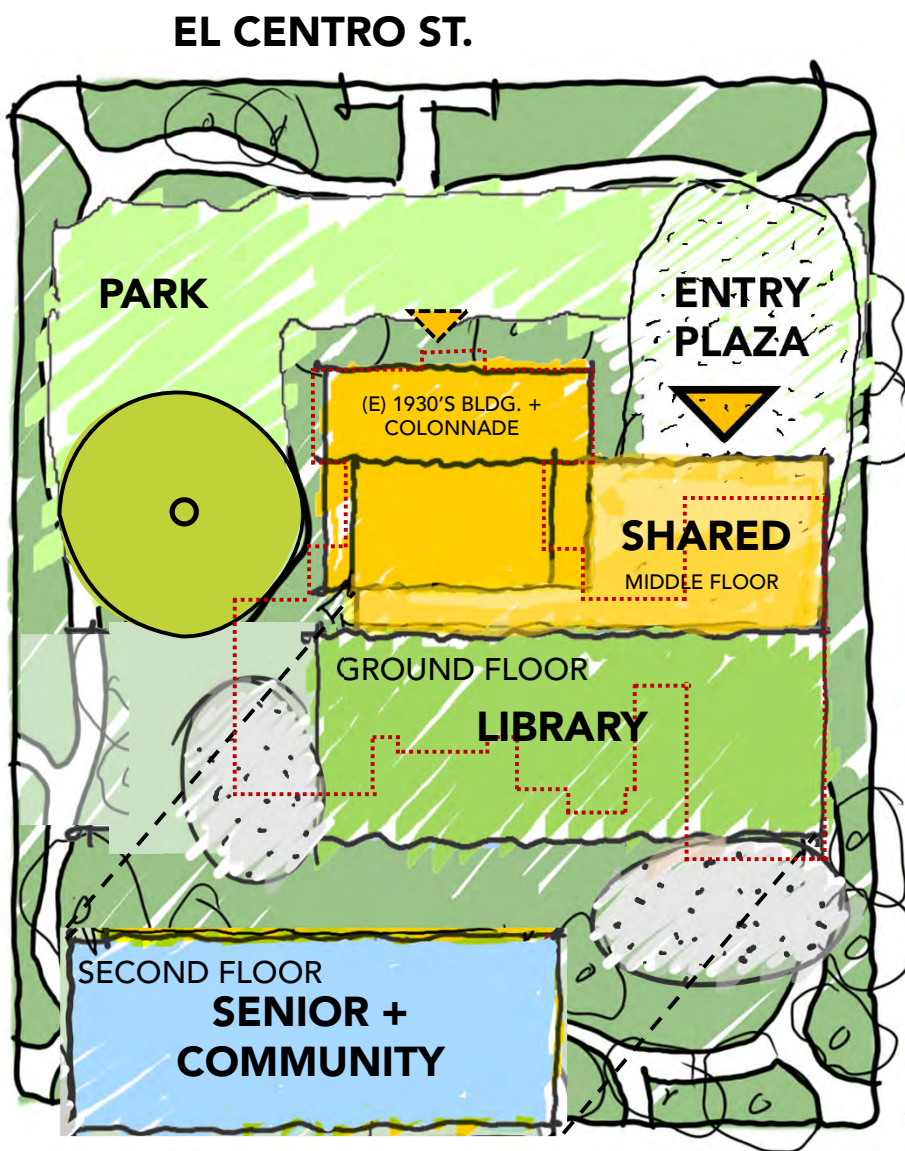


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SITE OPTION B1: BUILDING IN THE PARK

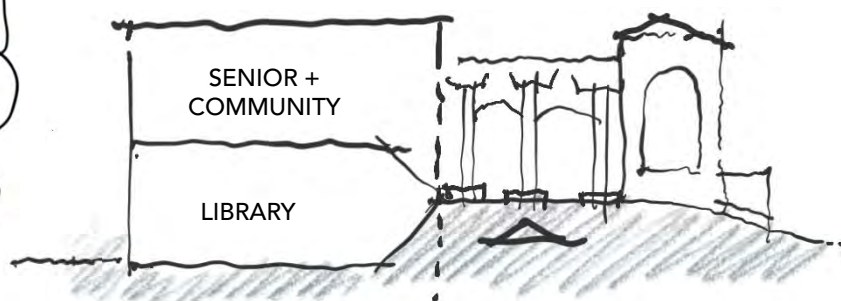


EVALUATION CRITERIA

- ☐ Retains Civic Presence of Building
- ☐ Enhances Library Park
- ☐ Retains SoPas Heritage and Character
- ☐ Enhances Residential Neighborhood
- ☐ Enhances Business Neighborhood
- ☐ Other

Strategy:

- Renovate and re-use historical 1930's building, demolish 1980's building, build new two-story addition to the 1930's that utilizes the grade on the site to accommodate a "through lobby" and a more open first floor experience that connects the El Centro entrance to the Oxley St. entrance.
- Historical entry on El Centro to be improved to include ADA access.



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EVALUATION



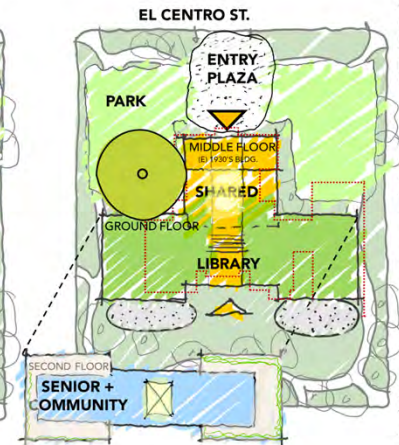
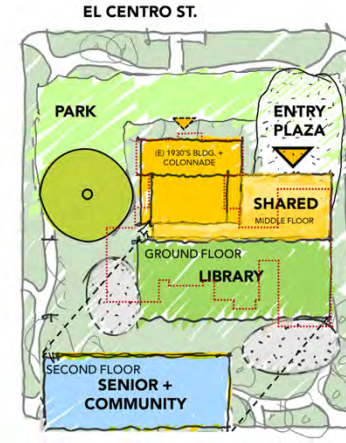
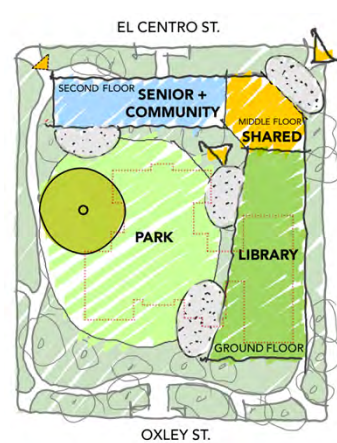
Yes



No



Possible



EVALUATION CRITERIA

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A2

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ROUND 2



South Pas Forward: Reimagine our Library Park Campus

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our 43-year-old senior center and library facilities are struggling to meet the evolving needs of residents. The city continues a community-wide effort to reimagine a library, senior, and community services facility that will support collaboration and connection for decades to come.

COMMUNITY INPUT IS KEY

The city needs to hear from you! Take our second survey for this project and join us at our second round of community workshops, open houses, and pop-ups around town. Provide your input on our future library park campus where all generations can gather and grow!

TAKE OUR SURVEY

www.southpasadena.gov/LPC-survey

IN PROGRESS

TAKE SOME DOTS

Tell us which site and building design values you wish to see in the redesigned library, senior, and community center. Choose the color of dots below that represents you and stick the dots under the design values you're interested in.

S. Pasadena Adult Resident

S. Pasadena Teen Resident

S. Pasadena Kid Under 12 Resident

Non S. Pasadena Resident

Learn More!

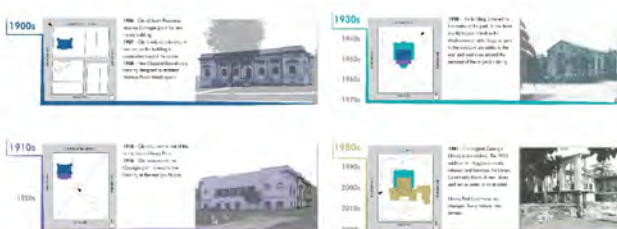
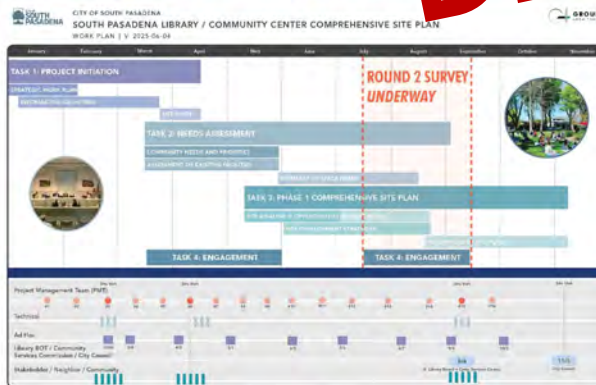
Sign up for email updates and get involved!

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PROJECT BACKGROUND PROJECT SCHEDULE AND SITE ANALYSIS



SITE EVOLUTION

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WHAT WE HEARD IN ROUND 1 HIGHEST RANKED SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

OVER
2,900
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
PARTICIPATED IN
ROUND 1

- ✓ Open House & Community Workshops
- ✓ Online Survey
- ✓ Farmer's Market 4/3
- ✓ Eggstravaganza
- ✓ Eclectic music Festival
- ✓ Farmer's Market 5/8
- ✓ Library Kiosk Stations

LIBRARY



SENIOR + COMMUNITY



SHARED-USE



LIBRARY PARK



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ROUND 2



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SITE DESIGN VALUES

BUILDING DESIGN VALUES

What site design styles should the Library Park Campus have, in addition to being an accessible, well-lit park with bicycle parking?



NATURAL PLANTING

OR



FORMAL GARDENS



INFORMAL PLAZAS

OR



CIVIC PLAZAS

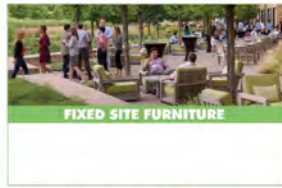


FLEXIBLE SITE FOR GATHERINGS

OR



INTEGRATED SITE FURNITURE



FIXED SITE FURNITURE

OR



FLEXIBLE LAWN FOR RECREATION



SOCIAL SPACES

OR



QUIET SPACES

What building design styles should the reimagined Community facility have, in addition to being welcoming, accessible, well-lit with indoor/outdoor connections & views that incorporate sustainability?



CONTEMPORARY FORMS

OR



TRADITIONAL FORMS



BOLD STYLE

OR



TIMELESS STYLE



MODERN BUILDING MATERIALS

OR



NATURAL BUILDING MATERIALS

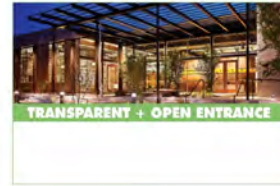


COLORFUL ACCENTS

OR



NEUTRAL COLORS



TRANSPARENT + OPEN ENTRANCE

OR



GRAND FORMAL ENTRANCE

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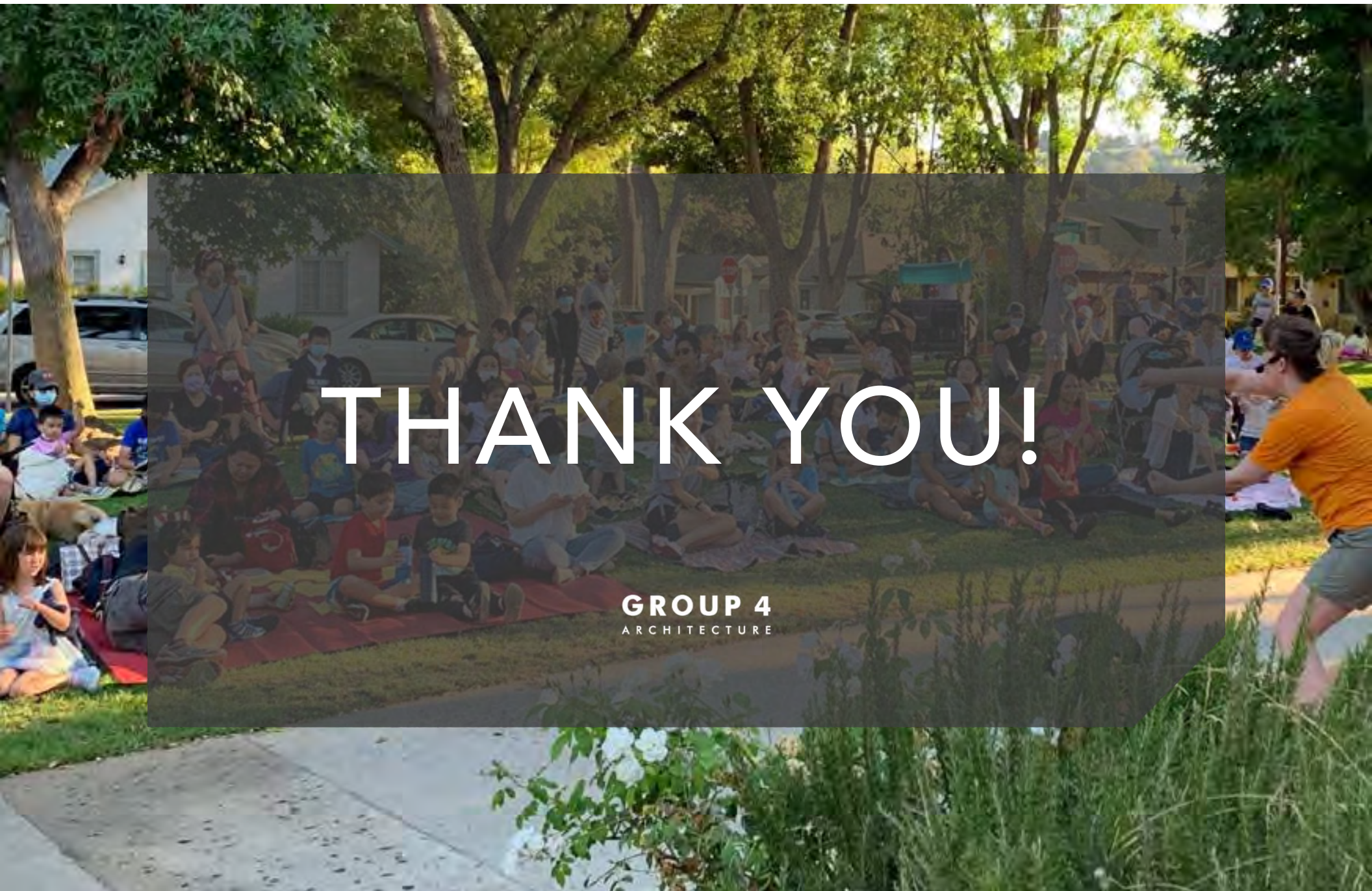
NEXT STEPS / PROCESS

- Round 2 Community Engagement: July to September
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- September: Library Board of Trustees + Community Services
Commission Meeting
- November 5: City Council Meeting
 - Accept the recommended site plan



Q&A





THANK YOU!

GROUP 4
ARCHITECTURE