

Anza Branch Library—Design Review Responses Library Commission Meeting of August 21, 2008

- Designer: Roggerio Bittencourt, DPW, Bureau of Architecture
- Peer Review Panel: Bruce Prescott of Santos Prescott and Associates and Deborah Barrow, Director of Libraries, Sunnyvale Public Library
- Library Commission/Peer Review Meeting: February 21, 2008

1. The Peer Panel expressed concerns about the location and access to the Program Room on the lower level which is so far from main library functions.

Architect: This is a renovation project with a small 922 SF addition to include ADA upgrades for elevator, stairs and restrooms. As designed, the public is not allowed to go downstairs unless accompanied with staff for programming, community events or similar functions. The Program Room is located on lower level with a door to the exterior. This door will not be used as an entrance, only exit. The access to the lower level will be controlled by the library staff upstairs.

2. The Peer Panel asked to have nice outdoor landscaped areas.

Architect: The design team will look at creating landscaped areas within budget. On the southwest quadrant, there will be a patio off the Program Room.

3. The Peer Panel asked to make the new ADA entry on the northwest corner distinct.

Architect: The entry will have a nice walkway and the entry will have an overhang to identify it as an entry. Inside, the shelves will be rearranged and provided with lower shelving along the path to the main library area. Landscaping will be used to make a pleasant transition from sidewalk to entry.

4. The Commission expressed a concern about the reduction in seating.

Architect: The small addition was primarily for ADA access that included an elevator, stairway and circulation. The furniture in the existing areas had to be reconfigured for ADA access which means a reduction in seating as compared to existing.