



SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES: PRESIDIO BRANCH LIBRARY

When: Wednesday, January 21, 2009
6:30 pm

Attendees:

Public	17
Library/DPW staff	5
Architects	3
Friends of SFPL	1
<i>Total</i>	26

Agenda: Welcome & Introductions –Mindy Linetzky, Bond Program Administrator
Design Presentation - Mark Schatz and Kim Fisher
Q & A
Update on Landscape Project – Marcia Popper, Council of Neighborhood Libraries
Friends of SFPL – Marian Chatfield-Taylor, Neighborhood Library Campaign organizer
Next steps
Exit Survey & Adjourn

Summary:

Mark Schatz and Kim Fisher, project architects, emphasized that the interior remodel work will include a greener library, new finishes & flooring, lighting, new windows, ventilation, furniture, shelving; and will work with the architecture “in the spirit of the original Carnegie library building”. They thanked everyone who attended the last meeting in July and pointed out changes that had been made to the plans due to the community’s suggestions.

Marsha Popper thanked the Library and the Recreation & Park Department for improving the maintenance of the existing landscape. She discussed that a new landscape architect has offered to help design the landscape and is working with the San Francisco Garden Club and interested neighbors. They expect the landscaping work will take place after the renovation is complete.

Marian Chatfield-Taylor explained that the Friends of SFPL are actively raising funds to purchase furniture and equipment that the bond money does not cover. Each branch needs about \$500,000. She is forming a committee to raise these funds.

General Discussion:

Why are you designing to a Silver standard rather than Gold?	Because it's only an interior remodel, it's difficult to gain additional points.
Is it possible for Presidio to reopen sooner than the summer of 2010?	No. The process of drawings, permits, bidding, construction and the move back in takes at least 1 year to complete.
Will there be a direct access to the children's bathroom from the children's room and how can we curtail the use of this bathroom by adults?	Not direct access, but a slightly closer walk than now exists. The upstairs bathroom will be dedicated to children and people with mobility issues. Staff will need to inform and direct adults to the adult bathroom downstairs.
Given the location of the downstairs bathroom, will it be vulnerable to outside and nefarious use?	Staff will have to develop a system of observation and if needed provide keys.
Will there be a new copy machine area?	Yes. In addition, patrons with laptops will have the capability to send printing jobs to the library's public printer.
Thanks to all who paid attention to what staff and patrons asked for.	
With the current plans, the very unappealing self check out machines will be the first thing patrons see when they enter the building. Can something be done about this?	We are taking another look at where the machines will be placed – we may relocate them.
Where is the reference desk?	It will be incorporated into the circulation desk area. Promoting the idea of "single point of service."
Is the library gaining or losing shelving?	Gaining, however, not extensively.
Can doors be placed between the children's room and the adult room?	No. The existing design cannot be changed. Hopefully, new acoustic ceilings and sound absorbing furniture will help curtail noise.
What will be different about the downstairs "community room?"	New flooring and acoustic ceiling. Clear glass windows, for better ambient light, that open. Will reuse existing built in shelving, perhaps apply a lighter stain. A sink, for children's projects.
Can the new building incorporate the Richard Brautigan connection?	The existing display case will be replaced with a new one in the foyer area upstairs. It might be possible to put the Brautigan material there.

Handouts:

- Presidio Branch Library FAQ
- Presidio Branch Library Peer Review flier 2.5.09
- Exit Survey

Presidio Branch Community Meeting Exit Survey Responses 1.21.09

What were three things you heard today about the project that were most memorable?

- Concern for neighborhood issues
- Willingness to listen and make changes
- Rethinking current services to improve them
- Keep the integrity of the building

What three issues do you consider most important to the Presidio Branch Library?

- Respect for historical features of building
- Maintenance of existing services/programs
- Aesthetic improvements

What did you like most about the community meeting?

- Sincerity of all participants – staff, contractors, and neighbors
- Board information

What did you like least about the community meeting?

- No comments

Is there anything you would like the project team to know that was not said at the meeting?

- No comments