

BAYVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY – DESIGN REVIEW RESPONSES

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DESIGNERS: THA Architecture
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PEER REVIEW PANEL: Carol Simmons, Director of the Daly City Library
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1. Consider carving out a “soft space” for parent/ teacher collection and toddler/parent area with soft, fun furniture.

RESPONSE: Furniture has not yet been finalized. This suggestion will be considered during furniture selection.

2. Consider radiating the stacks from the entrance on 3rd Street, and gradually straightening them as they approach interior courtyard.

RESPONSE: The design team looked at a number of ways to orient the shelving and settled on an arrangement that increases visibility to critical areas while also creating a sense of separation between noisy and quite spaces.

3. Staff work room might be better positioned lengthwise along Revere Avenue, allowing a larger and more celebratory entrance.

RESPONSE: The design team investigated this idea, but it created difficulties with clearly defining the children’s area. The workroom has been shortened in the North-South direction and made a bit wider to achieve some of the goals of this suggestion.

4. Meeting room space would benefit from a sink, counter, cabinet, and partition to allow for greater flexibility.

RESPONSE: There was a decision not to incorporate a moveable wall to divide the room, but a counter sink and cabinet that allows for refreshment has been incorporated into the design.

5. History of shipbuilding in this neighborhood could be referenced in the building.

RESPONSE: The design team is currently working with the neighborhood to incorporate the history of the neighborhood into the exterior etched panels.

6. African art motifs could be expanded into the landscaping. Public art component could be incorporated into the landscaping elements of the roof and the courtyard.

RESPONSE: The colors and motifs continue to drive the overall design concept. Pending Arts Commission’s approval, the Bayview artist commissioned for the public art proposes a series of Photograms at the Courtyard and Children’s reading area that are contemplative and playful respectively.

7. Decorative bike racks along Revere Street would help break up wall space.

RESPONSE: There will be bike racks.

8. Courtyard could be an organizing element in the building.

RESPONSE: The organization of the spaces, furniture and circulation have been designed with the courtyard as a central organizational element.

9. Living roof is well-received; complimentary landscaping on the roof and in the courtyard was suggested. However, concern is raised about maintenance.

RESPONSE: Plant selections for the courtyard and green roof have been selected with each other in mind. However the different microclimates of the courtyard and the roof assembly limit the green roof palette. Routine maintenance, at least seasonally, will be required for the courtyard as well as green roof. Both areas will be irrigated.