

Exit Survey Responses

Mission Branch Community Meeting – Saturday, January 26, 2019, 12 p.m.

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

Moving utilities to basement to make more space for ground floor services

Adding a community room

Success including building additions at other historic branch libraries

No comments

Efforts in place to preserve & incorporate historical arch.

Community room-multi use

Promise to listen & incorporate community input

Others in the community appreciate building's historic significance

Placing services in basement. Yes!

That the staircase will be returning

That they are going to try and expand

That they are going to try and get an interim branch

Expansion

Community space

Closure

Public input

The new plans

A dedicated budget including new books

Flexible plan envisioned

Big budget

Rectifying issues from last remodel

2 years for renovation

Convenient restrooms – future problem, homeless – etc. there only to use restroom

Maintain historic character*

I like the idea of "Comfort" and energy saving air conditioning

Restoration of stairwell

Add-ons

Timeline for closing – where to?

Building expansion to Bartlett St.

Technical services to basement

Flexible spaces & multiple uses

Excited to hear about staircase restoration

Very positive about a larger community room for gathering

Archive for the culture/arts/political activism of the Mission neighborhood

Goal to add space to library via 2 additions & possible basement

Goal to bring back a central staircase – although as sketched, it looks way too narrow

Community room will be added, but not by shrinking the kids room

Possibility of expansion of library (bigger footprint)

Replacing the staircase

Community/lecture room

Flexible furniture/floorplan

I'm always surprised when people express contempt for homeless individuals and go on and on about how the Mission used to be more "european"

Closure

Process & Timeline

The replacing of the staircase
The remodel is to be done from w/in City architects and designers
Preserve original architecture
Council of neighborhood libraries

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

Having the collection & services available during closure
Family programming
Multi-lingual collection & services
Bathroom for women
Bathroom for men
We need more bathrooms (please)
Having up to date catalog
Desk space for doing work/using laptops
Offering more science, environment technology education
Recognize that Mission is extremely diverse not just Latino
Emphasize 21st century education & science generating prep for future
Restore Main entrance to 24th Street
Rebuild entry staircase to 2nd floor – on center axis, if at all feasible
Build additions in materials, style & colors that lie easy against the original building
Support of community needs
Flexibility of use and space
Increasing Spanish collections
Preservation of historic features
Books, DVD's, newspapers, magazines – more not less
Community gathering space
Enough bathrooms
LEED and indoor plants – environmental
A multi-use room
Staircase
Space
Restrooms & meeting room
Keep it from looking “MODERN” & corporate. SFMOMA where I worked 15 yrs spent 3 yrs remodeling & looks like corporate CRAP. It had nice detail/wood - NOW IT'S A BIG WHITE BOX
Restrooms – that don't attract people to use library just to use the restroom
All the input
Performing space(s)
Mission Archive
Alternative Interim Space during renovation
Community representation is VERY important
Enhancing the sidewalks surrounding the branch
Sustainability & “off the grid” self-powered (I'm not saying that right)—that renewable energy is used-solar! wind!
Rebuild stair at same width as original stair – or close to it (eliminate skinny “atrium”)
Stall-type restrooms w/short doors, so users can't get too comfortable (& move toilets!)
Add a small community room (not as big as currently sketched) & enlarge kids' room
Eliminate “notch” at 1st floor addition @ 24th/Bartlett—it will stink of urine ☹️
Make the bike parking near main entrance
Maintaining children's room/program
Sustainability/resilience (I like the cool room & smoke refuge)
More restrooms (sorry!)

Books – collection that is classic, diverse, exciting
Architectural integrity
Accessibility to all ages, cultures, economic status
Relocation & Access during closure
21st Century Library
Preserving (reinstall) original architecture of this branch
Please consider top architects for design. They know.
Mission archives for the neighborhood –include
Accessibility to an updated collection in a very beautifully and design forward interior.
Please refer to award winning design of European and Canadian libraries

What did you like most about the community meeting?

Information; providing feedback/input
I would love to have a more accessible meeting space in the neighborhood!
No comments
Involvement of audience
Variety of experts on tap
Proper length
Succinct communication of information and good facilitation
Pictures of floor plans
Presenters were well prepared and concise
Good balance of info from architects and community questions
People contributed their ideas
A SMOKE REFUGE SPACE – CRAZY!
A COOLING CENTER????
All city workers in attendance
Letting community speak
Thank you Michael Lambert for making it a priority to be here today.
Thanks you for the hand out.
Well – considered design, bold/creative ideas
Good suggestions like the plants. I also want to suggest benches outside for reading or while waiting.
Everyone was here
Ability for myself and my neighbors to voice their opinion. The sharing of the City's plans and efforts on the remodel project.

What did you like least about the community meeting?

People experiencing homelessness are still our neighbors and part of our community. We should all be able to use the library of all places (meeting topic did not bring this up directly, but lots of crowd feedback around this was negative☹)
No comments
Questions were not repeated by speaker
Give microphone to audience
Lengthy input on program content not germane to design.
Racists
Only a couple of people with sour grape comments
The complainers in audience
Better Security – I had a purse stolen in 2013, while a librarian was giving me computer help. I had credit cards—driver's license—even Soc. Security Card & keys to apt STOLEN

I wondered if our/the comments & suggestions were really “heard” & taken to heart. Did the facilitators take notes??

The anti-immigrant woman – Not your fault!

The ra-ra thing – I’m still mad about the library was ruined in the last renovation.

Lack of diversity in attendance

That examples of the other Carnegie design. I am concerned that the redesign may be not the best if it is not open to the best designers in the world. Buildings often in LA seem to have a Public high profile and are superior to SF.

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

Any chance to address flooding issues at SW corner/drain of 24/Bartlett during improvements? (Not the drain itself (off property) but possibly through landscaping or slope of property)

We really need two separate bathrooms, one for women and one for men with at least two water closet and two urinary.

Children’s area popular, teen area, foster more adult activities (political discussion not a “thing” at libraries). Learn how to communicate (please teach public how to do this!)

I missed the May or June meeting only because I was traveling overseas.

Engage Arup Acoustics as well as their engineering team.

You gave us plenty of time. Thank you.

ULTRA MODERN FIXTURES & FURNITURE DO NOT Complement an OLD VICTORIAN BUILDING (ps. I HATE THOSE RED CHAIRS! LIBRARYS SHOULD BE QUIET RED SHOUTS)

Important to remember needs of Latin Community

Possibility to install a VERTICAL GARDEN “Living Wall” @ SFMOMA? *A parklet would be so lovely—why controversial??! Look at models already in place in this neighborhood: Parklets @ Arizmendi, outside Lunar Rein gallery (22nd & Valencia), on Valencia outside BVHM Elementary, A place to sit outside and read & gather would be amazing. Outdoor benches, seating, play space! It doesn’t need to jut out into the street. The sidewalk is so large and I would argue ripe for this kind of development. Neighboring schools could even partner & suggest design ideas? Can you explain next meeting why a parklet idea is controversial?

Is it possible to have the teen area in a loft? (Is that asking for trouble? Accessibility issues?)

The issue of restroom accessibility was raised. Is it possible to have sinks outside of the restroom (so no potential for washing/bathing in private restroom).

Another comment was made on bicycle parking. Please don’t put it in a corner without eyes on the street. Bikes should be parked in front to prevent theft.

I’m concerned about where the temporary location will be—I am teacher who brings kids to the library in the summer.

It would great to have an advisory committee developed that we could join to