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## MEETING NOTES

**SUBJECT:** Ocean View Branch Library Community Storytime Meeting  
**MEETING:** February 20, 2019, 5:30PM  
**NOTES:** April 11, 2019  
**LOCATION:** Ocean View Branch Library, SFPL

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**Renovation team:** Cathy Delneo, SFPL Chief of Branches; Michael Lambert, Acting City Librarian; Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Division Director; Lynn Maes, SFPL Ocean View Branch Manager; Ramses Escobedo, Acting South West District Manager; Andrew Sohn, SF Public Works Architect; Ailey Simpson, SF Public Works Architectural Associate; Mindy Linetzky, SFPL Manager of Communications and Public Affairs

## AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Project overview
3. Library design trends & guiding principles
4. Existing Building
5. Discussion on services, needs, and priorities
6. Project schedule
7. Upcoming & survey

## DISCUSSION

### What is special about the Ocean View Neighborhood?

- a. The proximity to Stonestown
- b. Accessibility to Public Transit (Could be utilized more to draw people into the Library)
- c. Community atmosphere created by the presence of long term residents and families in low density housing
- d. Socioeconomic, ethnic, and age diversity
- e. Quiet, peaceful atmosphere
- f. Increasing presence of Children and Families
- g. Strong Student Presence
- h. Rich neighborhood history
- i. Presence of parks, colleges, and schools, all in walking distance from the Ocean View Branch Library

### **What do you like about the Ocean View Branch?**

- a. It's small, local, and cozy, like a "well-kept secret"
- b. Familiarity between the community and library staff
- c. Community Programs
- d. Community program room
- e. "Vintage feel" created by the murals and artwork
- f. The design of the entry area encourages connection between patrons and staff
- g. The neighborhood was recently designated as an economic opportunity zone, so business presence may grow in coming years

### **What's not working in the Ocean View Branch?**

- a. Lack of local commercial presence (especially food establishments) around the library makes it less appealing for patrons than nearby branches and prevents visibility of the library since there is little foot traffic in the area
- b. Lack of parking
- c. Book drop off does not seem secure
- d. Would like library to be used more
- e. Lack of outdoor space (Suggestion to build a parklet or an outdoor terrace on *the* roof)
- f. There is no comfortable/ secure space for parents to sit with their Children
- g. Desktop computers take up too much space and could be replaced with more useful program

### **What services and programs would you like to see in the renovated library?**

- a. Rooftop playground with safety guardrails
- b. Kids playroom with Legos
- c. More books
- d. More space for kids/ teens (The branch is close to many small childcare centers in addition to head start programs and schools)
- e. More programs for kids/ teens
- f. Small café
- g. Outdoor space
- h. More, modern technology
- i. More space!

### **Do you have any questions or other feedback to share?**

Suggestion to build a new satellite children's library on a nearby mini-park owned by San Francisco Recreation and Parks and use the current building as an adult library.

Q: How did the Library arrive at the budget of \$8.5 Million?

A: SF Public works did cost estimate based on general proposed scope, not a specific plan for the renovation

Q: What will happen to money if it not used for the renovation?

A: It will remain in the library budget and can be re-appropriated.

Support for an innovative, modern design (unlike historic libraries, Ocean View has the potential for a more drastic exterior design)

Request for the inclusion of data about library visitation/ usage as well as the proposed plan diagrams from the Feasibility Study in March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Steps:**

The Library and Public Works will present more information about the usage of the Ocean View Branch Library as well as the proposed plan diagrams from the Feasibility Study in March 9<sup>th</sup> .