Eureka Valley/ Harvey Milk Branch Library Community Meeting
October 26th, 2016
Eureka Valley Branch Library
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

To date, the Eureka Valley/ Harvey Milk Branch Library has hosted 8 community meetings to build consensus and develop a strategy for improving the atmosphere outside the branch, particularly during closed hours.

The following are improvements the Library has made to date:
- Improved lighting of the parking lot and sidewalks by removing fichus trees on Pond St.
- Removed fichus stumps and placed of new ADA compliant sidewalk on Pond St.
- Improved fencing adjacent to building to eliminate inappropriate roof access
- Installed a needle collection box in the parking lot in partnership with the SF AIDS Foundation
- Hosted a DPW community clean-up day
- Moved electrical junction box to prevent tampering
- Implemented regular power washing of the parking lot and sidewalks by DPW work order
- Re-engaged Rec Park in fulfilling gardening work order
- Met with DPW to begin landscaping design process

The following are goals the Landscape Improvement Project should meet:
- Maintain the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Library as a safe and welcoming branch library for all community members
- Create a visually attractive and timeless façade that welcomes visitors to the branch
- Promote appropriate use of the library’s grounds
- Increase sight lines and light to the grounds and sidewalks
- Delineate planting areas
- Develop a landscape plan that is easy to maintain from a custodial gardening perspective
- Enhance and better defining the plaza on 16th and Pond Streets, and thus limit safety concerns posed by pedestrian/ car interactions in the parking lot
- Enable greater visibility of the grounds from the sidewalk or street

The Department of Public Works’ initial plans for improvements to the exterior landscaping at the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Branch, identify the following strategies to meet the goals.
- The use of undulating cobbled paving and large native plants
- Removal of overgrown shrubs and grasses
- Placement of a low border fence to define planting areas

We would like to gather feedback from community members about the plan. A copy of the drawings are on display the branch along with comment cards. You may also review the design plans on this page and respond to the survey by November 28th for the Eureka Valley/ Harvey Milk Branch Library by clicking on the link.

The Eureka Valley/ Harvey Milk Library is located at 1 José Sarria Court, San Francisco, CA 94114. For more information, please contact Rebecca Alcalá-Veraflor, Central District Manager, at Rebecca.alcala@sfpl.org or (415) 557-4372.
Prosper Street
- COBBLED PAVING
- REMOVE PLANTING
- ORNAMENTAL RAILING AT PLANTING AREA
- EVALUATE AND UPDATE SIGNAGE

Back Courtyard & Landscape
- CLEAR, GRUB, AND EVALUATE THE EXISTING PLANTING
- INCREASE VISIBILITY FROM THE STREET
- EVALUATE AND UPDATE LIGHTING
- COORDINATE PROPERTIES
- HARDY ORNAMENTAL PLANTING
- MAKE COURTYARD MORE INVITING FOR PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES

16th Street Frontage/Plaza
- COBBLED PAVING
- EVALUATE AND UPDATE SIGNAGE
- HARDY ORNAMENTAL PLANTING
- ORNAMENTAL RAILING AT CURBS, WALLS, AND PLANTING AREAS
- REDUCE SEATING AND PLANTING AREAS
- MODIFY THE EXISTING PLAZA FOR:
  + BETTER TRUCK ENTRANCE TO MEET THE LIBRARY'S NEEDS
  + ENGAGING THE PLAZA WITH THE STREET

Parking Lot
- COBBLED PAVING
- HARDY ORNAMENTAL PLANTING
- ORNAMENTAL RAILING AT CURBS, WALLS, AND PLANTING AREAS
- REDUCE SEATING AND PLANTING AREAS
- EVALUATE AND UPDATE SIGNAGE
- IMPROVED DRIVEWAY ACCESS FROM 16TH AND POND STREETS

SITE IMPROVEMENTS
Building Design & Construction

Proposed Landscape Improvements
Cobbled Paving

Landforms in Planting Areas

Ornamental Railing

Proposed Landscape Improvements
Cobbled Paving + Landforms in Planting Areas + Ornamental Railing + Hardy Ornamental Planting
16TH ST FRONTAGE
Building Design & Construction

Proposed Landscape Improvements
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Ornamental Railing + Hardy Ornamental Planting + Raised Planters + Benches + Relocated Bicycle Rack

Building Design & Construction
New Light Fixtures  +  Hardy Groundcover Planting  +  Benches  +  Increase Visibility from the Street  +  Ornamental Railing

Existing

BACK COURTYARD & LANDSCAPE
Building Design & Construction

Proposed Landscape Improvements
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Existing

Proposed

New Benches

Ornamental Rolling

New Light Fixtures

Raised Planters