

Belmont Library Project Update

December 2003

Status

The following renderings were approved by the City Council in December. The City has begun assessing the tax approved by voters to pay for the new Library and the bonds are expected to be sold by January.

The Parks & Recreation Commission will be reviewing the site plan for Belameda Park on January 14, 2004. The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to review the Library plans and permit applications in February 2004.

The current schedule calls for construction to begin in January 2005.



Background

Since last April, the Library Steering Committee has been working diligently with Field Paoli, the architects, on re-conceptualizing the plans for the new library. On July 22, 2003, City Council directed the Library Steering Committee to proceed to the schematic

design stage with a revised “L” shaped project concept and two sizing options: 18,000 and 21,000 square feet.

The schematic design stage was contemplated to produce a well-defined, reasonable concept into a spatial definition where the scope, scale, design and relationship among the components of the projects are shown.

Based on input from the community meetings, the architects, members of the Steering Committee, and Parks & Recreation Department, the site plan has been developed to provide two new play areas, an entry plaza, areas for outdoor reading and picnics, and accessible walkways.