

Infrastructure Subcommittee Report
November 3, 2022 Library Commission Meeting

1. Report from Library District re status of Glass Wall to Mitigate Sound at the Woodland Branch

Rose reported that the District will not pursue this project at this time due to its focus on Open Plus at Woodland.

2. Update on the Expanded Patio at Woodland Branch Project

Subcommittee reviewed the proposal and made suggestions to update it. Current plan is to submit the proposal for review and approval by the entire Commission at the December Commission meeting.
See attached

Proposed Extension of Patio Area at the Woodland Branch

Background

The Infrastructure Subcommittee is exploring the possibility of expanding the existing patio area of the Woodland Branch library. This will provide more space for the patrons including the St. Simons students who make up a large fraction of the library's patrons during after school hours. This additional outdoor space with tables and benches would be used by tutors and by study groups as well as anyone who would prefer sunshine and fresh air while having access to the library's resources including wi-fi.

This project has the support of Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian, and Gabe Engeland, Los Altos City Manager. Vice Mayor Sally Meadows has also been briefed and she advised that the project most likely would not require formal Council approval. Interviews of Woodland Branch patrons revealed support for the project and several St. Simon's students were very enthusiastic – they reported that they all rush to the library to try to get the only picnic table on the existing table. They all said they would love to have more patio space with picnic tables and benches at the library.

The Expanded Patio Concept

1. Concept is to clear a 30ft X 30ft square area (900 square feet) of the existing land cover (weeds) and create a sand patio with picnic tables and benches. This new outdoor seating area will provide the patrons with more seating for tutoring, studying, reading, working at the Woodland Branch. The City Manager, Gabe Engeland, advised that the City's Maintenance Crew would clear the existing weeds. We will explore whether they could also excavate the 5 inches of dirt to prepare the bed for the patio materials.
2. Area proposed for new patio is the vacant/unused portion of the lot on the south side of the existing building (see attached aerial view showing location of proposed expanded patio area).

3. Proposed size of new patio is approximately 30ft X 30ft at the rear of the vacant/unused portion of the lot with access from the existing patio
4. Scope of work for project
 - a. Clear/scrape lot to remove all existing vegetation – City of Los Altos crew
 - b. Excavate 5 inches of dirt to prepare base for patio – City crew?
 - c. Lay down 3 inches of base rock
 - d. Compact the base rock
 - e. Lay down 2 inches of sand (special sand + glue)
 - f. Add poles for shade sails and stabilize with concrete
 - g. Acquire picnic tables (3 each) and benches (3 each) (arbitrary number)
 - h. Wi-Fi Access Point to extend wi-fi service to patio area (Library to provide)

5. Costs

The estimated cost of preparing the patio is \$13/square foot per a contractor who specializes in creating hardscape. (see attached business card)

Proposed new patio is 900 square feet @ \$13/sq ft = \$11,700

Estimated cost of 3 picnic tables @ \$1210 per table = \$3,630

Estimated cost of 3 benches @ \$1020 per bench = \$3,060

Estimated cost of 4 shade sails = \$8,461 (project probably needs only 2 sails)

Estimated total cost = \$26,851

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