



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

Subject Discuss Woodland Library Patio and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary

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Purpose

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Discussion

At the September 16 meeting, the Library Commission received a report from Chair Fawcett regarding recent progress on the Woodland Library Patio project.

In March 2022, the Library Commission Infrastructure Subcommittee presented a report on the Woodland Library Patio Project that had a conceptual framework of proposed programs and amenities for the outdoor space at Woodland Library. The Infrastructure Subcommittee was directed to continue working on the project.

In December 2022, the Library Commission unanimously approved the Woodland Expanded Patio Project as presented.

After that approval, the Infrastructure Subcommittee provided the general proposal for a Woodland Expanded Patio Project to the Los Altos Library Endowment to explore funding opportunities. It was determined that this project would wait until after a Main Library Patio project.

In August 2024, the Los Altos Library Endowment was made aware of a native plant garden project in the proposed area for the Woodland Library Patio so the Los Altos Library Endowment team gathered that group and key library stakeholders to discuss how the two projects could work together moving forward. There have only been preliminary discussions, and no formal proposals have been made.

At the September 16 meeting, the Library Commission received an update on the project from Chair Fawcett who provided a summary of actions to date. Vice Chair Bedard recommended, with a second from Commissioner Carter, to have this as a potential Ad-Hoc Subcommittee discussion for the October 3 meeting.



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Per the new Commission Handbook, “A Commission may appoint Ad-Hoc subcommittees, consisting of less than a majority of the body, to work on specific tasks. Ad-Hoc subcommittees should be focused on one specific topic and shall not last more than one year. These Ad-Hoc subcommittees are working bodies and may be responsible for generation of reports and analyses, which are reviewed by staff prior to distribution to the full Commission. Commissions shall not create standing committees.

In order to establish an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, the topic of the formation of the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee must be posted and noticed on the regular agenda.

Commission members currently serving on a Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are not eligible to serve on another Ad-Hoc Subcommittee simultaneously.

The motion of establishment must include that the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee:

- Is comprised solely of members of the Commission establishing the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee,
- Consists of less than a quorum of the Commission,
- Includes a defined purpose and the timeframe to accomplish that purpose and is less than one year in duration,
- Will automatically terminate when a final report is given to the Commission, or when the timeframe established by the Commission is met, unless extended by the Commission at a public meeting,
- Will not be re-established or renewed in multiple years, and
- Is advisory in nature and is not established to work on an item where continuing jurisdiction exists.

In accordance with the Brown Act, Ad-Hoc Subcommittees do not need to post notice of their meetings or hold meetings in public, unless directed to do so by the City Council.”

Currently, the Library Commission has one Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Potential Library Improvements consisting of Vice Chair Bedard and Commissioner Crane and one Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Targeted Outreach consisting of Chair Fawcett and Commissioner Morris, which will be presenting their final report at the May 2, 2024 meeting. Once that is completed, the commission may establish one more Ad-Hoc Subcommittee while remaining in compliance with the above guidelines.