

**Council Meeting: October 2, 2012****SUBJECT: Branch Library Update #1 (Information Only)**

On July 31, 2012, City Council held a special joint session with the Board of Library Trustees to study "Future Library and Civic Center Facility Options." At that meeting, Council directed staff to explore a branch library at the Lakewood School and Park site in partnership with the Sunnyvale School District, with capital costs to be covered by the proceeds from the eventual sale of the Raynor Activity Center.

In accordance with that direction, staff is developing a work plan and timeline for associated tasks. The "Public Outreach and Education" phase is currently underway. In fact, the contents of this memo and eventually a work plan will be posted to a prominent "Branch Library" website as a part of that outreach. Additional efforts to inform and educate the public regarding the branch library project include providing future updates to the Board of Library Trustees, presentations to Neighborhood Associations and service clubs, providing updates to the "Friends of the Sunnyvale Library", and eventual public meetings with the City Council and Sunnyvale School Board. Members of the public wishing additional information regarding any of these outreach opportunities, or simply interested in more information regarding the branch library project, will be directed to appropriate contacts.

It is worth noting that the eventual construction of a branch library is not a foregone conclusion. Opportunities for the public to express support for, or opposition to, the concept of a branch library will be provided before a formal agreement with the Sunnyvale School District or any contract for design of a branch library is approved.

In the meantime, staff's efforts will be focused on the sale of the Raynor Activity Center (per previous Council direction), public outreach and education, and the drafting of a possible agreement with the Sunnyvale School District for future consideration by both the City Council and the Sunnyvale School Board. Copies of this report have been provided to: Sunnyvale School District, Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations, Library Board of Trustees and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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