

1st Community Workshop

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It was a well-run gathering of community input tonite. Nice job, everyone. As the now spent \$100,000 feasibility studies and meetings go forward, I wonder what in the heck is all this expensive hoopla about how to expand our Los Osos Library when the most obvious is to build an add-on to the existing facility. Twice now the community has preferred the current location.

After being told for almost 20 years that we couldn't attain ANY sensitive habitat until the HCP was approved, while private homes and businesses DID makes me fully frustrated. The Coastal Commission would I think, easily agree to allowing the County to extend our Library parcel by 1/2 acre into the TriW. The 11 acres is intended to serve community amenities in the future.

I also have mitigation donor who is willing to donate a coastal lot to mitigate TriW (Midtown) (already sewer mitigation land) to help cover the loss of 1/2 acre of protected habitat.

It's kind of a no-brainer for many of us to not see the value make-do with an add-on construction to the current facility. I showed you my blocks of wood because it is totally feasible to design a new structure that can hook in to our current 4000+ sq ft providing better computer areas and activities area, while allowing the Library to fully function in a 6 month construction zone. We like the coziness of our Library, it currently meets our needs. I think we could do a lot by concentrating in making a good thing better. Not playing 'Slay the Dragon'.

I hope some valid analysis focuses on the cost to expand our current Library. It will save money, answer our needs, and allow money to flow to Templeton and the needed facilities throughout the County.

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Just wanted to thank you for the well organized and surprisingly fun meeting about the new LO library. Good humor goes a long way! Libraries have always held a special place in my heart. These days I'm there at least once a week to satisfy the voracious reading habits of my 92 y/o mother and me. My first library experience was in the first grade when we went to the school library every 2 weeks and were allowed to check out 2 books. Somehow the librarian discerned that, while in the library, I had already finished my allotted 2 books and she allowed me to check out several others. I think that was the first time I felt really "seen" by somebody not in my family. And it was the first time I realized that rules could be bent for a good cause.

My first choice is site 3. I have a clear vision of a building with large windows facing the bay and lots of comfy reading chairs facing that view. I also hope that the parking is in back, so that the view is not marred by a car lot.

I attended Monday evening's Los Osos Library workshop. You stated that costs have a lot of variables making it difficult to ascribe costs to each alternative at this early stage. But for scoping of a cost range for a facility such as this you stated presently \$900/sqft is a reasonable figure for planning. $\$900 \times 8800 \text{ sqft.} = \sim \8MM . Is this correct? (Maybe +/- 20% for merely range of cost scoping) and the needed facilities throughout the County.