

Summary of Main Library Project Timeline

October 2006: City Council includes a Main Library expansion in the Riverside Renaissance Plan.

April 2007: City Council hires Pfeiffer Architects to prepare a 29,000 to 40,000 expansion for the Main Library that includes an exhibit hall.

September 2007: A plan for a joint Main Library/Museum expansion is presented.

January 2008: City Council receives community comment in support of two separate projects for the future needs of the Museum and Main Library.

March 2008: City convenes a Blue Ribbon Task Force to review the issue.

June 2008: Arlington Library Renovation and Expansion (4,000 sq. ft. to 13,000 sq. ft.)

August 2008: City Council accepts Task Force recommendations for a major expansion of the Main Library on the current site based on a size recommended by the Board of Trustees.

October 2008: Orange Terrace Library Opening (13,640 sq. ft.)

March 2009: City Council approves a 100,000 square foot new Main Library as part of a plan for Arts and Culture Facilities Enhancement.

November 2010: Arlanza Library Opening (10,000 sq. ft.)

May 2011: Marcy Library Relocation and Expansion (4,000 sq. ft. to 9,000 sq. ft.)

February 14, 2012: City Council workshop on the Downtown Library to receive EIR update, project cost estimates for a new 100,000 sq. ft. library, a rehabilitated 60,000 sq. ft. library, and related library statistics.

February 28, 2012: City Council cancels Environmental Impact Report receives report on Downtown Library community outreach plan for exterior design development, the creation of a key stakeholders group, the creation of a financing team, and a revised scope of work for Pfeiffer Partners Architects.

March 21, 26, and 29, 2012: Community meetings and community engagement via City website.

March 28, 2012: City Historic Preservation Officer meets with Historic preservation groups.

April 12, 2012: Workshop with Pfeiffer, Trustees, and Stakeholders to review community comment and provide direction to Pfeiffer for design development.

June 14, 18, and 20, 2012: Community meetings and community engagement via City website to receive feedback on four design options. Transcript of comments received provided to Pfeiffer, Trustees and stakeholders for their review and consideration.

June 18, 2012: City Historic Preservation Officer meets with Historic preservation groups to receive feedback on four design options. Transcript of comments received provided to Pfeiffer, Trustees and stakeholders for their review and consideration.

August 13, 2012: Trustees and key stakeholders recommend options 1 and 5, with a preference for option 5, to City Council. The two main areas of consensus were to preserve the exterior to the extent possible while adding natural light and focusing the majority of the funding on the interior.

September 25, 2012: City Council unanimously agrees to proceed with option 5 and directs staff to bring back an alternative to include (a) maintaining current location of elevator and stairway; (b) reducing or eliminating the number of windows; (c) use of skylights; (d) analysis of public use for front of Library; (e) access to roof for public use; and (f) evaluating impact of elevator access on roof line relative to adjacent buildings.

June 11, 2013: City Council receives a workshop on the Main Library and following discussion, 1) received the report on the environmental review, exterior design, cost estimate, and proposed financing options; (2) approved the concept design, a) removing the skylights and roof development, (b) requesting that windows be bid as an optional add- on, (c) including a significant redesign of the front plaza area, (d) reusing existing interior materials to the extent possible, and (e) including up to \$100,000 for exterior elevations and interior design drawings in next year' s budget to include exterior renderings with and without windows.

December 9, 2014: City Council receives an update on the Main Library and following discussion, 1) received the update on the exterior, interior and plaza designs, cost estimate, and proposed financing options for the Main Library Rehabilitation located at 3581 Mission Inn Avenue; (2) approved the Main Library concept designs; and (3) directed the City Manager to include discussion of Library funding during the mid-year budget review and hold a workshop to discuss overall funding at a future meeting.

June 23, 2015: City Council requests additional funding be allocated to the Main Library project in order to continue moving forward the design process, including the study of alternative locations.

September 14 and 21, 2015: Community meetings held to receive feedback on prospective alternative locations.

December 14, 2015: Board of Library Trustees votes unanimously to recommend the current building be committed to a public, cultural reuse, the Main Library be relocated, and staff provide additional information on alternative locations.

January 25, 2016: Board of Library Trustees votes 5 Ayes/3 Noes/1 absent to recommend 3911 University Avenue or a portion as the location for the new Main Library.