

SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library Timeline

On January 23, 2017, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on the SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library ("Eastside Library") lease, which is due to expire on October 1, 2019. This Library, located at 4033 Chicago Avenue, is the only City library operating in a leased facility. the Eastside Library is the third busiest location in the Riverside Public Library system, welcoming over 111,000 visitors annually, and is currently undersized at 10,816 square feet.

The current monthly base lease payment is \$15,515 plus Common Area Maintenance (CAM) costs of \$4,326 per month, for a total cost of \$19,841 per month or \$238,092 annually.

On May 16, 2017, the City Council approved \$100,000 in Measure Z funding to support a community outreach project to identify available sites to accommodate the replacement of the Eastside Library.

On July 24, 2017, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on potential locations and the community outreach process for a new Eastside Library.

On August 11, and September 7, 2017, community meetings were held for receiving input on a preferred location for the new Eastside Library.

On August 11, 2017, following a staff presentation of the available properties, four community members in attendance provided feedback. Attendees favored sites in the Eastside community along University Avenue.

Approximately 20 community members attended another community meeting on September 7, 2017. Following the staff presentation, attendees received surveys listing the available sites. Attendees favored sites in the Eastside community, along University Avenue, with a preference for locations along 2015-2039 University Avenue.

On September 25, 2017, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on community outreach efforts. The Board of Library Trustees voted unanimously to recommend a project location at 1910 University Avenue and 3870 Ottawa Avenue for City Council consideration.

On March 27, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on the proposed site of 2060 University Avenue for the new Eastside Library and voted unanimously to consider this site for the new Eastside Library location. Additionally, Staff were advised to return to the Board of Library Trustees with an update on input received at a community outreach meeting scheduled on March 28, 2018 at the Stratton Community Center.

On March 28, 2018, a community meeting was held at the Stratton Community Center to receive input on the proposed Eastside Library site at 2060 University Avenue in the parking lot facing University Avenue, adjacent to the Cesar Chavez Community Center

located at Bobby Bonds Park and Sports Complex (Bobby Bonds). Approximately 20 members of the Eastside community were present at this meeting. Following a staff presentation of the proposed new site, eight community members in attendance provided feedback. Concerns expressed by some community members include a reduction in parking at the Cesar Chavez Community Center and adding more activities to an already busy location. Other community members in attendance were in favor of the location as they felt many in the community could walk to the Eastside Library and Cesar Chavez Community Center, and thus parking would not be impacted.

On April 23, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update on community outreach feedback land acquisition costs, 2018-2020 budget costs, safety, and parking pertaining to the proposed project site at 2060 University Avenue. The Board of Library Trustees unanimously recommended, if the proposed site is endorsed by the Park and Recreation Commission and community, then they fully support the proposed site.

On May 21, 2018, the Park and Recreation Commission received an update on community outreach feedback for selecting a new site for the proposed Eastside Library.

On June 7, 2018, a presentation for the Eastside Neighborhood Forum was conducted at the Cesar Chavez Community Center.

On June 25, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an overview from Interim Library Director Christmas on the new site selection which began with the current site lease expiring in October 2019 and the inefficient space does not meet the library needs. The lease is \$250,000 a year for a 10,000 square foot one story space. Staff in collaboration with councilmember Melendrez have held discussions with community members at various community meetings. The community did not support the Bordwell site. Staff are currently looking at the Ottawa site and a future community meeting will be held for community input.

Following discussion, the Board of Library Trustees directed staff to provide a recurring update at every regularly scheduled meeting

On July 23, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update from Interim Library Director Christmas of a walking tour of the Chavez Community Center, Bobby Bonds and Ottawa and University sites held for the community on July 12, 2018, at 5 p.m. Present for the tour were Erin Christmas, Interim Library Director, Adolfo Cruz, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, Carl Carey, General Services Director, Miguel Lujano, Legislative Field Representative Ward 2, George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager, Trustees Tate and Yonezawa, and 21 members of the community.

An informal poll was taken from the community members of what site they preferred and 15 were in favor of the Bobby Bonds site and 6 were in favor of the Ottawa/University site. Additionally, signatures were received from 150 community members in favor of keeping a library in the Eastside neighborhood.

Funding has not been identified for the new Eastside Library.

Trustee Tate inquired about approval/direction from the Park and Recreation Commission on the site at Bobby Bonds. Interim Director Christmas will present to the Park and Recreation Commission in September.

On August 27, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update from Interim Library Director Christmas advising that staff are planning a walking tour of potential sites.

On October 22, 2018, the Board of Library Trustees received an update from Director Christmas. The update included a report of a walking tour of the Bobby Bonds site which included Councilmember Melendrez, General Services Director Carey, and Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Cruz. Director's Christmas and Cruz will provide a joint presentation to the Park and Recreation Commission and the Board of Library Trustees in January 2019.

On January 30, 2019, the Park and Recreation Commission received an update on community outreach feedback for selecting a new site for the proposed Eastside Library.