

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL/PARKING
AUTHORITY/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Study Session on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 5:30 P.M.

STUDY SESSION

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Barbara Spector, Vice Mayor Mike Wasserman, Council Member Steve Glickman, Council Member Diane McNutt, and Council Member Joe Pirzynski.

Absent: None.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS (Three-minute time limit)

Mayor Barbara Spector opened and Closed Verbal Communications.

DISCUSSION

- **Conceptual Design Alternatives for New Los Gatos Library**

Staff report made by **Pamela Jacobs**, Assistant Town Manager and **Chris Noll**, Noll and Tam Architects.

Council Discussion

- Questioned the access to Pageant Park for both design options.
- Requested clarification on the process for Council input this evening.
- Commented on the sub-committee's decision for presenting Option B to the Council.
- Commented on the idea of the parking behind the building.
- Commented that the design for both Option A and Option B is welcoming to the public.

Study Session – Continued

Open Public Comments

Mr. Miller

- Commented on integrating the design for the new Library with the Civic Center and that Option A does this best.
- Commented on retaining the greenery and trees as part of the project.
- Commented on the use of natural light and patios as part of the design.

Ms. Dallas

- Commended the Town for exploring more than one option for design, and supported Option A due to its integration with the Civic Center.
- Would like to see the wooded trees of the Civic Center be included in the design of the new Library.
- Questioned if there is need for a new Library due to projected budget short falls in the future.

Mr. Davis

- Commented about the temperature in the Council Chambers.
- Commented that our present Library is adequate and that the Town should not be funding a new library.
- Commented that the new Library will end up costing about \$40 million.

Closed Public Comments

Council Discussion

- Commented that the setback for Option B is 60 to 80 feet.
- Questioned cost comparisons for both options.
- Questioned if both options are within budget.

Ms. Jacobs, Assistant Town Manager

- Clarified that there would be a slightly higher cost associated with grading for Option A, but both options were within budget.
- Commented on the need for a retaining wall for either option.

Noll and Tam

- Clarified that Option A would have a higher price due to excavation costs, but these costs would not be significant.

Study Session – Continued

Council Discussion

- Expressed concerns about ensuring sufficient parking spaces for either plan.
- Commented that Option A is a preferred plan and a more subtle design for the building.
- Questioned the impacts on Town Hall parking during the building phases.
- Commented that the project is too expensive and that the funding should be used to upgrade the current Library.
- Commented that Option A may require cutting into the hillside, which is not consistent with the Hillside Standards and Guidelines.
- Questioned if Options A and B should be brought to the public meeting for discussion.
- Commented on the increase in population in Town and the need to increase the Library size to accommodate the needs of the community.
- Commented that the setbacks for both options are desirable.

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Mayor Mike Wasserman** to approve Council preference for Option A.
 Seconded by Council Member Joe Pirzynski.

VOTE: **Motion carried 4/1. Council Member Steve Glickman**
 voted no.

Ms. Jacobs

- Invited the public to join the community meeting to be held on November 13, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Jackie D. Rose, Clerk Administrator