

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Meeting: **3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 1998**
Auditorium

William Hauck, Chair
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Discussion Items

1. Public/Public Sector Participation Concept Plan for a Joint-Use Library—San Jose State University, *Action*

BRIEF

Action Item

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Public/Public Sector Participation Concept Plan for a Joint-Use Library—San Jose State University

Presentation By

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Summary

San Jose State University (SJSU), the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, and the City of San Jose are planning a unique partnership to build a joint-use library facility on the SJSU campus. The building will serve as the university's library and as the main library for the San Jose Public Library. The proposed joint-use facility provides an enhanced library for both the city of San Jose and the university at a lower cost than if the university were to construct the library independently.

The trustees are being asked to review and approve a concept plan for the public/public partnership venture and to authorize the project to proceed with the understanding that additional information will be presented to the board at key points in the process.

Recommended Action

Approval of the resolution.

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Public/Public Sector Participation Concept Plan for a Joint-Use Library—San Jose State University

Background

San Jose State University's 1997/98 five-year capital improvement program proposal included a library addition to add space to serve its master plan enrollment based on the proposed new library planning standards. The program also included a secondary effect project, Wahlquist north renovation, to house displaced administrative functions. Today, the cost for the two projects would be approximately \$116 million (\$101 million for the library addition and \$15 million for the Wahlquist north renovation). The proposed joint-use library provides an enhanced library for both the city of San Jose and the university at a lower cost. The state share of the new library is estimated to be \$91 million.

San Jose State University, the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, and the City of San Jose have agreed to build a joint-use library designed to serve both university students and city residents. The project will bring together under one roof the collections and services now located in two university library buildings and the main library of San Jose Public Library located nearby. Both the university and the city libraries have outgrown their buildings and lack adequate space for patron seating, growing collections, and computing and networking facilities. Significant savings will be achieved by sharing space and staff where there is overlap between the two libraries' operations, collections, and services. This is a unique town and gown collaboration. There are no academic/public library collaborations on this scale in the United States and few in the world.

A Memorandum of Understanding summarizing the project was approved by the SJSU Academic Senate on May 11, 1998, and by the board of the San Jose Redevelopment Agency on May 21, 1998.

Program

The new building is expected to be six stories high with a full basement. For economical storage of collections, some materials will be located on movable-aisle compact shelving. The majority of the university and city collections will remain physically separated within the joint-use library. Seating throughout the library will be open to university and public library clientele. Basic library services including reference and circulation will be shared so the university and public library patrons are served from one location. Some specialized units such as media and special collections will also share space and integrate collections and services. The building will include public meeting spaces, library instruction classrooms, and computer labs.

Highlights of the Joint Library Building Project

- building size: 465,000 gsf
- shelving capacity of two million volumes to accommodate 30 years of collection growth

- 3,600 user seats with electronic capacity
- combined staff of 160 FTE staff, plus part-time student workers
- acquisitions budget of over \$3 million
- user population of 30,000 university students, faculty, and staff and 850,000 city residents
- estimated project cost of \$171 million
- date of occupation of new building - Year 2003

The library will have a robust networking infrastructure and state-of-the-art computer equipment. Electronic workstations located throughout the library will allow users to access both textual and numeric databases. Specially configured stations will accommodate printing and downloading functions. The workstations will provide access to the library holdings, as well as access to the combined holdings of the California State University libraries, selected catalogs of other libraries such as the University of California, and core electronic reference sources. Eventually, the workstations will also be a gateway to the statewide library network, The Library of California, now being planned to promote resource sharing among California libraries of all types.

Funding Sources

Funding for the construction of the building and related project costs will come from the City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency (\$70 million), CSU state general obligation bond funds (\$86 million), the CSU support budget (\$5 million), and from private donor sources raised by San Jose State University (\$10 million). Capital outlay funding for this project is dependent upon the success of a state general obligation bond that provides at least \$200 million to the CSU in 1999/2000. The commitment of a significant portion of the funding for the capital outlay program for this library project recognizes the importance of the partnership concept in meeting future capital outlay needs of CSU campuses.

Site

The university and the city are full partners in this building project, which is part of a larger plan to improve and revitalize the downtown area, give it a civic focus, and attract new business and downtown residents. Substantial growth in the city's real estate market and increased tax revenues have resulted in a five-year capital improvement plan that is the largest in its history. The library building site is in the northwest corner of the campus, which borders the city's central business district. A civic plaza is planned just north of the building site, with a new city hall and a new parking garage to accommodate the increased number of visitors to the library and downtown. To the west of the building site are five new condominium complexes—three completed, one under construction and one to begin construction in 1998, containing over 1,100 residential units.

Next Steps

- July 1998—Architect to begin schematics. (Joint selection of project architect reported in CPB&G Agenda Item 2 at this meeting.)

- January 1999—Board of Trustees' approval of:
 - Schematics
 - Environmental Impact Report
 - Master Plan Changes
 - Principal agreements for facility development and operations

Summary

The university and the San Jose Public Library are two of the city's most important public institutions in the downtown area. Both institutions foster intellectual and cultural development and promote lifelong learning. Both are gateways to upward mobility, especially for those who rely on public institutions for literacy materials, education resources, and job and career training. With this common mission, the two libraries are natural partners to develop a new shared library, which will be a major cultural center for the downtown area. The proposed library building will have two other cultural institutions as close neighbors. The San Jose Repertory Theater is located one block to the west of the library site and a civic plaza and an opera theater are proposed to be built one block north. These projects will transform the neighborhood into the civic and cultural heart of the city.

The following resolution is recommended for approval:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of The California State University, that:

Section 1. The public/public sector participation concept plan for a joint-use library between San Jose State University and the City of San Jose as presented in this agenda item is approved.

Section 2. To facilitate development of a joint-use library between San Jose State University and the City of San Jose which is consistent with the concept plan presented in this agenda item, the chancellor is authorized to enter into agreements and do any and all things necessary to implement the concept plan, and to prepare information plans and agreements for consideration by the board as contemplated in the concept plan.