



# Brentwood Library Expansion Project

## **The History**

In 2006, during the early planning stages of the Civic Center, the library needed to be moved off of City Park. It was determined that a temporary library would be built using City annex space on Oak Street. When conducting the community outreach workshops for the Civic Center and future library, citizens voiced clearly that they wanted to see the library stay downtown and be a part of the Civic Center. So while the library was temporarily housed at 104 Oak Street during the building of the Civic Center, it was always in the plans that ultimately the library would be expanded into its permanent home in the remaining space at 118 / 120 Oak Street.

Once the Civic Center was finished, staff brought back the library expansion project to City Council to ask for direction on how to proceed with the expansion. City Council initially directed staff to pursue a partial expansion of the library into 118 Oak Street, based on financial considerations.

## **The Process**

At the Brentwood City Council meeting on March 26, 2013 the Council awarded the Library building project to the architectural firm Mark Davis + FOG. The architects are currently in the “discovery” phase, assessing the condition of the current library and the two vacant buildings next to it. The architect has been tasked with providing a “Needs Assessment” for the future library, and, after further consideration, will explore the following four options for the library expansion:

1. Partial expansion into the 118 Oak Street space.
2. Full expansion into the 118/120 Oak Street space.
3. Move the library into 118/120 Oak Street space and have the current library as leasable space.
4. Demolish the existing buildings and build a new library on the 104/118/120 Oak Street Space.

Once this preliminary work is completed, the City will provide the results to City Council, who will then advise staff of the direction to take, based on financial and spatial considerations as well as sustainability, operational expenses and the ability of the library to grow along with Brentwood.

The City project team has partnered with the Brentwood Library and the Friends of the Library to work on the needs assessment and track current and future trends. This team approach will ensure that we assess the project needs from all angles.

## **Get Involved!**

We’d like to hear from you! Tell us what you like about the current library, concerns you have, what you’d like to see. Your comments will be forwarded to the City’s Library Expansion Project Team. Please be sure to indicate if you’d like to be contacted by a member of the team. We can’t promise that all suggestions or “wishes” can be adopted, but you can trust that we will do our best to build the best library the City can reasonably accommodate.

[Send your e-Comments now!](#)

Community members are also encouraged to contact the Library, and/or the Friends of the Library with their comments, questions, and concerns.

Mail can be addressed to the Friends of the Brentwood Library at 104 Oak Street, Brentwood 94513 or e-mail them at [blibfeedback@gmail.com](mailto:blibfeedback@gmail.com). Comments to library staff may be sent to [brelibexp@ccclib.org](mailto:brelibexp@ccclib.org).

## **Progress Updates**

As the project moves forward, we will continually post updates on upcoming City Council agenda items, project direction, progress reports, photos and more. Check back from time to time to learn what’s new!

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