

DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW DIXON LIBRARY PROJECT

NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Dixon Public Library District, as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the New Dixon Library Project and will hold a Public Scoping Meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gretchen Higgins Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room located at 1525 Pembroke Way, Dixon, in conjunction with a community workshop to discuss design options for the new library.

Project Location: The proposed project is located between North First Street and North Second Street on East B Street in the City of Dixon, Solano County, California. The project site is comprised of the existing Dixon Public Library which currently sits on two separate parcels, with five additional parcels (including commercial and residential structures), purchased in recent years. Primary access to the approximately 0.85-acre project site would be from First Street, B Street, or Second Street. The Women's Improvement Club Park, maintained by the City of Dixon (City), is located immediately adjacent to the project site to the north. The project is located in downtown Dixon approximately two miles east of Interstate 80 (I-80).

Project Description:

The proposed project would include the construction of a new 24,000 to 28,000-square foot public library on an approximately 0.85-acre site to replace the existing 8,000-square foot library facility. The existing library is comprised of three connected structures, including an original 1912 Carnegie building and building additions from 1958 and 1990. The proposed project would consist of: 1) the demolishing the 1958 and 1990 library building additions, 2) demolishing existing structures on recently acquired parcels, 3) examining alternatives that include fully restoring, partially restoring or reconstructing the Carnegie Library in place or facing North First Street, 4) constructing a new library facility on acquired parcels, incorporating the reconstructed or restored Carnegie Library, 5) modifying site ingress and egress and providing 11-22 off-street parking spaces, 6) returning park land to the adjacent City-owned Women's Improvement Club Park, and 7) preserving the large old oak tree and other existing mature trees where feasible.

Notice of Preparation and Initial Study Available for Review:

Beginning on July 21, 2010, the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report can be viewed on the Dixon Public Library District website: www.dixonlibrary.com. The project description, location and potential environmental impacts are contained in more detail in the Initial Study, which can also be viewed on the District web page. Both the NOP and the Initial Study can also be reviewed at the Dixon Public Library at 230 North First Street, Dixon, during business hours beginning on July 21, 2010.

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therein, including potentially significant environmental effects, project alternatives and mitigation measures.

Public Comment Period:

The Public Comment Period on the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study begins on Wednesday, July 21, and concludes on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 5 p.m. Interested organizations and the general public are welcome to comment on the scope of the EIR. Due to the time limits mandated by State law your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than the close of the comment period on August 23, 2010. You are advised to mail written comments postmarked on or before August 23, 2010 to:

**Gregg T. Atkins, District Librarian
Dixon Public Library
230 North First Street
Dixon, CA 95620**

Comments by FAX or E-mail may not be able to be confirmed as officially received and accepted before the end of the comment period deadline. Comment letters should clearly identify and include in the subject heading *Comments on the New Dixon Library Project Notice of Preparation* in order to distinguish these comments from any other comments. If you have any questions, or want additional information concerning the scoping meeting, please contact Gregg T. Atkins, District Librarian, at 707-678-1805. Please include the name, phone number, and address of a contact person in your response.

Date: 07-21-2010

Signature: Gregg T. Atkins
Title: DISTRICT LIBRARIAN