

Library Commission  
Meeting

June 1, 2022

Written Communications

Item 4

Discuss Possible  
Collaboration with Eaton  
Elementary Regarding  
Parking Spaces for the  
Library

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Dear Library Commission Chair Pan, Vice Chair Zhao, and Commissioners Vasanth, Panda, and Sreekanth:

I am resubmitting my comments for the parking collaboration item from the 5/4/2022 Library Commission meeting because the May 2022 meeting was canceled.

Please include this letter as written communication, Agenda Item 4, "Discuss Possible Collaboration with Eaton Elementary Regarding Parking Spaces for the Library," for the 6/1/2022 Library Commission meeting.

Please find my comments below.

Sincerely,

Liana Crabtree  
Cupertino resident

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Dear Library Commission Chair Pan, Vice Chair Zhao, and Commissioners Vasanth, Panda, and Sreekanth:

Please include this letter as written communication, Agenda Item 4, "Discuss Possible Collaboration with Eaton Elementary Regarding Parking Spaces for the Library," for the 5/4/2022 Library Commission meeting.

I am writing to support a collaboration effort with the School District to allow library patrons to park in Eaton Elementary parking lots outside of regular school hours, including afternoons after 4 pm, weekends, and during the summer when summer school is not offered. Any parking collaboration should also include way finding signs to and from the library and Eaton Elementary along natural or expected walking paths.

I support other efforts to alleviate traffic congestion in and around the Civic Center Parking lot, including the creation of a dedicated passenger loading/unloading area on Torre Ave that was to be completed as part of the library expansion project, parking on nearby neighborhood streets, and campaigns to encourage library patrons to travel to and from the library by walking, cycling, and riding public transportation (VTA Routes 23, 25, 51, 55, 523; and Cupertino Via Shuttle Service).

Finally, Council hosted a study session last evening (5/3/2022) that was continued into its regular meeting then was continued a second time to the Tuesday, 5/17/2022 meeting to provide input to the 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The draft plan includes items to build a new City Hall and 3-story parking structure at the Cupertino Civic Center. While it is imperative to repair and retrofit the existing City Hall building and renovate the existing office space purchased for City government use located on Torre Ave near Pacifica Ave, a new City Hall and parking structure is a significant investment for a community with fewer than 60,000 residents. Dedicating an estimated \$80 million to build a new City Hall and parking structure likely means priority projects offering arguably greater direct benefit to the community are sidelined for years.

Also, a reminder that Library Field functions as a park in every way except for its name. Proposals to "carve out" parking from Library Field must be challenged, especially as eastern Cupertino neighborhoods host the greatest population density in the City and the lowest allocation of parkland and open space per resident.

Thank you for your consideration in support of a possible collaboration with Eaton Elementary regarding (additional, overflow) parking spaces for library use.

Sincerely,

Liana Crabtree

**Council Meeting Agenda, 5/3/2022, see Agenda Item 1 "Study Session: Consider a Study Session on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including review of the five-year CIP (Fiscal Years 22-27), including new proposed projects for FY 22-23 and Attachments, PDF pp 6-7: <https://cupertino.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=916876&GUID=13141A8D-795C-40A6-A7D9-9E29C449F83C>**