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Subject: Letters of December 5, 2019 & January 10, 2020

Dear Library Commission,

Thank you for your letters of December 5th and January 10th and the attention that the Library Commission is giving to parking at the Library. Your list of December 5th suggestions for improving access to the Cupertino City Center are listed below in abbreviated form. My responses to each are in blue.

1. Through media and community outreach channels, encourage Cupertino residents to use alternate forms of transportation whenever possible when traveling to the library.

Response: Agree. These are ongoing efforts by the City. We will be adding messaging to the Cupertino Library page of the City's website to this effect. We will also send a message through FB, Twitter and NextDoor in the coming month. We will also coordinate with the County on the Cupertino Library webpage to recommend posting a similar message on their site. Additionally, new street light banners which highlight walkers and bikers were hung along Torre in early January, which is a visual reminder meant to inspire people to walk and bike more often.

2. Work with bicycle advocacy groups, including but not limited to the Cupertino Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, Walk-Bike Cupertino, and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, to encourage educational

programs to teach new cyclists how to select a strong bicycle lock and how to use a strong lock to secure a bicycle to deter theft.

Response: Agree. This past month, Cupertino's Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Coordinator, Cherie Walkowiak, shared a stack of "How to Lock Your Bike" flyers with Clare, who wanted to post them at the library. Attached is an electronic version of this flyer. Cherie is also organizing a free Lock Your Bike Right clinic at the City's 7th annual Fall Bike Fest on September 26th. Additionally, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department gives a bike safety talk to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in Cupertino. The Safety Resource Officers give bike locking tips during their presentation. One more step we will consider taking is to include a "lock your bike right" station at the educational bike rodeos we offer to every elementary school in Cupertino.

3. Through media and community outreach channels, encourage Cupertino residents who do drive to Cupertino Civic Center to consider parking or dropping off/picking up visitors to the area on a nearby neighborhood street, including Whitney, Silverado, Clay, Antoinette, Farallone, John, or Pacifica.

Response: Agree. This will be included in other parking mitigation ideas being considered.

4. Work with the Cupertino Union School District to allow overflow parking from the Cupertino Civic Center at the Eaton Elementary School lots in late afternoons, evenings, and weekends when the activity at the Library peaks and school is not in session.

Response: I have discussed the use of Eaton Elementary School parking lots for Civic Center patrons with CUSD and this is being followed up on.

5. Consider opportunities to add a designated passenger loading and unloading zone near the Cupertino City Center.

Response: This is an outstanding idea and is included in the parking analysis and recommendation study that is currently ongoing.

6. Recognize Library Field as the treasured recreational space that it is by dropping "Field" from its name and formally designating the land as a park.

Response: I do understand the sentiments expressed and value of Library Field.

The issues identified in your January 10th letter are a good reminder of many of the discussion points that the Library Commission was emphasizing when I attended your commission meeting last July 10th. Your list of January 10th suggestions to address misuse of time-limited parking stalls in the Civic Center Parking Lot are listed below in abbreviated form. Similar to above, my responses to each are in blue.

1. Consider increasing headcount for Code Enforcement to support intermittent weekend and evening monitoring of time-limited parking stalls, including but not limited to misuse of the 4-minute stalls and charging station stalls.

Response: I did discuss the issue of increasing headcount for Code Enforcement with the Directors of Community Development and Parks and Recreation. Like myself, Ben Fu and Randy Schwartz are informed of these issues and appreciate that the Library Commission is aware that Code Enforcement staffing will need to increase to provide more monitoring of the parking at the Library. There are also other areas throughout the City that would benefit from more code enforcement. Consequently, the City is considering the potential for increased code enforcement staff in the upcoming fiscal year budget review.

2. Replace two (2) of the 4-minute book return stalls with 10-minute loading and unloading stalls.

Response: This suggestion has been forwarded to our engineering consultant that has been tasked to complete the parking analysis and recommendation study. As this study nears completion, the draft study will be brought to the Library Commission for your input prior to it going to the City Council with a recommendation for parking improvements. A timeline for this presentation to the Library Commission is early March.

3. Consider a reconfiguration of the civic center parking lot to accommodate: (a) easier and more efficient entry and exit to and from most parking stalls (replace perpendicular parking with angled parking); (b) the addition of a multi-use lane for short-stay parking, including access to the automated book returns and for community shuttle and private vehicle passenger or equipment loading and unloading; (c) the addition of a dedicated lane for driver-side access to a standalone book drop box.

Response: Same as #2.

4. Maintain the status quo.

Response: This would not be a responsible option and would not be the recommendation of staff.

Thank you again for the information provided and please feel free to email or phone me directly to discuss any additional ideas or questions you may have.



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