I. What aspect of the project are you are most excited about?

Activating the civic/commercial core along Cedar st

opportunities for public art

Affordable housing - very much needed in this community

revitalize the empty parking lot (it should be more than an shortcut)

getting rid of the ugly surface parking lot - not the best use of space

more parking

relationship to other nearby housing

Childcare

roof deck

family housing with 2 & 3 bedroom units

scale & level of affordability of housing units

a modern library facility & all that represents

more centralized city parking that supports downtown/other housing

Modern Library (to contrast the old downtown library)

the connections that housing and transit bring

updating the library with more digital capabilities - bring it into the modern era

mixed use project at that site will revitalize Santa Cruz

YOUR EXPERTISE

II. How will you use the Community Room?

Book Club

Visible - draws you in, shows the activities happening within - connection to the public

no carpet

connection to outdoors (fresh air)

the young writers project

day and night use - not sitting vacant

Computers, Printing

Flexible - divisible or different sizes

free to use

place to project or screens

non-profit meetings (particularly board meetings)

poetry/book readings

a space for larger meetings

Meeting space for the community

Diversity of options for meeting

sized appropriately for your needs

larger space that accommodate social distancing

restrooms close by

proximity to the roof deck

YOUR EXPERTISE

III. What types of events would you like the library to hold?

Book Club

non-profit meetings (30-50 people)

storytime

children's events

the young writers project

UCSC off campus events

homeless services

poetry/book readings

events with a mix of tables and chairs

unexpected uses

civic gatherings and grass roots organization

12 step or support groups

IV. How would you describe an inviting area to read in the library?

Bright colors

mix of more open and more private spaces

plants

natural & artificial lights

reflects the diverse communities of Santa Cruz (and everyone feels welcome)

natural light

connection to nature

rotating art

bright light

art

comfy couches

inviting area for kids to read (bean bags)

seating in low traffic areas (some sense of privacy)

local artists

First Friday rotating art collection @ 701 water street

V. How do you see the library and housing support and benefit each other?

place for kids/teens to hang out after school (sanctuary)

civic space is extension of living space - supports an active lifestyle

proximity to downtown (helps residents feel less isolated)

The library is the "Room of Requirement"

tax credits & affordability of overall project

larger library spaces available to folks living in smaller units

opportunity for socializing (both in the library and in downtown)

library has built in patrons in the housing (draw traffic to library)

VI. What makes this project an attractive place to live?

- proximity to public transit
- proximity to the social/cultural hub of DT Santa Cruz
- this new building improves the under utilized areas of downtown - beautifying it
- bikeable - get anywhere in 5 mins
- farmers market
- better use of wasted space
- adjacency to cedar street businesses
- access to cultural activities
- adjacent to downtown (shopping, restaurants, etc)
- proximity to grocery stores
- dead center of downtown - you're at the center, everything is near you
- Pride, Art Walks, Downtown, First Fridays, Guelaguetza (This is where we show our colors)
- nearby schools
- proximity to boardwalk
- allows residents to really utilize services downtown
- shared spaces with diverse uses, able help each other

Q & A

How does the outdoor space work - is it for the library, for the housing, for the public?

Should set it's own tone, forward thinking

does the library have it's own visual identity from the housing building?

the library should read visually as a library

each part of the project should be somewhat distinctive so it's evident what the use is from the street

Is the parking forward thinking to a time when less parking is needed? Is it flexible enough to be converted into other uses?

what is the specific breakdown of housing - family units, size of units, income level?

The building is cohesive, yet separated

How does the library/housing building reflect the diverse uses within? Does it feel like one building, two buildings? How is this achieved w/o it feeling "faux"?

The mixed uses of the mixed use project should allow them to optimize/maximize each use, leveraging the uses to make the most of them

economy of scale

Housing community spaces like a larger kitchen

serve people of color and share with diverse communities