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

- freeing up space for housing
- getting rid of surface parking lots
- more permanent family friendly downtown attractions
- modern architecture
- housing supports restaurants, library supports families + community
- library designed for now, including digital + information components
- community center in the downtown
- supports pedestrian downtown
- need more community space + support retail and restaurants
- use at all times of day - residents bring night life
- love to have another public space in addition to abbots
- tremendous resource for this community
- opportunity to replace outdated library
- modern library + community center
- anchor for downtown
- beautiful and serves multiple ages groups
- roof deck

II. What is your primary concern about the project?

design and beauty

don't want boring - ugly -unattractive

worried building doesn't get built

don't want a vagrant hangout - library is for families and needs to be comfortable for them

perception that it is a homeless center

don't want narrow sidewalks, lack of daylight

that building is maintained over time

don't want boring block of a building - no prison/office building

make this building "not a miss"

that building will not feel like a clean safe and welcoming environment (public spaces)

concern about a concentrated low income area, not enough mixed income, bad part of town/unsafe

problem with rooftop space not used by public

design to last - will get a lot of use

has to be mindful of sunlight and airflow - can't fix after

loss of magnolia + big trees

pave paradise and put up a parking lot - be sure to include green/outdoors in project - green walls

III. What kind of resources can the library offer to small businesses/ start-ups?

more traffic to downtown businesses

meet people for interviews, business meetings

parents shopping downtown after storytime

SBDC support & partnership - advisor meeting spots

partnerships with community groups - digital nest (public or non-profit)

training & development

bring businesses together for knowledge sharing

having attractive resources for young children - great for business employees - teens to

grandparents out and about

IV. How would you use small meeting/group study rooms?

extra meeting room

study space for professional development

young adults will study + go out and eat

community groups are always looking for meeting space

outdoor indoor spaces desirable

there will be so much demand - spaces will need to be reserved

college students need a place to study

a place to take a private phone call / phone room

want cool - hip - zoom compatible (at least nice and clean)

parking for meetings is good

V. What are after-hours events that you could see the community room being used for?

- roof deck event space with catering facilities
- weddings
- outdoor/plaza space is important - as much as indoor space
- children's birthday parties
- theater use - free screenings of films
- pop-up gallery space, art, multi-media etc
- public outreach meetings
- concerts, club meetings
- meeting room with outdoor connection
- meeting space central to downtown
- not everyone goes to community meetings
- community meetings, provide comfortable space, puts ease, more likely to share

VI. How can the library promote synergy with downtown businesses?

beautiful welcoming safe library is an anchor for downtown - attracts people who will stick around

cross promotion between businesses and library

libraries benefit downtowns

library beautifies town - businesses benefit

collaboration opportunities - support services to community/ exposure

hope project is truly inviting and appealing at the pedestrian level

Q & A