



PLANNING DIVISION

Memorandum

Date: August 15, 2007

To: Historic Resources Board

From: Dennis Backlund
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Department: Planning and
Community Environment

Subject: 1213 Newell Road – Main Library: Study session at the request of Group 4 Architecture, on behalf of the City of Palo Alto, regarding proposed minor additions to the existing Main Library, a building designed by Edward Durell Stone that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The purpose of the study session on the proposed alternative designs for small additions to the historic Main Library is to obtain Board Member comments regarding the project's consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Board Members may elect to comment on which alternative design appears most consistent with the Standards. The Board has encouraged the study session process in order to allow early consultation between the Board and the applicant prior to preparation of detailed design drawings. The study session enables Board Members to provide direction for the project; however, those comments are provided individually. The Board as a whole will not be taking any action or be giving collective direction until the item is scheduled for an HRB hearing. In order for the study session to be helpful to the applicant, the Board Members should be clear and precise in their individual comments regarding the project.

The project information in the Board packet was provided by Group 4 Architecture and has not been reviewed by staff. Since this is a voluntary process and there are no fees required, no staff report and recommendation has been prepared for the study session.

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