

November 17, 2011

Commissioner Scott Burns could not attend the November 16, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. He submits the following comments to the commission after having watched the meeting.

Library Plaza Improvements

I had major surgery a week earlier than the commission meeting, and could not attend the meeting, but I watched it on TV, and these are my comments, (Possibly a little more coherent since I have reread and done spell check.)

1. We should thank when ever possible the La Acarda owners, for the gift of the existing fountain and annual maintenance.
2. Having the new two level fountain to handle the grade difference without using handicap issues with the new plan is brilliant and I like the entire plan
3. The area that shows off the historic front door is great, I had not really noticed the door in my 30 + years of living here.
4. The 3 Lemon-Scented Eucalyptus unfortunately need to be removed. With the existing landscaping, from across Anapamu, one does not realize that there are 4 arches between the library and Faulkner Gallery, (I assume and possibly Historic Landmarks will show as part of the presentation) that the three trees were planted when the building was built and no one wanted to remove them when the buildings were joined in the 1970's. But, the trees ruin the overall site view plan. I also use the back entrance, never realizing that the Anapamu side was the intended front entrance
5. Great that the two Oak trees are being protected.
6. Having a coffee cart makes sense.
7. The existing space, considering how close it is to State Street, is an embarrassment, I feel that with the improvements it will help the surrounding areas.