



Public Comments
City Council Meeting
August 25, 2021

Mayor McNamara and Members of the City Council:

I am aware that City Staff will be presenting an update report to you at your August 25 meeting regarding the Escondido Public Library.

When informed of the report, I planned to attend your meeting and speak on behalf of the Library and the efforts of the Escondido Library Foundation, of which I am a Board member. Unfortunately, a family commitment has arisen and I will not attend your meeting.

With that in mind, I'd like to share some thoughts on the Library, and the work of our Foundation.

We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with the Library Staff and with Library Systems and Services... Along with that hands-on working relationship, our Foundation has experienced excellent cooperation and support from City Staff, including Joanna Axelrod and her team, and members of the Public Works Staff...

Much of this recent partnership effort is focused on the Library Mural Project that our Foundation is undertaking... Adding this significant art piece to the west-facing wall of the Library (a very blank slate for 40 years) will benefit the Downtown and the Library... Bringing attention to our fine Library through art strengthens the identity and character of our Library as a community cultural center. The mural will also call attention to our great Library as many passersby on Second Avenue will want to 'turn right on Kalmia' and check out our Library.

We so appreciate the work of the Community Services and Public Works staff members as the site surrounding the mural will be upgraded as well...

Our Board is committed to serving the community through our support for Library services and programs...

Respectfully,

Jack Anderson

President of the Escondido Library Foundation and, Escondido Resident