

# *City of Brisbane*

## *Agenda Report*

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Community Development Director via City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Adoption of Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the New Brisbane Library (Case ER-2-16)**

**DATE:** February 2, 2017

### **City Council Goals:**

To design infrastructure and public facilities to be efficient, cost effective and to contribute to the cohesion and character of the community. (Goal #2)

### **Recommendation:**

That the City Council find that the proposed project, the New Brisbane Library, will not have a significant effect on the environment because mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project and adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”) for the New Brisbane Library.

### **Background/Discussion:**

The City of Brisbane is moving forward with designing the New Brisbane Library to be constructed at 163 Visitacion Avenue. Future construction of the library constitutes a ‘project’ as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is therefore subject to environmental review.

Staff retained an environmental consultant who has prepared the attached environmental initial study which concludes that the proposed library will not result in unavoidable significant environmental impacts and recommends that an MND be adopted. As a matter of information, most of the project’s potential environmental impacts are identified as less than significant. Construction-related impacts associated with tree removal, noise and dust, however, require mitigation, along with potential seismic and geotechnical impacts which can be mitigated through appropriate grading and structural design. Potentially significant impacts and recommended mitigation measures are summarized in Table 5.1 (Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) found on Page 60 of the attached initial study. As a matter of information this initial study was made available for public review in advance of this meeting

pursuant to the requirements of CEQA. As of the writing of this staff report, no written comments on the Initial Study/Draft MND have been received.

Since the City Council is the decision-making body that will ultimately authorize the construction of the library, it is appropriate for the City Council to consider the potential environmental impacts and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration before the project is formally approved. Note that adoption of the recommended MND at this time does not constitute final City Council approval for library construction. The City Engineer will obtain final Council approval at a later date by asking the Council to approve the final plans and specifications (when ready) and also request Council's approval to publish the "notice inviting bids" for construction of the Library.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Measures of Success:**

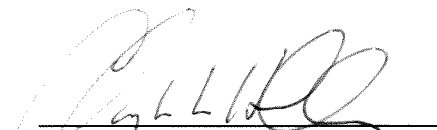
Completion of the CEQA process in a timely manner which does not delay approval of the library design and its construction.

**Attachment:**

New Brisbane Library Initial Study dated January 2017



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