



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jane Light, Secretary
Library Commission

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 29, 2004

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Council District: Citywide
SNI AREA: N/A

**SUBJECT: LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR NAMING THE
NEW BRANCH LIBRARY ON TULLY ROAD.**

RECOMMENDATION

The Library Commission recommends that the City Council name the new branch library currently being constructed on Tully Road the “Tully-New Saigon Branch Library.”

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

A new library is currently under construction at 880 Tully Road. City Council Policy 7-5, Naming of City Owned Land and Facilities, directs that “for naming or renaming, a public hearing by the appropriate Commission shall be held in order for the Commission to develop a recommendation to the Council” (Section 2A).

Accordingly, the Library Commission conducted a public hearing on the evening of December 10, 2003 at the George Shirakawa Community Center, near the site of the new library.

Three residents spoke to the Commission during the hearing. Two names were suggested: Edward G. Keeble Jr. Branch Library and the Saigon Branch Library. Library staff suggested Tully Branch Library. The Commission asked staff to conduct research about whether the land on which the library is located was donated by the Keeble family or was purchased by the City. The Commission also requested that staff place an action item on its February agenda at which time it would make a decision regarding its recommendation to the City Council.

The Commission considered the matter at its February 11 meeting. A number of people attended the meeting to hear the Commission’s discussion and several people spoke on the issue. Of

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these, most requested that the Commission recommend the name "Saigon Branch Library." One speaker recommended that the branch be named "Tully Branch Library."

After discussion, the Commission voted to recommend the name "Tully-New Saigon Branch Library." Commissioners felt that including a geographically meaningful name is important in helping library users identify the location of branches. Most San José branches have such names. Commissioners were sympathetic to many speakers' request that a city facility honor the contributions of Vietnamese-Americans to San José, but suggested that including "New Saigon" in the name was a more appropriate way to honor immigrants who made a new start in the United States and here in San José.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the Library Commission and City Attorney's Office.

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Not a project.

Jane Light, Secretary
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