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TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH SUSAN ANDRADE-WAX
DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY AND PARKS
CITY OF SAN RAFAEL
BY GPNA BOARD MEMBER KIM MCGINNIS

KIM: How can GPNA support the library's COVID operations and services?

SUSAN: VOLUNTEER!

Dept of Human Resources: <https://www.marincountyhr.org/get-to-know-us/volunteer-here>

City of San Rafael Volunteer information:
<https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/how-to-volunteer/>

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KIM: What is the city doing with/to the B Street Community Center, and the Library?

SUSAN: A decision should be finalized by City Council in June or July about the Carnegie site or the proposal for a combined library/community center at the existing Albert Park site.
January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting – Item 5C

Library and Community Center Conceptual Design Professional Services Agreement Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Noll & Tam Architects in an Amount Not to Exceed \$81,924, for a Conceptual Design for a Combined Public Library and Community Center in Albert Park, as an Option for a Future New Library Downtown (LR) Recommended Action – Adopt Resolution

<https://storage.googleapis.com/proudcity/sanrafaelca/uploads/2021/01/Agenda-Packet-2021-01-19..pdf>

KIM: What events, virtual or on site are happening at the community center that would be of interest to our neighborhood.

SUSAN: All of the Library and Recreation Department's Virtual program and services can be accessed on the City's website at:
[Library & Recreation - San Rafael \(cityofsanrafael.org\)](https://www.cityofsanrafael.org/library-recreation)

Currently, the only indoor programs that are permitted to occur on site during the SIP are the Learning Hubs at SRCC and ABCC which is a partnership between the Marin County of Education

and the City of San Rafael. Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) has funded teachers and staff to teach remotely and supply WI-FI. MCOE has as system to identify those families most impacted. Children also receive a meal.

KIM: Regarding Gerstle Park & Albert Park, any improvements planned for this year?

SUSAN: ADA Ramp and Restroom improvements at the Albert Park Stadium, as well as California Prop 68 Grant related projects. A comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan are also tentatively scheduled to begin in the next year.

KIM: For the following questions can you explain the role of the Library & Parks Department vs. the role of Department of Public Works.

A. "Where should I report a broken drinking fountain?"

DPW - [Report an Issue - San Rafael \(cityofsanrafael.org\)](http://cityofsanrafael.org)
(Susan emphasized this website tab for reporting a variety of issues. Please check it out.)

B. How do I rent the park for a birthday party?

Click on: [Community Centers, Parks & Rentals - San Rafael \(cityofsanrafael.org\)](http://cityofsanrafael.org)

C. Is it okay to bring alcohol to the park?

No

D. Who should I call if I see people camping in the open space?

Police Department

KIM: GPNA is still holding \$16,250 in our MarinLink account. We will re-visit this with you later in the year. We need to discuss with our neighborhood and haven't made a final decision yet.

SUSAN: With the ADA requirements the chances of our tennis court being rehabilitated are probably zero. There is no reasonable way to create a ADA path to the court.

KIM: After COVID your department still owes Gerstle Park a do-over movie night as the Fall 2019 movie was rained out!!!! We will work with you in a few months on this. And look forward to a safer 2021.

SUSAN: At this time, no community or special events (large social gatherings) have been scheduled since they are not allowed under current Covid-19 Health Regulations & Guidelines.