



Mason Street for cars, not people.
Green space is not increased. The triangle and park are not connected.

More loss of park land.
The bocce court area stays cut off from the playground. Some opponents want the library to expand here, blocking light to the pool and resulting in zero gain in open space

Park views and passage stays blocked.
No central pathway through the park will be possible. The hardscape cannot be connected to a greener west end of the playground.

Triangle mini-park.
Triangle for sitting or looking at. No recreation functions. Parents don't want kids near traffic. RecPark has no uses that work.

Children's area stuck.
The play area cannot be moved to a safer and more central location. It remains isolated and unsupervised.

Can the library be reused?
Careful studies say no. There is not room for 60% more space, elevators and ramps to meet ADA codes, earthquake bracing, a new and stronger foundation, new and more restrooms. RecPark and planing codes say the building cannot go out or up. Going down would be very expensive and result in a low, windowless room. In any case, the resulting building would probably not look like the library in its original form.

Who doesn't want a new library?
Those who are trying to stop the new library seem agreed on 3 things: To try to keep the old library, to make the triangle a separate mini-park, and not to add Mason Street to park land. Their plans are based on ideas that were tested and rejected during the mater plan process.

Is the old library special?
11 Appleton-Wolford libraries were built. 6 are being renovated. Our branch was compromised in the beginning due to its difficult site. It has been altered significantly over the years.

Opposition Plan

North Beach Branch Library & Joe DiMaggio Playground