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Library Block – Short, Medium, Long term vision/elements

Overall – ensure civic participation from across all demographic groups in the city, particularly for any final decisions on design elements for public spaces on this block

Short:

- On the Library Lot – make it a spot for multiple food trucks, with moveable tables and chairs spaced apart; could do events to drum up interest (like Off the Grid in San Francisco) or make it a more permanent spot for trucks to come daily if parking is removed.
 - o Questions on parking: Is the underground parking full? Can cars be redirected from surface parking to below ground and offset that potential loss in revenue? And would that need an agreement with Republic Parking?
- Paint murals on concrete parking garage entrances: publicity for artists
- Engage in conversation with downtown library to use space for library summer/fall programming
- Other “lighter, quicker, cheaper” elements, such as repainting the parking lot and/or vibrant crosswalk across Library Lane to make it feel less like a street
- Community naming competition for the Library Lot public space
- Liberty Plaza – eventually this needs some form of redesign so that at least part of the park is at street level. Look at directing parks funding for more weekend events to activate and improve the space. Add game tables, more activities that don’t rely on programming/events

Medium:

- Local business sponsorships with signage: for things like wifi, lighting, electricity. Would be publicity for businesses to make small improvements to both the Library Lot and Liberty Plaza
- Turf play area on Library Lot if grass can’t be planted – could utilize natural play elements like stumps and logs for kids to play and jump on
- Funding stream has been identified – through block partners, possibly creating some sort of BID (well designed and connected public spaces should benefit all adjacent businesses in one way or another)

Long:

- Close off mid-block parking entrance, use 5th ramp and Division ramp exclusively for entry/exit (if this is possible); convert vestibule in middle of Library Lot into public restrooms; pedestrian and emergency vehicle access only for Library Lane
- Connected spaces – easements and wayfinding that allow people to walk back and forth between the spaces and cut through the block

- Activation of the sub-ground level retail space at Liberty Plaza – café or coffee shop, open past 5pm, public restrooms?