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COUNTY CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF THE LOMITA LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

New Facility Incorporates the Highest Sustainability Principles



Lomita, November 16, 2016 -
Los Angeles County Supervisor Don
Knabe, the Community Development
Commission of the County of Los
Angeles (CDC), and the Los Angeles
County Public Library (Library)

gathered to unveil the remodeled Lomita Library and newly constructed Don Knabe Community Meeting Room.

The CDC oversaw the development of the \$4 million dollar project. Based on input received from the community and the Library, the new 2,180 square-foot meeting room will include seating for 70 people, a kitchen, restrooms, and support spaces. Exterior improvements included the addition of drought tolerant landscaping. The interior of the

existing 7,500 square-foot library was upgraded to include new flooring, paint, restroom upgrades, and new furniture.

The Don Knabe Community Meeting Room was designed with the highest sustainability principles. The angled fins and high performance glazing block the harsh glare and solar heat from the punishing summer sun while capturing the indirect northern light for an illuminated and comfortable interior. High efficiency heating and cooling equipment and an abundantly insulated exterior greatly add to the energy savings. The angled, curved walls and ceiling animate the interior and direct attention to the front of the room. They also blend the sound and prevent the reverberation that comes from hard surfaces and parallel walls, making the acoustics excellent for movies, speakers, presentations, and general conversation.

All the plumbing fixtures are low flow and water conserving as is the plant selection and irrigation system. The electrical fixtures are all LED to reduce electrical energy use. The roof is a single-ply bright white material that reflects the sun's rays, thereby reducing heat gain inside and on the roof itself. While the initial impression is a design that feels spacious, well-lit and comfortable, those sensibilities are reinforced by state-of-the-art environmental measures.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said "The CDC is honored to celebrate the grand opening of Lomita Library and the Don Knabe Community Meeting Room. Our team worked tirelessly to give the community a library and meeting space that will remain useful and sustainable for years to come."

The library and community meeting room will be operated by the Library. For more information on library services, please call (562) 695-3979. All media inquiries can be directed to Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.

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