Describe your community library in one or two words.
Rank your priorities

1st: Add community meeting/program spaces and study rooms
2nd: Create sustainable & environmentally friendly libraries
3rd: Enhance play & learn in children's areas
4th: Preserve architectural design elements
5th: Separate quiet & loud spaces acoustically
6th: Improve technology for meeting/working/studying
7th: Provides access to social service programs
8th: Create dedicated teen space
9th: Increase access to books, movies & music
10th: Connect to nature & outdoor space
How do you identify your race/ethnicity/cultural group?

- American Indian / Alaskan Native: 0
- Asian (including Hmong, Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Karen): 2
- Black or African American (including Somali, Nigerian, Oromo, Ethiopian): 1
- Hispanic or Latinx: 0
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0
- White or Caucasian: 22
- Multiracial: 1
- Other / Choose not to respond: 4

Total: 30
Type of residence

- Saint Paul Homeowner: 26
- Saint Paul Renter: 1
- Not a Saint Paul Resident: 3
How do you identify your gender?

- Female: 15
- Male: 11
- Non Binary / Trans: 0
- Other / Choose not to respond: 4
What is your age

- 0-17: 0
- 18-26: 1
- 27-39: 5
- 40-64: 19
- 65+: 4
- Choose not to respond: 1

Total: 30 responses
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I thought SPPL was going to run an open design process, but Ms. Penkert sounded biased toward a new building, using words like "poor condition," "old," and "worn." This does not feel like a true open process.

Too much powerpoint. Too much patting yourselves on the back. Not enough Q&A. Why is single story such a big goal? Why not work areas and storage on one level and public space on another?

Good info thanks!

Zoom would be easier. Offer meetings for each individual library separated.

Hamline Midway needs more space. It is undersized based on population server compared to other libraries in SPPL.

No new information presented.

Please detail how the new libraries will ensure safety for library staff and library users.

I am a Hamline Midway user, and support a new building. Honestly I feel quite intimidated by the people pushing for preservation in these conversations. Please know that there are neighbors who support a new build, and who also want representation.

I also want to thank the city staff.
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- Want to here more about various possibilities
- Time too limited
- Great overview. Very impressive team.
- Need more community commentary
- Comments tonight about the historic value of the Hamline Midway did not sit well. My church is Hamline Methodist and I lived in Manor dorm for 4 years. I have an offer on a house overlooking Lake Como (fingers crossed). Obviously, I love the area
- Thank you! It was refreshing to be invited in.
- This should be split up with separate meetings for each library. I realize this is a big ask for city staff, but this was kind of a cluster.
- It will be really important in future meetings to give residents much more time to ask questions and get them answered and to share their perspectives.
- Very disappointed. A community process should be designed by the community, not top down by SPPL. The fact that the architects are looking to have a “singular” design in place by April suggests a predetermined outcome has already been arrived at.
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- There is clearly a great desire for community engagement that is much (much) more interactive. Particularly in the Midway, where there are contentious factions, a chance to talk with and listen to one another is vital.

- Hand-picked Community Ambassadors with no application process is inimical to what community outreach and community engagement looks like, which simply reinforces the notion that SPPL has a predetermined outcome for this process.

- Looking forward to plans for Riverview, keeping it as welcoming and engaging as it is now!

- Sustainability is being short changed here.

- That was not the least bit open. You did not answer any tough questions. It was not clear how decisions were being made and when. The community looks forward to detailed responses to all of the questions in the chat.

- It is vital that your Project Ambassador meetings be made public for full transparency.

- There is a degree of distress from Hamlin-Midway folks who are concerned about possible demolition of their library. Serious outreach is needed there to help residents participate in the process and impact it if possible.

- This felt like people reading a power point to me. Very little 'engagement' - which feels par for the course for this project.

- Voting on questions rather than a running chat might be easier to follow and allow more dialogue from the community.
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I hope the next meetings are better. I hope you can answer the questions posed tonight so that at the open house, we can focus on visioning.

Would like for discussion amongst attendees to happen. Folks had a lot to say.

If it is true that a decision on the Hamline Midway Library will be made by April -- which is what multiple participants heard -- then that needs to be in big bold letters on your website.

It is time for SPPL to announce that they are taking demolition off the table -- and that means not just saving the stone archway -- because the community demands it. This was not engagement, and you are managing to unite everyone in their fury.

Only having one HM Resident on the Project Ambassadors team doesn't feel like a good way to get input from the actual community.

Please provide detailed breakdown of costs for the various proposals - tear down vs. renovate at HM Library.

Would like for discussion amongst attendees to happen!

Focus on 'saving' the stone arch entranceway at HM Library makes it sound like it's already been decided to tear down and rebuild. If that's what SPPL is going to do, just own it and say so. Stop pretending to engage.

FYI, if SPPL thinks that incorporating the stone arch structure to a new building at the HM site will be good enough to cover yourselves in preservation glory, you are mistaken.
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A suggestion if you want to do smooth online engagement: Get rid of Teams. That was a disaster on so many levels.