

**Berkeley Public Library
Board of Library Trustees**

**Regular Meeting
January 13, 2010**

**MINUTES
7:00 p.m.**

**Northbrae Community Church
941 The Alameda**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of January 13, 2010 was called to order by Chair Kupfer at 7:08 PM.

Present: Trustees Winston Burton, Abigail Franklin, Susan Kupfer and Darryl Moore.

Absent: Carolyn Henry-Golphin.

Also present: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services; Doug Smith, Deputy Director; Suzanne Olawski, Neighborhood Services Manager; Dennis Dang, Library Admin Manager; Alan Bern, Library Special Services Coordinator; Jason Dickinson, Circulation Services Manager

Architectural Resources Group – Cathleen Malmstrom, AIA, Senior Associate; Adria Oswald, Project Manager

Tom Eliot Fisch - Doug Tom., AIA, Principal

Rene Cardinaux, Consultant; Steve Dewan, Project Manager, Kitchell CEM

Chair Kupfer reported Trustee Henry-Golphin was unable to attend and introduced newest Trustee Abigail Franklin.

II. WORKSHOP SESSION ON MEASURE FF NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATE

A. Presentation by Architectural Resources Group / Tom Eliot Fisch Architects on the Schematic Design Phase; and Staff Report on the Process, Community Input and Next Steps.

Cathleen Malmstrom reviewed the agenda she and her team would cover. She and Doug Tom will share in the presentation (PowerPoint presentation - attachment #1.)

Ms Malmstrom reviewed the historical roots of the City of Berkeley landmarked status of the building and acknowledged that a young architect, Frank Thompson in James Plachek's Office at the time brings a local connection, Mr Plachek is a well known local architect credited with the North Branch Library project. The drawing at the beginning of the presentation was provided by Mr. Thompson's daughter, Susan Thompson Bailey. The original building sits on an island; as the site plans show, an additional wing was planned but not built (page 3 of attachment 1) leaving a blank rear facade. The current design process began and grew out of the BLMFP, from this, design goals were developed that included: preservation of the resource, upgrades, sustainability goals, etc., as presented at a previous meeting. ARG/TEF wanted to balance limited site, budget and program needs, and began by developing several schemes (page 5). The preferred scheme was further developed with input from BOLT, staff, the community and the LPC subcommittee. Following selection of the preferred plan they began to work on possible treatments with a goal that the results will work with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for historic rehabilitation, which requires that additions must be recognized as contemporary. The final schematic design will be reviewed tonight. Some of the comments gathered at the community meetings (page 7) were discussed at the BOLT meeting. One critical one was to keep the 3 wings. This was not possible given the structural issues and the creation of unusable spaces on the lower level under the small wings and creation of awkward exterior spaces, as well as programmatic challenges. As a result this option was not pursued, with the concurrence of the LPC subcommittee.

Mr. Tom reviewed the schematic design slides. The preferred scheme is a 2-story scheme (page 8) the layout is color coded, the children's and adult reading rooms remain where they are. The addition begins with a connection to the existing center wing, which will be the Holds Media area. This space has a nice skylight and historic

shelving. The new building surrounds this with the creation of an opening connecting the new and old spaces. Features in the addition include new public restrooms, staff work spaces, elevator and stairs. A new return slot will be added to the front porch area and during open hours a return slot in the holds media area will deposit material directly into the staff sorting area. One of the goals is to improve internal circulation and functioning. The lobby area will be cleared with the creation of dedicated staff workspace behind the scenes to open up wonderful historic space. The team is still working on details of what will be in the lobby space, including service desk location and placement of self-checks. In the new addition is the new teen space, in blue on the plan; features of this space include visibility from the lobby, glass walls at public stairs /elevator lobby, exterior wall; the door and window in north children's wing wall will remain and will possibly be an operational link between teen and children's space. Computers are clustered and placed strategically. Different styles of seating are provided, including soft seats near adult fireplace. Downstairs is accessible via stairs and elevator or a new exterior entry (page 9) created on lower level. The plan shows two options for seating set-up, auditorium or classroom, in the multi-purpose room on the lower level. Additional public restrooms are located on the lower level, where the staff break room will provide some oversight.

Trustee Burton asked if the community room would be usable by the community after operating hours. Director Corbeil reported the Library's Meeting Room Use Policy currently does not allow for use of meeting rooms outside of library hours by outside groups unless it is a library sponsored program or event and suggested the Board could review the current meeting room use policy at a later date and consider other options. Trustee Franklin inquired if the public would have cause to go downstairs if there was not a program. Mr. Tom responded that they would not and it was anticipated that the programs held upstairs now would be held downstairs with staff present or to attend events that were booked for the room.

Mr. Tom summarized the improvements that guided the design: these included the goals of the BLMFP included infrastructure upgrades and ADA compliance, seismic, exterior and interior lighting, reconstruction of lobby chandelier and programming and functioning improvements in the layout. Reviewed section (page 12) upgrades to the building reiterated that the project is bound by the Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. One of the main tenets of that document is that any new work should be differentiated from the old work but compatible in massing, size, scale and in architectural features but all along protecting the historical integrity of the existing building. Second tenet is future historians should be able to tell what part of the building was built in the 1936 and what part was added later. Any new design should be of its time. We don't want to historically replicate anything. The primary piece or shape of the building is the historic building wings and center piece. Original building features: board formed cement with clay tiled roofs, gabled roofs, decorative tiles and windows in pairs, rotunda with windows and original entry, decorative tiles. The windows in the new wing reflect the historic building windows, by keeping the theme of pairs in the addition. Proposed addition is planned to be "quiet" residential in scale and presence, animated with windows (page 13 and 14). The connecting section is all windows on the upper level between the new and old sections near new entry, these are also repeated at other end of new wing. At corner closest to adult section, the plan introduces some panelized construction material for façade and intensity of color, material and texture. Trellis or landscaping planned for wall that holds elevator (this section is concrete to reflect building material of original). Under new windows at the stairs are decorative tile which reflects original building. The bird's eye view (page 14) places the building in the center of the space. The landscape plans have included a low curving seat wall at the north end of the property, this is a place where younger children play. East of the adult wing is a dirt path that goes around the end of the building, the plan calls to pave this. The plan is to add landscaping along new addition perimeter at Josephine Street, such as trellis and more landscaping near new entry to the lower level. At the front of the building (page 16) proposing to remove 1980's era ramp that is not code compliant and create a new ramp on side and bring existing steps on that end forward. In very front propose seating (low) and some impervious paving. The landscape plan also shows benches along sides of building. Bike rack location may move.

Ms Malmstrom discussed the slides on exterior materials (page 17). They have taken samplings to determine the original colors both inside and out, the building was originally very light in color, a peach like color. All of the ornamental cast stone was also the same color, basically the building was all one color. The design team will take this opportunity to re-examine the colors and review color scheme ideas with LPC, maybe something in between as shown in slide. Windows were originally dark blue which might be kept, as the original pallet also had complementary colored tiles. Plan to remove aluminum entrance door and replace with something more like original, single with profile and appearance in line with what was there originally. These are first passes of ideas. On the new building 2 main materials, concrete that has integral coloring and a panelized cladding system (page 18). The plan is to use aluminum windows on the new addition and sunshade as shown and complementary tiles.

ARG also conducted an investigation of the interior colors (page 19), and found the fireplaces were painted the same colors as walls. In the new design, the architects would like to explore accenting the fireplace element. The colors in the stenciling found in the ceiling trusses maybe picked up as well. The original linoleum floor is in poor condition and the plan is to replace with linoleum but not necessarily with the same patterns. These are initial studies, we will be developing more detailed color pallets for the board and community to review.

Trustee Kupfer asked what the plans were for the stenciled ceiling, Ms Malmstrom indicated they intend to clean it since it is in good condition. The improved lighting will help it be shown at a later time. The historic light in the rotunda will be a new design that brings back the appearance of the historic one. It is a large fixture, about 5 feet tall. Also there are still some historic light fixtures that can be rewired and re-lamped with more energy efficient lamps. On the exterior there will be some added lights to discourage vagrants and the homeless and that will highlight the entrances. Other landscape boards (page 21 and 22) show that the plantings selected will be sympathetic to the historic nature of the building. The trees on the site need some help; one olive tree near the main entry may be lost due to the concrete around it damaging the roots. The city arborist has examined them. Rubber paving along Josephine Street will be used for the walkway to help protect the roots. Hardscape is planned for the seat walls at the entry suitable for young people and skateboard proofed.

B. Public Comments

- 1) Suzanne Marr - Mother of a teen and a soon to be teen really glad that the library is incorporating the teen room. Is there enough visual connection between staff and teens? You may want more. If in the future the Board changes the meeting room use policy to allow use of the multi-purpose room after hours, may wish to have a door that divides the upstairs from the downstairs. Can a small peak be put on the roof of the square concrete part of the addition?
- 2) Council Member Laurie Capitelli – provided information on an upcoming meeting to discuss lane reconfiguration for The Alameda.
- 3) Harvey Smith – Happy that library is getting an expansion but believes the proposed new addition does not reflect the original buildings beautiful angles and detail.
- 4) Ellen Goldblatt – Likes what she sees. Don't paint all one color. Requested a local place for patrons to pick up holds, doesn't want to have to go to another branch. Perhaps a vacant shop on Solano. Trustee Moore reported the Bond Measure did not include money for paying for swing space. Board would have to find a way to fund swing space.
- 5) Barbara Robben – We should be adding more space for books. Expand in Plachek style. If adding computers or reading room it should be done offsite. Recommended visiting the Larkspur Library.
- 6) Janice S. – Asked for clarification of landscaping. The myrtle grove will be preserved. Existing street trees to remain. Lawn area to be replanted. Serpentine shaped seating wall to be added in grass area for parents to sit on as they watch their kids play. Janice expressed concerns about proposed serpentine seating in park area, might be less kid-friendly. Neighbors might prefer to have less seating.
- 7) Susan Bailey – Daughter of the man who worked for original architect Plachek. Appreciates that library has hired architects with experience in dealing with historical buildings. Was not aware of the Secretary of the Interior guidelines to make additions look different from original. Does not like new design. Color of the end of proposed addition looks so different from the original. Doesn't feel like it belongs next to the original, wishes it could relate more to original.
- 8) Rodney Wong – Where is the budget estimate? Cost estimates were recently done and the project is currently within the budget. Historical façade vs. new façade. Challenging project to fit in the neighborhood. Need to maintain values.
- 9) Melissa Riley - Suggested reference desk be kept separate from information desk. Prefer long tables to round tables. Teen room looks quite small. Not crazy about modern exterior. Important to maintain a place for handouts that are currently in the vestibule.

C. Board Discussion

Director Corbeil reported next steps include: planning next LPC sub-committee meeting, working with planning department, CEQA Process, getting feedback from BOLT members, holding another community meeting (possibly in February or March), submitting application for structural alteration which will be reviewed by LPC, attend LPC meeting in March, LPC comments. Board won't be asked to vote until after LPC comments, as they have design review responsibility.

Will bring additional design issues and boards to Board for approval at design development stage.

The trustees asked about the design review process. Mr. Cardineaux clarified it is one or the other LPC or Design Review, not both. Since the building has landmark status it will go to the LPC. The subcommittee has been very supportive and helpful in moving forward and the project will be brought to the full LPC at some point in the future.

Trustee Franklin asked about security between the two levels. Director Corbeil reported staff will talk more about security and lower level with the design team. Ms Malmstrom reminded everyone that there are restrooms on both levels and some security will be incorporated but it would need to take into account emergency egress and material security. She acknowledged challenges of 2 floor operations and indicated would work with staff and program consultant on resolution.

Trustees Burton and Moore would like the multi-purpose meeting room to be accessible for use after hours. Board could have option to revise meeting room use policy to allow after-hours use. Given the improvements demand could increase for use of these spaces. He felt the project was on track and that the necessary tweaking will occur. The library should continue to bridge community needs, including teens in developing solutions.

Ms Malmstrom stated it's not too late to make changes; this is the schematic design phase. There is a lot of development yet to be done, it is still very early and that comments heard will be taken into consideration and to develop a plan to make the community and library happy. Architects will take into consideration all the comments we've heard tonight.

Trustee Moore appreciated dramatic increases in teen space, it is very important. Agrees community room will be a wonderful community space and the board should discuss expanding use later. Expressed the exterior rendering did look stark in the boards but also understand there will be grove of trees and other landscaping to soften surfaces. Appreciate addition of chandelier and other historic restoration plan. Love the tying in of colors with tiles and softer colors. Generally agree with direction and getting closer.

Trustee Kupfer expressed that she understands from a personal renovation project the tension that exists between new and old. She was pleased with the size of the expansion and impressed with how the program has been planned and the lay out. Team has done a very difficult job successfully.

III. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Public Comments – none.

B. Report from library employees and unions, discussion of staff issues – none.

C. Report from Board of Library Trustees – none.

D. Approval of Agenda

**R10-001 Moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Burton to approve the agenda as presented
Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Report on Branch Renovation Program

1) Steve Dewan, Kitchell CEM provided a PowerPoint presentation (attachment #2).

- 2) Claremont, North and South branches are in schematic design phase. West branch is in conceptual design phase.
- 3) Augmented communications effort have been made to increase community meeting attendance; library staff ran ads in local newspapers, sent out neighbor mailings, and did door-to-door postings in the neighborhood.
- 4) CEQA and Zoning Process duration can vary wildly depending upon what is done at each branch. Planning Department makes the determination of CEQA path. Once CEQA path is determined, we will be able to solidify the master schedule.
- 5) Trustee Kupfer asked how costs are allocated across the branches. Noll & Tam Facility Master Plan established the baseline for what work needed to be done at each branch based on structural and program needs. Professional cost estimators looked at needs and identified associated costs.
- 6) Trustee Kupfer requested that when being asked to consider a variety of options in which some are more costly than others, staff provide information to the Board on how the design would implicate the cost.
- 7) Trustee Moore asked about the market now for construction. Discussion on cost estimates and if the current economy might lead to lesser construction prices. Mr. Dewan responded that we need to consider that we may not actually receive these expected economy-of-scale cost-savings. He also informed the board that as we progress cost estimators will give us feedback about how costs are changing and we may need to adjust program costs.
- 8) Trustee Franklin - Are there any problem areas in the budget? Have we gotten any feedback that costs will be significantly higher than originally anticipated? Mr. Dewan responded that not at this time. Cost estimates have come in very close to budget. It's early in the process, there are lots of contingencies.
- 9) North branch next steps – Design development phase, meeting with LPC, application for structural alteration permit, CEQA path determination (possibly a categorical exemption) and LEED Planning. Discussion regarding possibility of using solar panels on the flat roof. Solar panels may not be in the budget. Working with KEMA, Stopwaste.org and City of Berkeley staff to explore the options and alternative funding. KEMA will come out and look at the site and see if it's feasible to install solar panels on flat roof. There are lots of grants, tax credits and incentives for solar energy.
- 10) South branch is now in schematic design phase for new construction. Avery Moore gave an information presentation to LPC. She explained the process and board discussions regarding recommendation for new building. Discussion on possibility of asking the LPC to give the building a designation that it is not a landmark. This is not likely, because at any point in time someone could apply to landmark the building. Director Corbeil – the best path is to continue working cooperatively with the community and LPC, and be able to show that we have done due diligence. Possibility of deconstruction vs demolition? Can get LEED points for salvaging and reusing materials. ARG has indicated that wood planks in ceiling of reading room might be a possibility. South branch next steps – Community meeting on January 27, Schematic Design presentation to BOLT on February 10, CEQA path determination, LEED planning.
- 11) West branch next steps - Net Zero Energy testing and feasibility analysis, CEQA path determination. Conceptual Design presentation to BOLT on February 6, Schematic design phase, LPC sub-committee meetings and presentation to full commission planned for near future. If a decision is made to demolish and rebuild it will require EIR because the building is landmarked.
- 12) Claremont branch next steps: Schematic Design presentation to BOLT, CEQA path determination (likely a categorical exemption), LEED Planning, LPC sub-committee meetings and informational presentation to the full LPC during design development phase.
- 13) The board inquired about the city's policy on the use of local vendors, local hires and how that might apply to the building projects. Can get LEED points for using local materials. Director Corbeil suggested staff report back to the board on this topic.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- R10-02** Moved by Trustee Burton, seconded by Moore, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously except Trustee Franklin abstained from approval of December 9, 2009 meeting minutes.
- A. Approve minutes of December 9, 2009 Regular Meeting**
- R10-03** Moved by Trustee Burton, seconded by Moore, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees as presented. Motion passed. Trustee Franklin abstained.
- B. Closure of the Tool Lending Library for Annual Tool Maintenance from February 28 Through March 13, 2010**
- R10-04** Moved by Trustee Burton, seconded by Moore, to approve the closure of the Tool Lending Library for Annual Tool Maintenance from February 28 Through March 13, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Acceptance of a grant and gift funds totaling \$5,750.00 for the Berkeley READS Adult Literacy Services Program**
- R10-5** Moved by Trustee Burton, seconded by Moore, to adopt a resolution to authorizing the Director of Library Services to accept and appropriate in FY10 on behalf of Berkeley READS a gift award from The Raymond Family Foundation / Betsy Raymond in the sum of \$2,000 and a grant award from the Bay Area Library and Information System in the amount of \$3,750. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Library Fee Schedule for 2010**
- R10-06** Moved by Trustee Burton, seconded by Moore, to adopt a resolution approving the Library Fee Schedule for 2010 and approve the Director of Library Services' submission of the fee schedule to the City of Berkeley, Budget Office, for inclusion in the City of Berkeley's Master Fee Schedule. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. E-mail address for the Board of Library Trustees**
- R10-07** Moved by Trustee Burton, seconded by Moore, to adopt the resolution approving the establishment of a generic e-mail address for the Board of Library Trustees. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Contract Amendment: Page + Moris, LLC.**
- R10-08** Moved by Trustee Burton, seconded by Moore, to adopt a resolution recommending City Council amend the existing Contract with Page + Moris LLC by increasing expenditure authority in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the provision of library service / building program services for the branch library bond program. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION REPORTS

- A.** Update on the Branch Bond Program No discussion.
- B.** January 2010 Monthly Report from Library Director Donna Corbeil No discussion.
- C.** Library events: No discussion.

I. AGENDA BUILDING

- A.** The next special meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the West Branch Library, 1125 University Avenue, Berkeley. The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the South Branch Library, 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley.

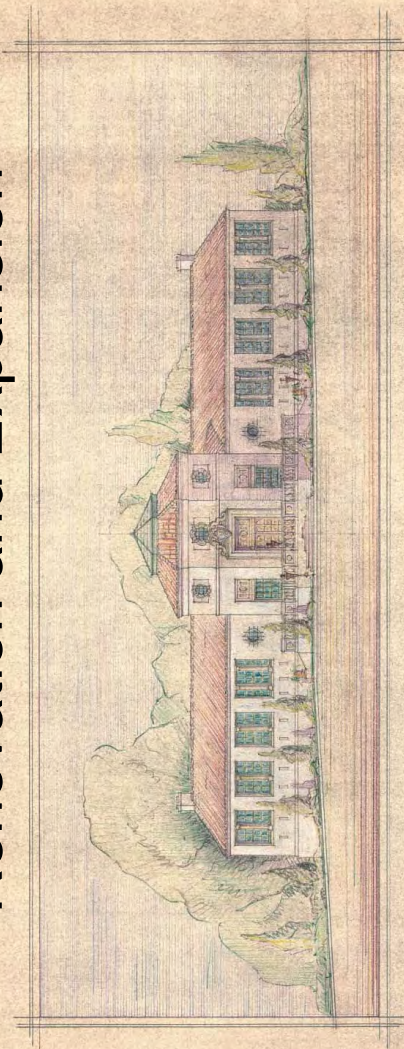
II. ADJOURNMENT

- R10-09** Moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Franklin, to adjourn the regular meeting of the board at 9:27 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments:

- 1) Architectural Resources Group Presentation on North Branch
- 2) Kitchell CEM Presentation on the Branch Renovation Program

Berkeley Public Library North Branch Renovation and Expansion



Presentation to Board of Library Trustees
13 January 2010

ELEVATION --
SCALE 3/8" = 1'-0"
-- SUGGESTION -- FOR -- NEW -- BRANCH -- LIBRARY -- CITY OF BERKELEY --
-- BERKELEY -- CALIFORNIA --
-- JAMES W. PLAGHEE ARCHITECT --
-- BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA --



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AGENDA

- Review of Project to date
- Program Summary
- Schematic Design
 - Building
 - Site & Landscaping
- Preliminary Materials Selection
 - Historic Building
 - Addition
 - Site & Landscaping
- Questions & Answers



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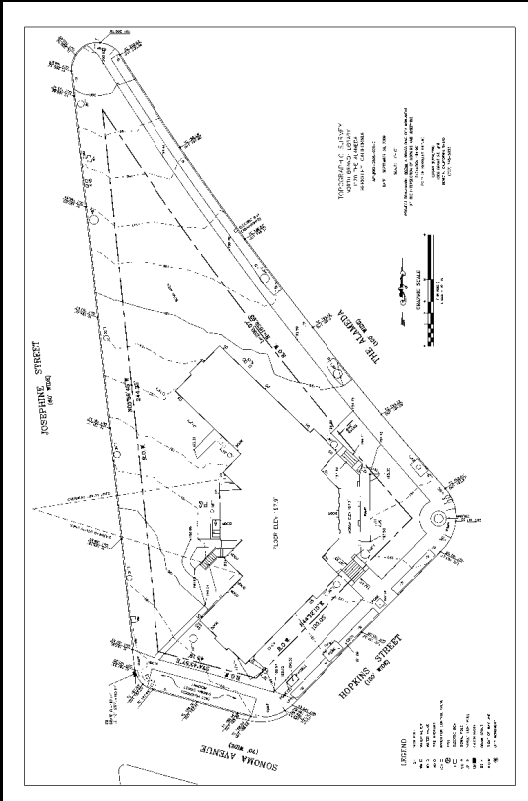
EXISTING LIBRARY



Front of Library in 1936



Back of Library in 2009



Library site in 2009

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NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY DESIGN GOALS

Preserve an important & beloved City resource

Upgrades: seismic, ADA & infrastructure

Sustainable design: LEED Silver Certification

Exterior

- Recapture the historic character of the building
- Remove non-historic features at main entrance & provide new, better integrated access ramp
- Design new addition to present a 'friendly face' to neighborhood, specifically Josephine Street
- Update landscaping to enhance park-like setting & create new amenities for the neighborhood

Interior

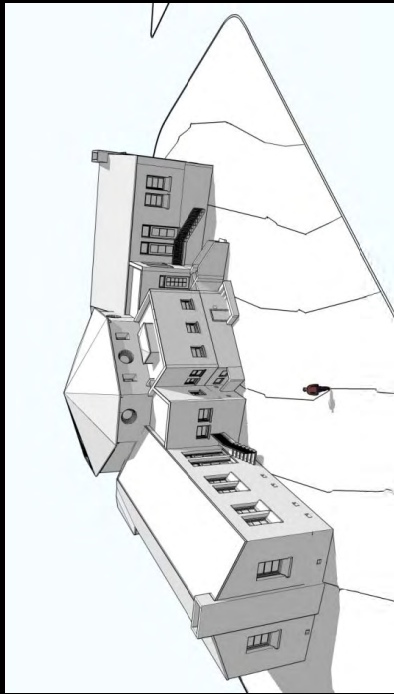
- Recapture the historic character of the spaces
- Use historic spaces for public functions that complement building's significant features
- Create new program room to allow west wing to be dedicated to children's library use
- Locate staff work spaces, teen library, program room & support functions in new addition
- Separate quiet & noisy functions
- Improve patron comfort (ergonomics, ventilation, natural & artificial lighting)
- Improve working environment for staff (ergonomics, space, required adjacencies & proximities)



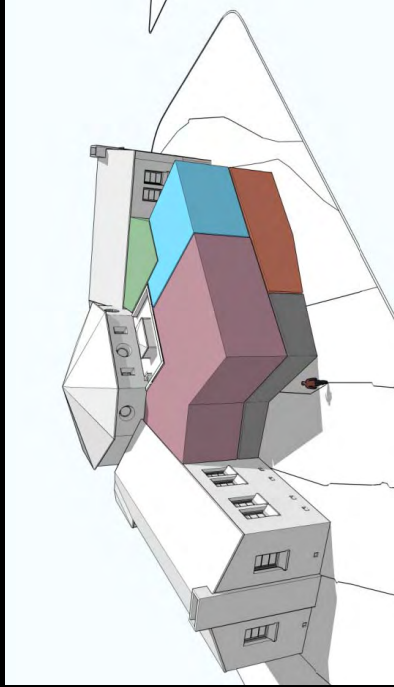
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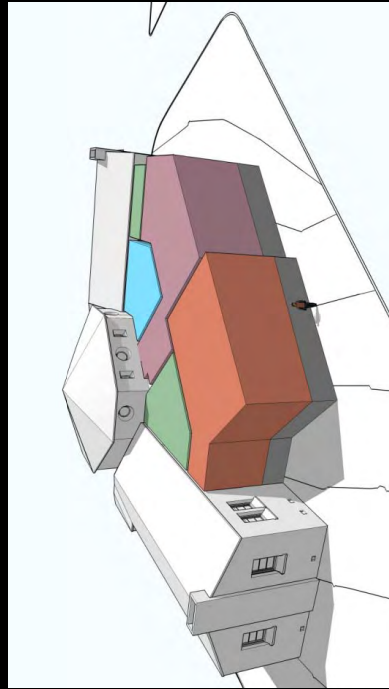
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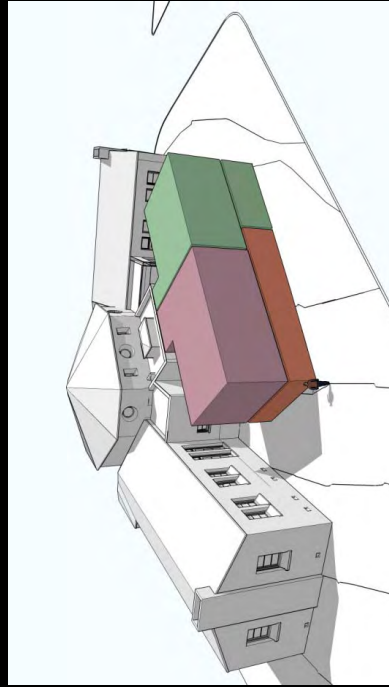
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Preferred Scheme



"Infill" Scheme (per Master Plan)



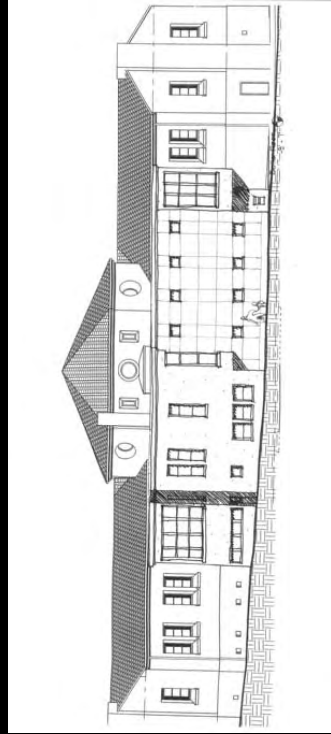
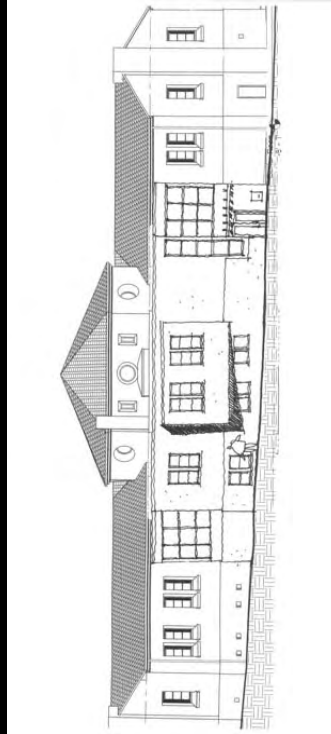
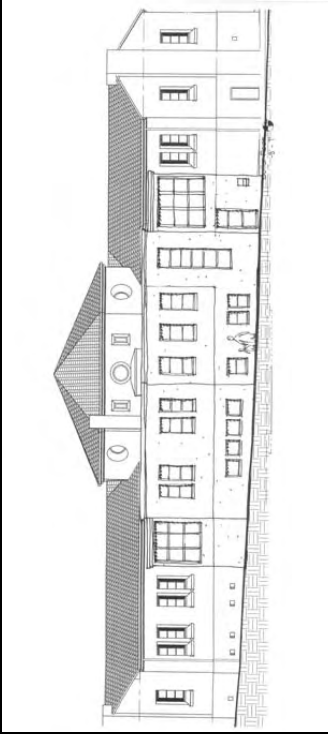
"Limited Connector" Scheme



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ELEVATION STUDIES FOR PREFERRED SCHEME



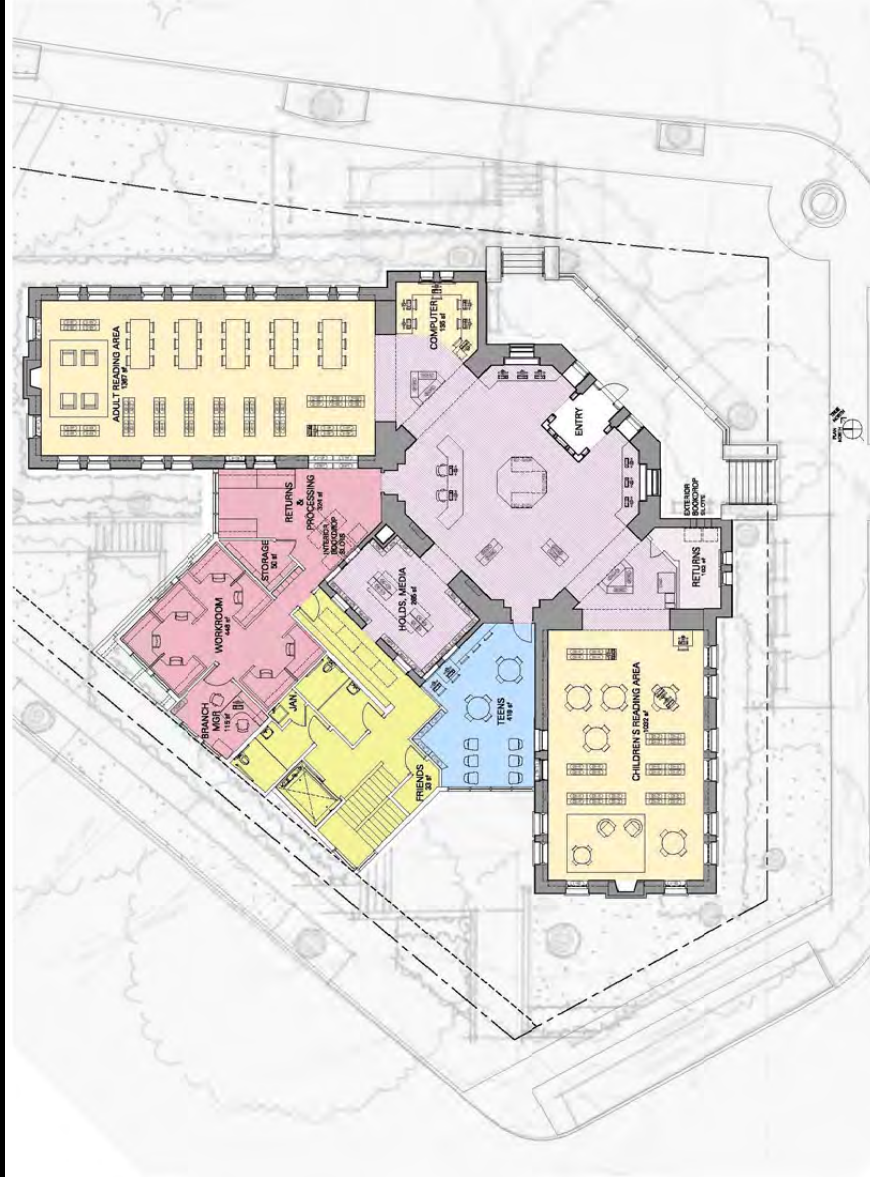
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WHAT WE HEARD: UPDATE

- Consider retaining all three small wings & building the addition around them
- Consider a sloped roof for the addition
- New lower level entrance: plan landscaping to deter loitering & manage strollers
- Look at landscaping options at myrtle grove
- Locate bike racks within sight but not blocking patron access
- Need control of access from main library areas to lower level
- Design for potential for flooding of lower level

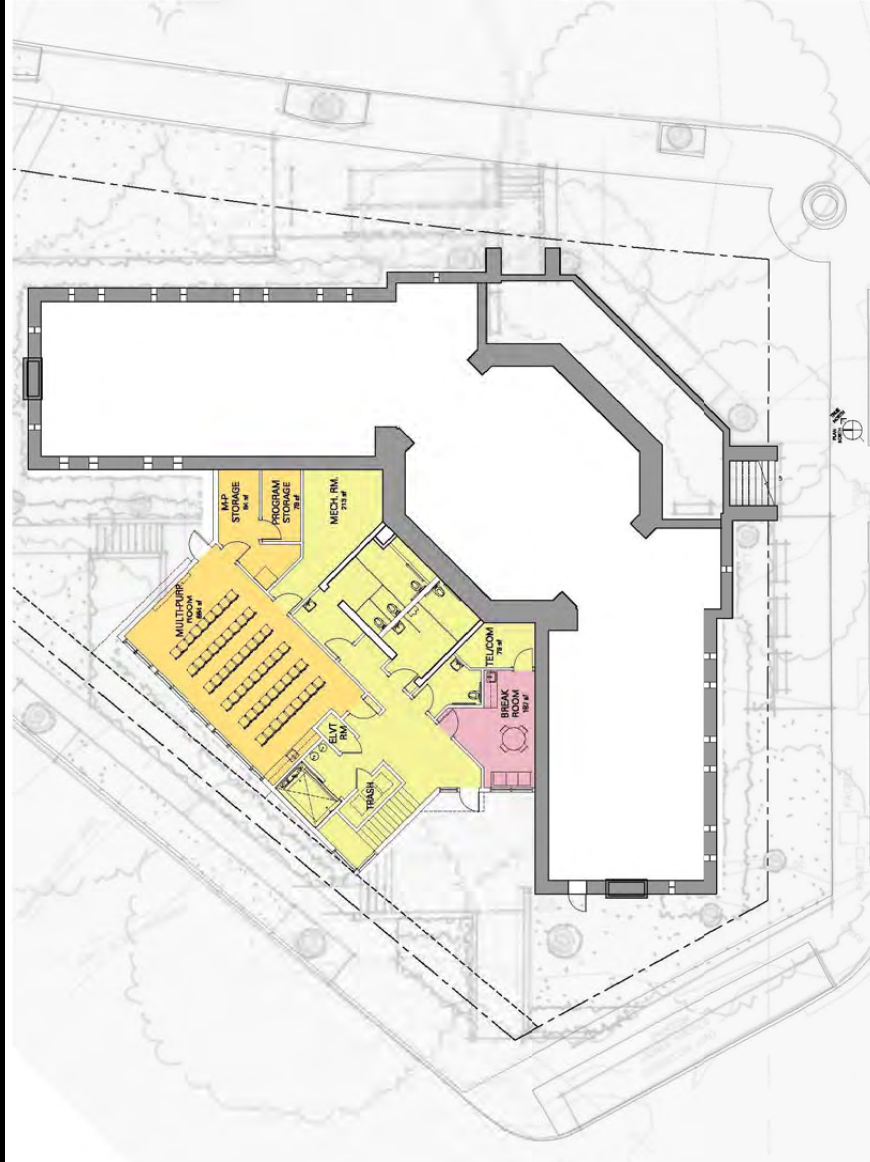
PROPOSED MAIN LEVEL PLAN



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PROPOSED LOWER LEVEL PLAN



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PROGRAM SUMMARY

Primary Facility Improvement Goals

- Enhance site access and landscaping
- Improve seismic resistance and structural integrity
- Update mechanical, plumbing, electrical and telecommunications systems
- Ensure full ADA-compliant accessibility
- Improve exterior and interior lighting
- Restore and refurbish existing historic features and windows
- Design with green building principles to attain LEED silver certification

Summary

	Existing	New	Δ
Seating	61	70	+9
Computers	11	19	+8
Shelving (LF)	2,549	2,649	+100
Area (GSF)	5,378	9,511	+4,133



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PROGRAM SUMMARY

Highlights

- Improved space layout for better flow of circulation & sight lines
- Improved collection display & shelving throughout
- Improved acoustic separation of spaces:
 - spaces that support noisy, active uses (multi-purpose room)
 - spaces that accommodate quiet, individual use
- More seating & seating variety
- Technology improvements:
 - table-top access to power at some reader tables
 - space & equipment for Library laptop lending service
- New multi-purpose room:
 - improved space & accommodations for Library programming (capacity for approx. 50 chairs, or classroom layout for approx. 20)
- Service desks:
 - efficient, ergonomic self-checkout / return & self-service reserves
- Staff work areas:
 - physically & acoustically separated from public space
 - ergonomically sound furniture & equipment
 - new spaces: branch supervisor office, staff break room & restroom



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SECTION THROUGH LIBRARY & ADDITION



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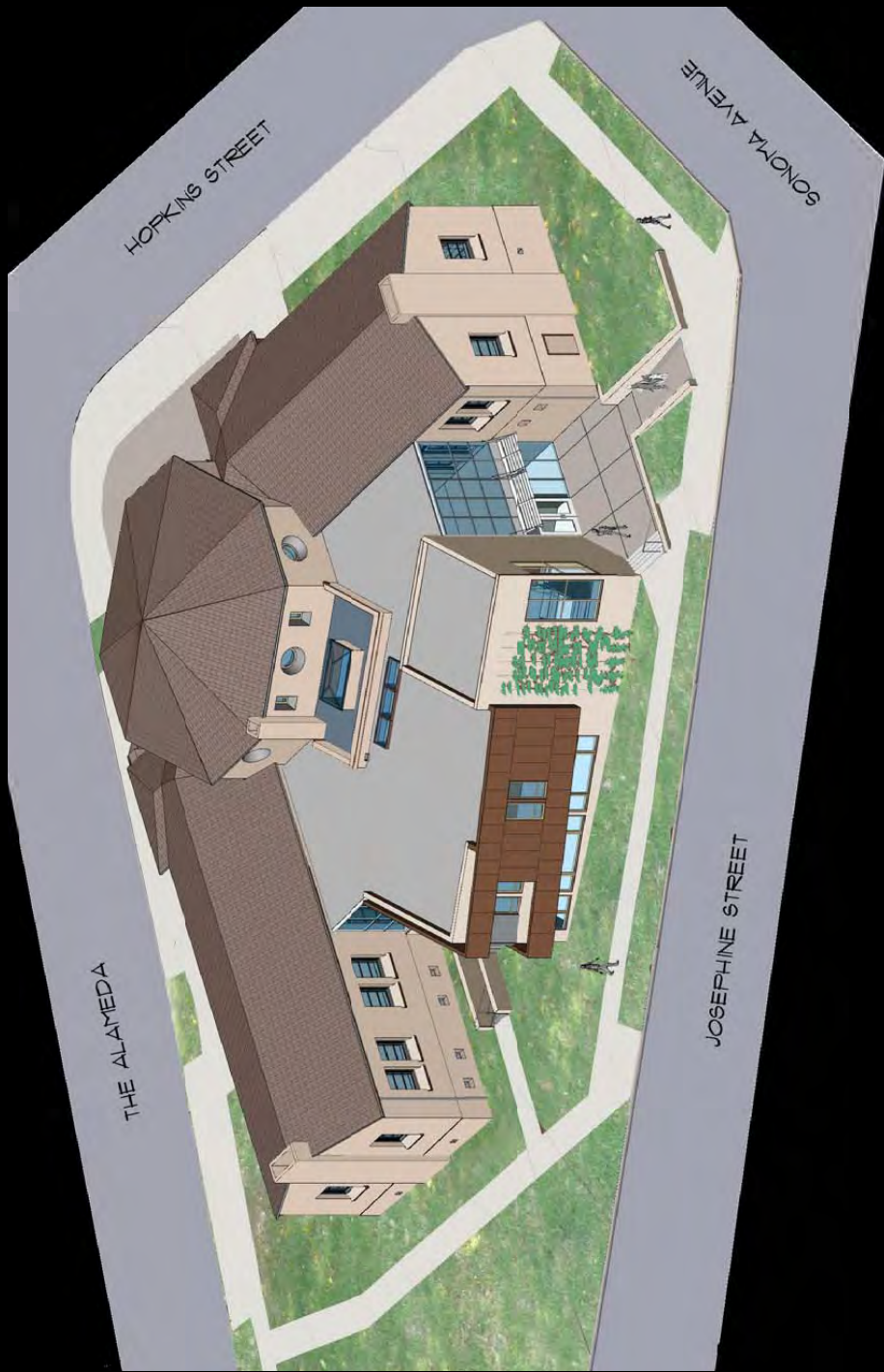
VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST



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BIRD'S EYE VIEW



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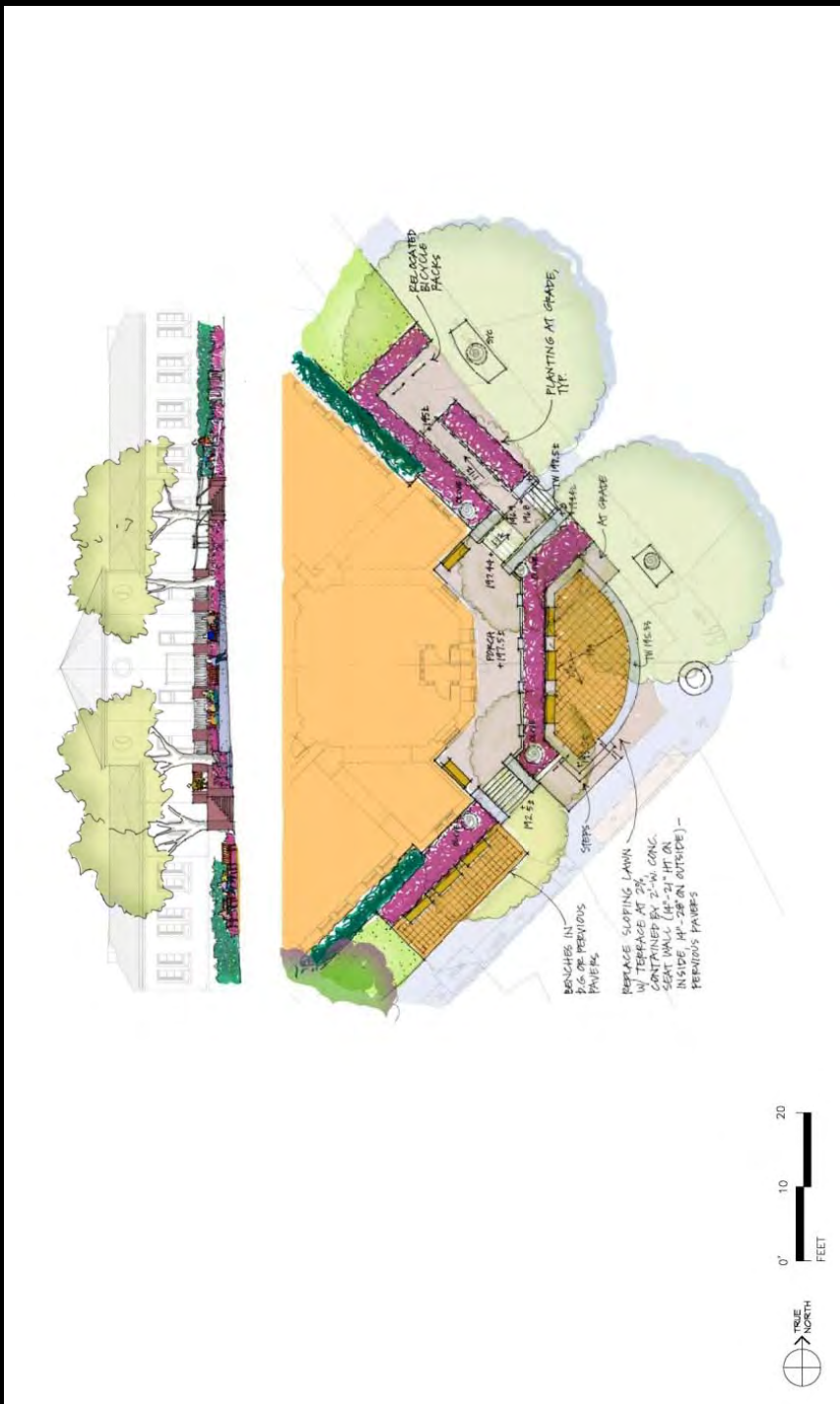
LANDSCAPE PLAN



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MAIN ENTRANCE



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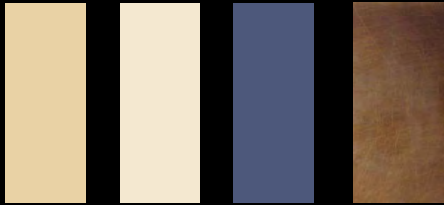
EXTERIOR MATERIALS: HISTORIC LIBRARY



Library entrance in 1936



Exterior in 1936



Painted concrete walls

Painted cast stone
ornament & trim

Painted wood windows &
doors

New entrance door



Original tile panels today



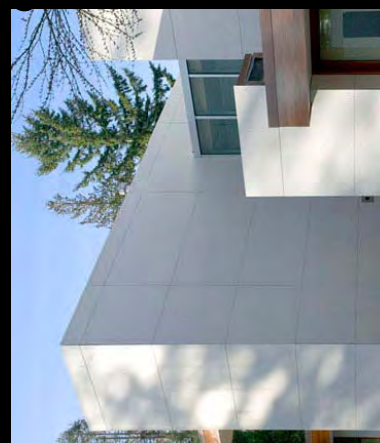
Painted doors & trim



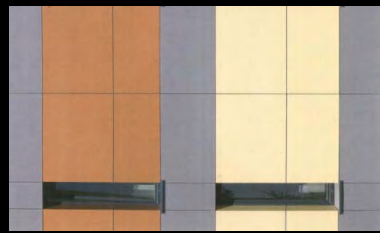
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EXTERIOR MATERIALS: ADDITION



Fiber Cement panels



Metal-framed glazing



Sunshade at entrance



Concrete wall with cable trellis



Panelized cladding



Tinted concrete



Glazed tile Panels



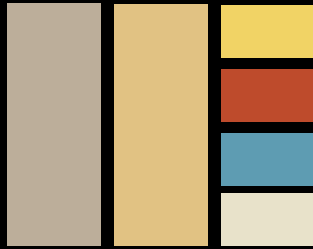
Aluminum windows, door & sunshade



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INTERIOR FINISHES



Painted walls

Accent colors (from historic ceiling details)



Wood to match original



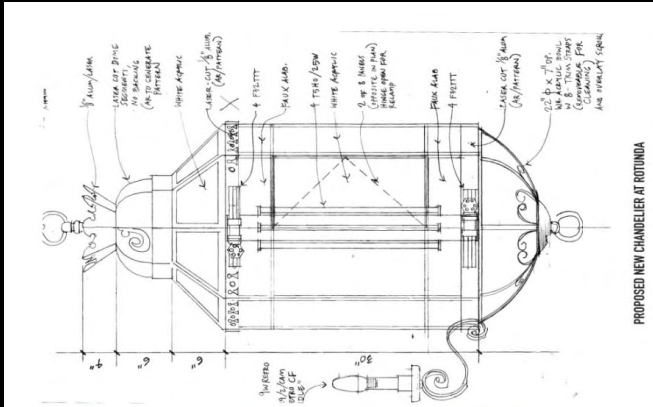
Linoleum

Stained concrete (addition Lower Level)

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LIGHTING: HISTORIC LIBRARY



HISTORICAL PHOTO OF FIXTURE

PROPOSED NEW CHANDELIER AT ROTUNDA

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PLANT MATERIALS



CHINA ANEMONE
Sharon Turner/PA
Blossom
Blossom
Blossom

VINES



GRASS BIO SWALE



GREEN SCREEN



ALLIUM
Merry Fisher
CANTONIA
Merrill
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FLOWERING PLANTS



EVERGREEN SHRUBS



LOW GROWING SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVER

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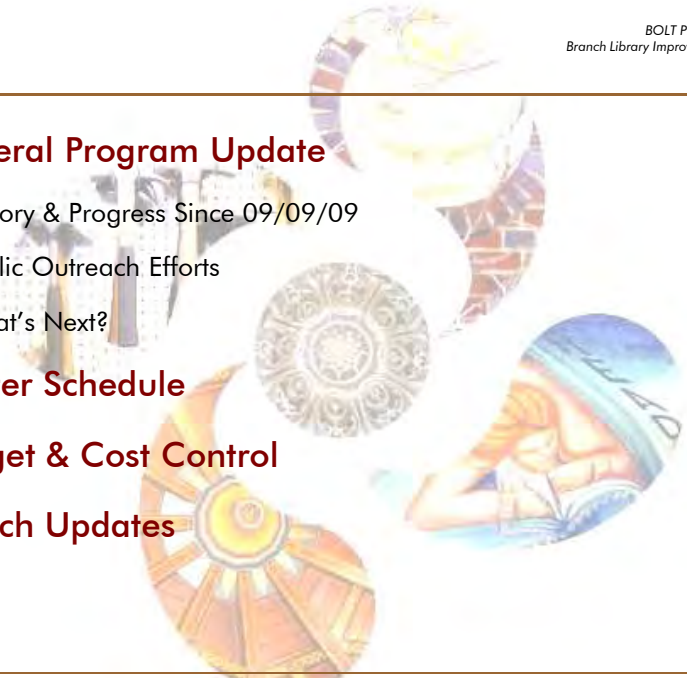
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Agenda

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- **General Program Update**
 - History & Progress Since 09/09/09
 - Public Outreach Efforts
 - What's Next?
- **Master Schedule**
- **Budget & Cost Control**
- **Branch Updates**

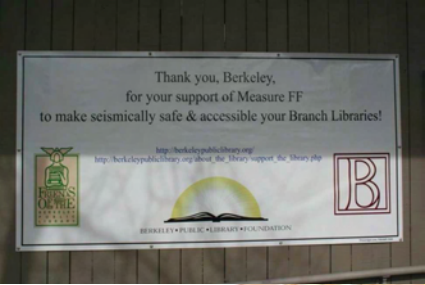


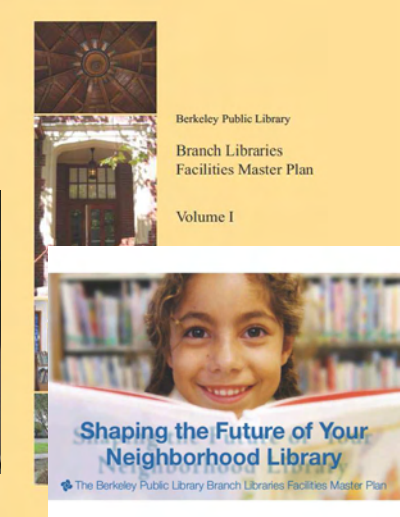
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General Program Update – History *BOLT Progress Report
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- **Branch Libraries Facilities Master Plan – July 2008**
- **Measure FF passed – November 2008**





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General Program Update – Progress Since 09/09/09 *BOLT Progress Report
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- **MEETINGS**
 - 12 Program Team Meetings
 - 9 Community Meetings
 - 7 Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Subcommittee Meetings
 - 5 City of Berkeley Planning Meetings
 - 4 Design Presentations to the Board of Library Trustees (BOLT)
 - 2 Information Technology Design Coordination Meetings
 - 1 Presentation to the Landmarks Preservation Commission
 - 1 City of Berkeley Parks Meeting
 - 1 Stopwaste.org / City of Berkeley Sustainability Team Seminar
 - & More

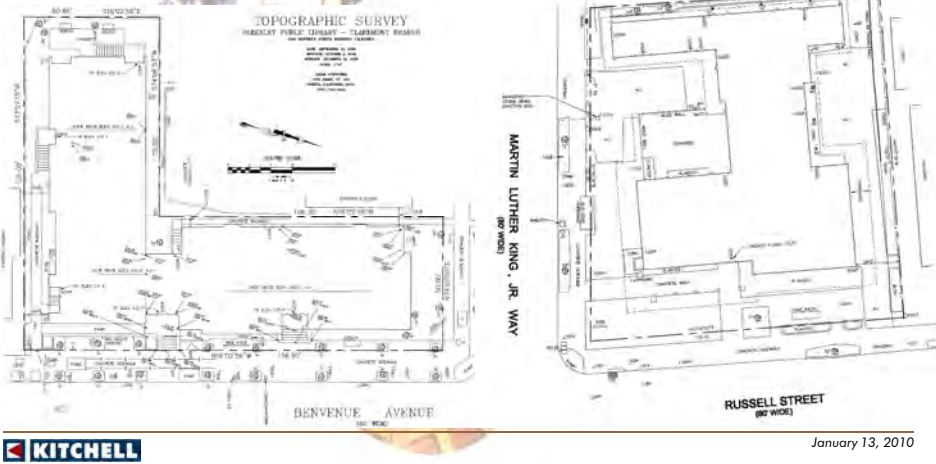
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• INFORMATION GATHERING

- Existing Conditions Assessments by Architects
- Topographic Surveys and Title Reports



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• DESIGN PROGRESS

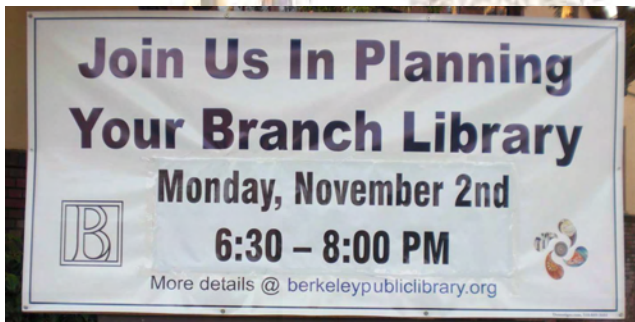
- Process:
 - Conceptual Design
 - Schematic Design
 - Design Development
 - Construction Documents
- 3 Projects In Schematic Design Phase (North, Claremont & South)
- 1 Project In Conceptual Design Phase (West)
- Input Solicited at Community & BOLT Meetings, Branch Staff Meetings
- Based on Programming Developed by Page + Moris

General Program Update – Public Outreach Efforts

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• BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

- Flyer Distribution & Mailers, Site Bulletin Boards
- Email Distribution Lists, Berkeley Public Library Website
- Banners at Sites & Central Library
- Encourage Community to Talk to Others



Planning Your South Branch Library January/February 2010

Wednesday, January 27th 6:30PM
South Branch Library @ 1901 Russell Street

Join us as we discuss the next steps in the schematic design phase, including more detailed plans on the preferred schema, landscape ideas, layout, etc.

Wednesday, February 10th 6:30PM
Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
South Branch Library @ 1901 Russell Street

Join us as the design team presents an update on the design process, including details about space layouts.

We value your input!

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• RECENT ADDITIONAL EFFORTS

- Ads in Berkeley Daily Planet, Berkeley Voice, Montclairion
- Increased Exposure in Oakland Tribune
- Personal Invitation Letters from Library Director to Neighbors
- Postings at Public Gathering Areas (YMCA, etc.)



Berkeley Public Library Invites You to...

Join us as the architectural design teams present updates on the conceptual and schematic design phases of your Branch Library Projects.

West Branch Library
January 7, Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at West Branch Library, 4123 University Avenue
Special Community Meeting on West Branch conceptual design phase with design team
Stacy Ellis Ostromer / GreenWorks Studio

North Branch Library
February 8, Saturday, 10:00 AM at North Branch Library, 1128 University Avenue
The design team Stacy Ellis Ostromer / GreenWorks Studio presents an update on the West Branch conceptual design phase at a Special Board of Library Trustees regular meeting.

South Branch Library
January 27, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St. #1
BLA West Community meeting on South Branch schematic design phase with design team Field Road.

February 10, Wednesday, 6:30 PM at South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St. #1 BLA West
The design team Field Road presents an update on the South Branch schematic design phase at the Board of Library Trustees regular meeting.

Claremont Branch Library
February 5, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Claremont Branch Library, 2916 Claremont St
BLA Claremont Community meeting on Claremont Branch schematic design phase with design team Scott Gould Evans / Baum Thonby

February 10, Wednesday, 6:30 PM at South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St. #1 BLA West
The design team Scott Gould Evans / Baum Thonby presents an update on the Claremont Branch schematic design phase at the Board of Library Trustees regular meeting.

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General Program Update – What’s Next?

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- Continuation of Community Meetings and BOLT Design Presentations
- Selection of Consultants
 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - Geotechnical
- CEQA Path Determination by City of Berkeley Planning
 - Environmental Impact Report, Negative Declaration or Categorical Exemption, etc.
- Landmarks Preservation Commission Reviews
- LEED Planning Activity



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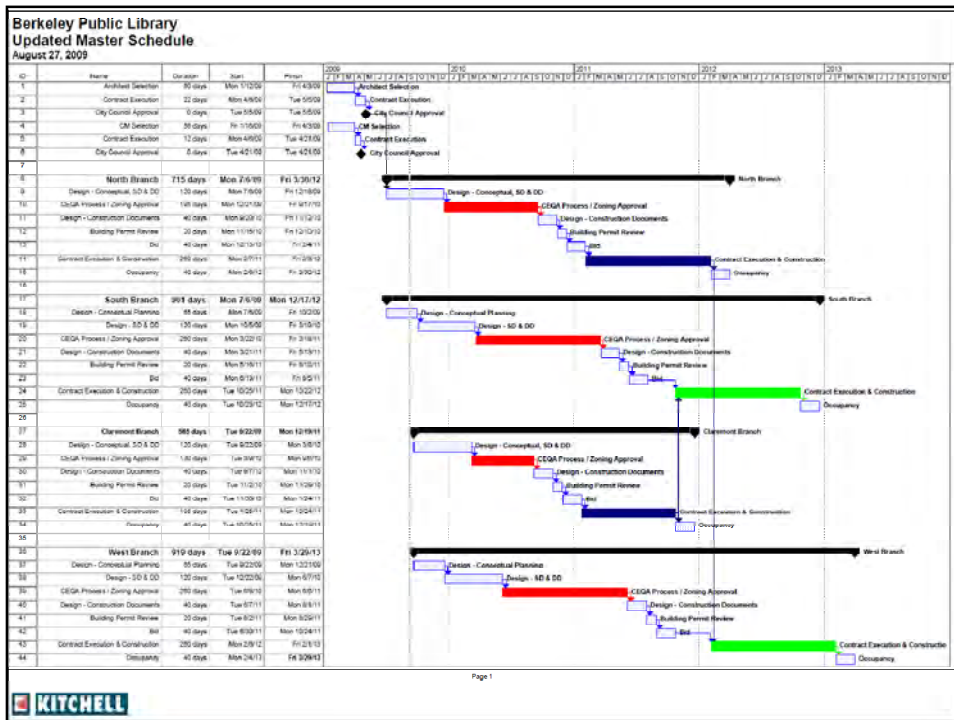
Master Schedule

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- Facilities Master Plan Schedule – June 2008
- Master Schedule Developed by Program Team – August 2009




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Master Schedule

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- **North Branch**
 - Anticipated Closure – 1st Quarter 2011 to 1st Quarter 2012 – **Potential Improvements**
 - Anticipated Construction Duration – 1 Year
- **Claremont Branch**
 - Anticipated Closure – 1st Quarter 2011 to 4th Quarter 2011 - **Potential Improvements**
 - Anticipated Construction Duration – 9 Months

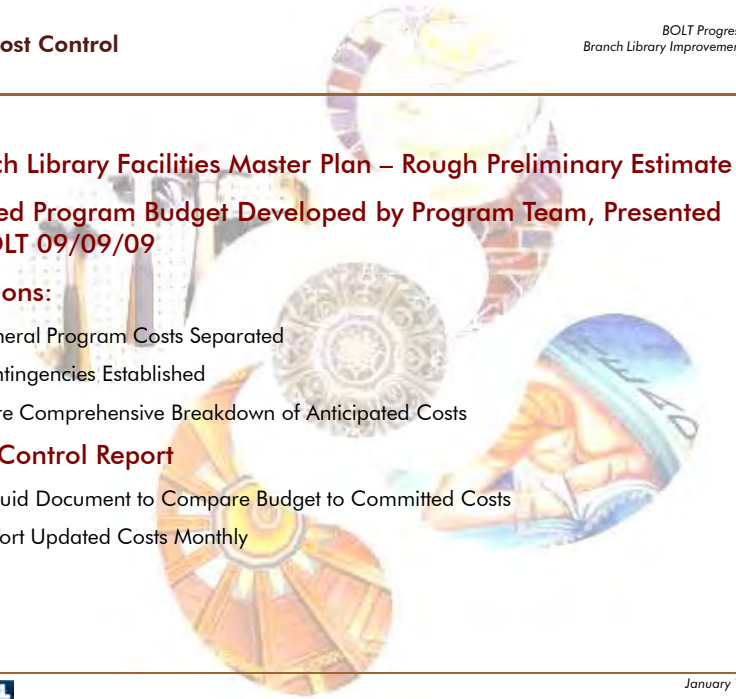



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Budget & Cost Control

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- **Branch Library Facilities Master Plan – Rough Preliminary Estimate**
- **Revised Program Budget Developed by Program Team, Presented to BOLT 09/09/09**
- **Revisions:**
 - General Program Costs Separated
 - Contingencies Established
 - More Comprehensive Breakdown of Anticipated Costs
- **Cost Control Report**
 - A Fluid Document to Compare Budget to Committed Costs
 - Report Updated Costs Monthly



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- As of 12/31/09, \$411,000 of the \$26M Bond Fund Expended
- Current Expenses – Design Activity, Consultants & Surveys
- Minor Revisions Resulting to Contingencies



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BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY Branch Library Improvement Program	Revised Budget - July 23, 2009	Previous Month's Committed Costs	Current Committed Costs	Expended to Date	Notes
NORTH BRANCH					
Hard Costs	\$ 4,282,000	\$ 4,282,000	\$ 4,282,000	\$ -	
Soft Costs	\$ 1,175,470	\$ 1,146,908	\$ 1,149,606	\$ 143,265	
Project Contingency	\$ 200,000	\$ 225,584	\$ 225,584	\$ -	
Branch Total	\$ 5,657,470	\$ 5,657,470	\$ 5,657,470	\$ 143,265	
SOUTH BRANCH / TOOL LENDING					
Hard Costs	\$ 4,844,500	\$ 4,844,500	\$ 4,844,500	\$ -	
Soft Costs	\$ 1,285,020	\$ 1,261,176	\$ 1,261,176	\$ 65,460	
Project Contingency	\$ 200,000	\$ 223,844	\$ 223,844	\$ -	
Branch Total	\$ 6,329,520	\$ 6,329,520	\$ 6,329,520	\$ 65,460	
WEST BRANCH					
Hard Costs	\$ 5,518,500	\$ 5,518,500	\$ 5,518,500	\$ -	
Soft Costs	\$ 1,420,955	\$ 1,197,560	\$ 1,197,560	\$ -	
Project Contingency	\$ 200,000	\$ 423,395	\$ 423,395	\$ -	
Branch Total	\$ 7,139,455	\$ 7,139,455	\$ 7,139,455	\$ -	
CLAREMONT BRANCH					
Hard Costs	\$ 3,288,500	\$ 3,288,500	\$ 3,288,500	\$ -	
Soft Costs	\$ 925,740	\$ 924,751	\$ 924,751	\$ 39,829	
Project Contingency	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,989	\$ 200,989	\$ -	
Branch Total	\$ 4,394,240	\$ 4,394,240	\$ 4,394,240	\$ 39,829	
TOTAL SITE COSTS	\$ 23,520,685	\$ 23,520,685	\$ 23,520,685	\$ 248,554	
GENERAL PROGRAM SOFT COSTS					
Programming Consultant	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 41,340	1
IT Consultant	\$ 125,000	\$ 124,680	\$ 124,680	\$ -	2
Bond Consultant	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 23,477	3
City Consultant	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,640	4
Construction Management	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 998,990	\$ 998,990	\$ 55,530	5
FFE Consultant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Administration Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Legal Fees	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	
Bond Fees	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 35,425	6
Public Relations	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,148	7
Tool Library Rental / Moving	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	
TOTAL GENERAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$ 1,740,000	\$ 1,748,670	\$ 1,748,670	\$ 162,660	
TOTAL PROGRAM & SITE COSTS	\$ 25,260,685	\$ 25,269,355	\$ 25,269,355	\$ 411,114	
PROGRAM CONTINGENCY	\$ 739,315	\$ 732,645	\$ 732,645	\$ -	
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 26,000,000	\$ 26,000,000	\$ 26,000,000	\$ 411,114	

Branch Updates - North *BOLT Progress Report
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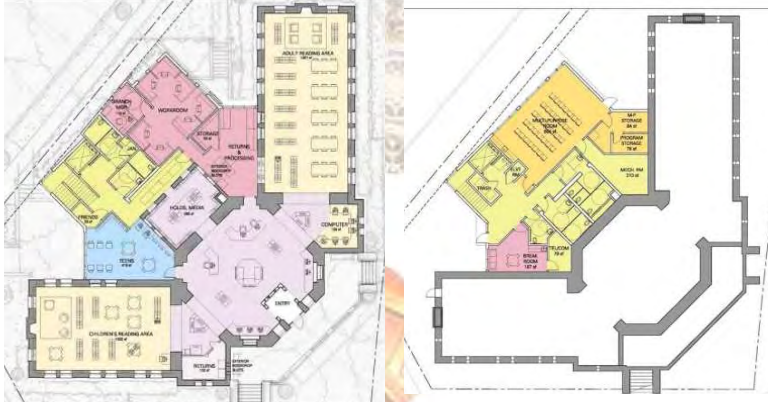
- **Conceptual Design Complete**
- **1st Community Meeting – September 23, 2009**
- **2nd Community Meeting – October 7, 2009**
- **Conceptual Design Presentation to BOLT – October 20, 2009**


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Architects, Planners & Conservators, Inc.

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Branch Updates - North *BOLT Progress Report
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- **Currently in Schematic Design Phase**
- **Community Meeting – December 1, 2009**
- **Schematic Design Presentation to BOLT – January 13, 2010**



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Branch Updates - North

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UPCOMING:

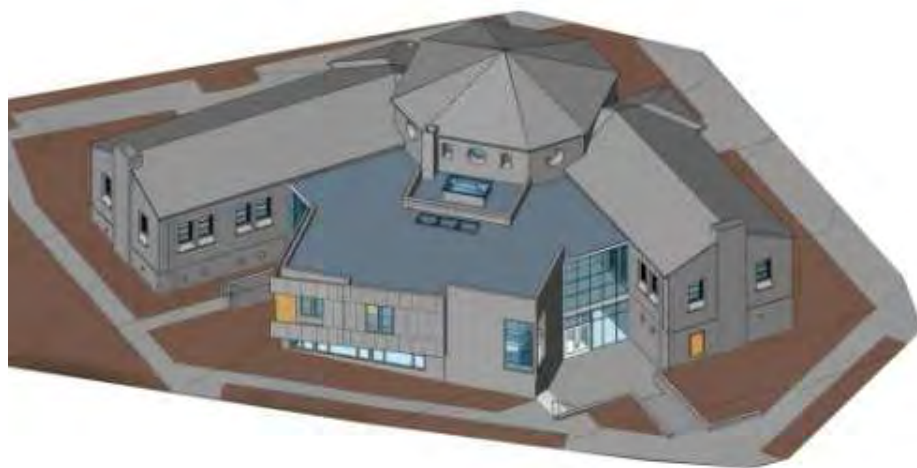
- Design Development Phase
- Application for Structural Alteration Permit
- Landmarks Preservation Commission – Subcommittee Meetings & Presentation
- Determination of CEQA Path
- LEED Planning



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Branch Updates - North

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Branch Updates - South

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- Conceptual Design Complete
- 1st Community Meeting – September 17, 2009
- 2nd Community Meeting – October 1, 2009
- Conceptual Design Presentation to BOLT – October 14, 2009



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Branch Updates - South

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- Currently in Schematic Design Phase
- New Construction Scheme in Development
- Informational Presentation to Landmarks Preservation Commission – January 7, 2010
- Community Meeting – January 27, 2010
- Schematic Design Presentation to BOLT – February 10, 2010



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SCHEME 1

Pros
Accommodates full program
Reuses existing main room
More setback on Russell Street
Simpler lockoff for community room

Cons
Approximately 10% greater cost
Second set of bathrooms
Low ceiling in lobby
Unforeseen costs in renovation
Contrasting scale of two-story addition

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SCHEME 2

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Branch Updates - South

UPCOMING

- Determination of CEQA Path
- Design Development Phase
- LEED Planning



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Branch Updates - West

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- Contracted with Harley Ellis Devereaux / Greenworks Studio
- Currently In Conceptual Design Phase
- New Construction & Restoration Options In Development
- Community Meeting #1 – December 3, 2009
- Community Meeting #2 – January 7, 2010
- Conceptual Design Presentation to BOLT – Saturday, February 6, 2010



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Branch Updates - West

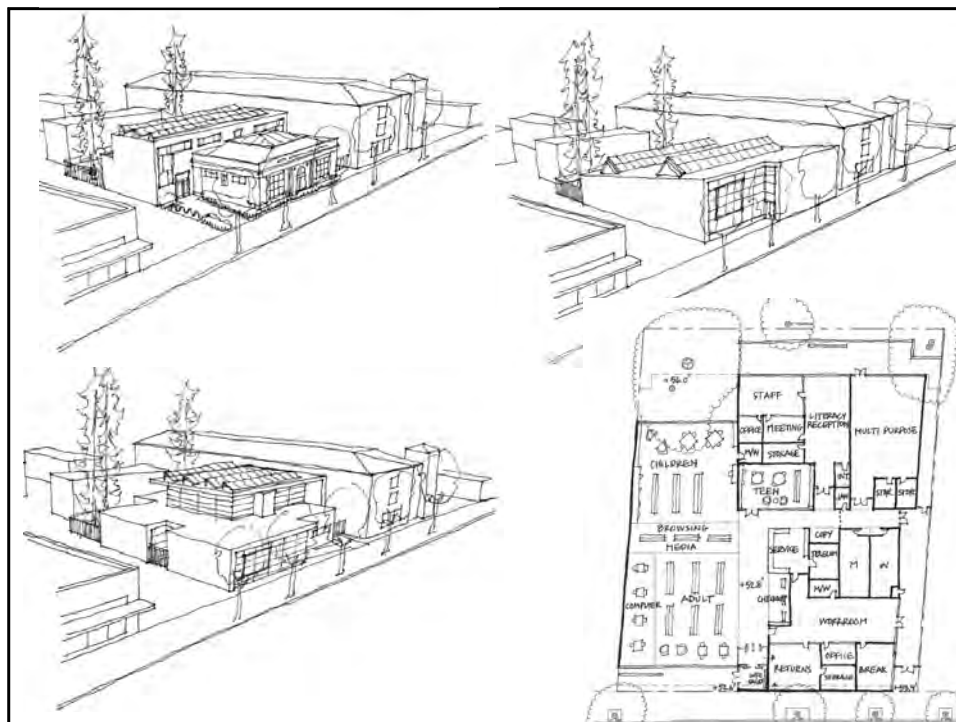
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UPCOMING

- Net Zero Energy (NZE) Testing and Analysis
- Determination of CEQA Path
- Schematic Design Phase
- Landmarks Preservation Commission Subcommittee Meetings & Presentation



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Branch Updates - Claremont

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- Contracted with Gould Evans Baum Thornley
- Conceptual Design Phase Complete
- Community Meeting #1 – November 2, 2009
- Community Meeting #2 – November 19, 2009
- Conceptual Design Presentation to BOLT – December 9, 2009



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Branch Updates - Claremont

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- Currently in Schematic Design Phase
- Community Meeting – February 3, 2010
- Schematic Design Presentation to BOLT – February 10, 2010

UPCOMING

- Determination of CEQA Path
- LEED Planning
- Landmarks Preservation Commission Subcommittee Meeting
- Design Development Phase



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Scenario 1a
claremont branch library renovation

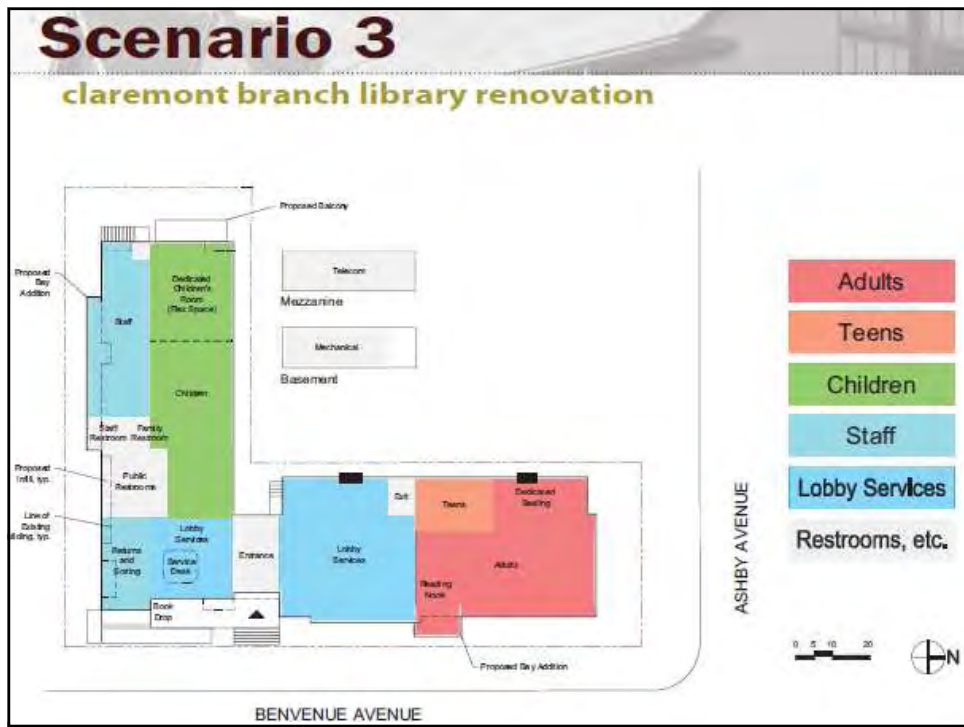


Scenario 1b
claremont branch library renovation



Scenario 1c
claremont branch library renovation





QUESTIONS?

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