ATLANTA-FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
CENTRAL LIBRARY RENOVATION

APRIL 11, 2018

Cooper Carry VINES Architecture
AGENDA:

- CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT
- EXTERIOR PLAZA STRATEGY
- PLAN DISTRIBUTION
CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT
EMERGING PRINCIPLES

• THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE WHAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS / DEMANDS. (NO PRECONCEIVED AGENDA)
• A BUILDING OF DISTINCTION THAT IS A SHOWCASE WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO BE.
• OPEN AND FLEXIBLE TO SUPPORT (RAPIDLY) DEVELOPING AND CHANGING PROGRAMS.
• SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS.
• ADDRESS AND RESPOND TO THE COMMUNITY POPULATION IN A MANNER THAT IS REALISTICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR A DOWNTOWN LIBRARY, BUT DOES NOT COMPROMISE THE MISSION TO SERVE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.
EMERGING PRINCIPLES

• ADD AN ABUNDANCE OF NATURAL LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS THE EXISTING INTERIOR FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.

• FOSTER AND EMBRACE A LIBRARY THAT LINKS TO THE DOWNTOWN ART DISTRICT WITH LITERACY AS A PRIMARY COMPONENT.

• DEVELOP A PLACE THAT REINFORCES THE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND ITS URBAN SURROUNDINGS.
COMMUNITY MEETING DATES:
+ October 4, 2017, 11:00 AM at AFPLS Central Library
+ October 4, 2017, 6:30 PM at AFPLS Central Library
+ October 10, 2017, 11:00 AM at AFPLS Central Library
+ October 10, 2017, 6:30 PM at AFPLS Central Library
+ October 17, 2017, 6:30 PM at Alpharetta Library
+ October 24, 2017, 6:30 PM at Wolf Creek

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE DATE:
+ JANUARY 9, 2018, 8:30 AM at Cooper Carry Atlanta Office
GENERAL COLLECTION
More centralized variety of seating, art displays, lots of computers, more welcoming.

ENTRY SPACE
More activity, better wayfinding, more welcoming, better lighting, public art, less visible security

CONFERENCE & MEETING SPACE
Modern technology, good design, nice finishes, more meeting space, better wayfinding

PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ARTS
Art throughout, modern technology, film programming, student performances, updated auditorium

YOUTH AREAS
Natural light, better design, digital focus, interactive, outdoor programming

LEASED SPACE
Appealing to millennials and community, variety, activate old restaurant
PROGRAM APPROACH

• THEMED FLOORS
• A PLACE FOR COMPUTER + SOCIAL USERS
• CHILDREN + TEENS ON ONE FLOOR
• FOCUS ON ‘LEARNING’
• FLEXIBILITY OF PROGRAM SPACES
• MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCIES
What we know
FLOAT MONOLITHIC STRUCTURE ABOVE PLAZA

RE-ENGAGE URBAN FABRIC

DAYLIGHT FROM ABOVE

PRESERVATION OF PRECAST ["SACRED" ICONOGRAPHY]

ENHANCE SECTIONAL CONNECTIVITY

STRATEGIC FENESTRATION [STREETSCAPE - PLAZA]
FLOAT MONOLITHIC STRUCTURE ABOVE PLAZA

URBAN INTERFACE

PLAZA

PUSH IDEA OF THE PLAZA DEEPER INTO THE LIBRARY
PLAZA
ENGAGING THE ADJACENT PLAZAS
/ EXTENDING THE LIBRARY OUTSIDE THE NATURAL FOOTPRINT
COMMENTS

- Activate the plaza
- Connection between ground floor and plaza
- Greenspace
- Artist – large pieces – rotating artists
- More site lighting
- LED color changing display visual lighting
- Tearing down walls
- Green walls – Living walls
- Oasis from busy street
- More functional for residents and business workers
- Accent lighting to highlight the building
- Art – add color
- Create openings that do not detract from the overall building to bring in more light
- Plaza – meeting, gathering and active space
PLAN DISTRIBUTION
PROJECT SCOPE:

- REALLOCATE SPACE
- BRING IN NATURAL LIGHT
- NEW STAIR AND ATRIUM
- ACTIVATE PLAZA
- UTILIZE 5TH FLOOR TERRACE
- RESTROOM RENOVATION
- NEW TECHNOLOGY (WIFI, RFID, SELF CHECK, COMPUTERS)
- NEW SIGNAGE
- NEW HVAC
- NEW LIGHTING
- NEW FINISHES
COMMENTS

- Keep and expand programming of Auditorium – diamond in the rough
- After hours entry
- Allow to have food in meetings
- Good to have adjacent meeting spaces to the auditorium
- Catering function
- Flexible meeting spaces with wi-fi, reconfigurable furniture
- Better LED lighting
- Plan to be more open visually
- Art displays
- Events would draw people
- Updated AV
• Lease space along window
• Security
• More welcoming personnel
• Directory - can see programs on all floors
• Segregate security piece off to the side to make entry more open
• New graphic wayfinding system
• Electronic programming signage
• Center of the community
• Stage
• More color
• More life
• Stairs to activate first floor
• Maker spaces / Artist in Residence Spaces
COMMENTS

- Better LED lighting
- Plan to be more open visually
- Lower shelving
- Color
- More natural light
- Variety of seating
- Multi-height seating and tables
- Art – dispersed around the building
- Business focus – incubator type
- More interactive technology –
  - Enhanced Wi-fi
- Large size informational
- Internet connectivity and access
- Where would you engage with your computer?
- Working – table and chair
- Maker spaces
COMMENTS

- Better LED lighting
- Plan to be more open visually
  “Bookstore environment”
- Lower shelving
- More intentional placement in the space
- Color
- More natural light
- Living Room feel
- Variety of seating
- Multi-height seating and tables
- Space you want to be other than to borrow books
- Art – rotating exhibit
- Art – dispersed around the building
- Most use Elevator by default
- Interest around the stairs
- We should use stairs more as Breuer intended
COMMENTS

- Much more interactive
- Interactive signage to see what programs are happening
- More light and more inviting
- Light shelves
- Wayfinding
- From personal experience it is an important space
- More natural light
- Room for growth
- Lounge type area
- Teens love digital
- Cool vibe
- Cool lighting
- Something special to address the age group
- Hub – inspirational
COMMENTS

• Better LED lighting
• More open visually
• More intentional placement in the space
• Color
• More natural light
• Events would draw people
• Enhanced Wi-fi
• Maker Spaces / Demo Kitchen
• Engage with businesses, students, conference attendees
• Destination space
• Terrace could become income generating for company event's and parties
• Inject more daylight
• Hub
• Indoor / Outdoor space
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