Albina Library Design Update

Eliot Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022
Agenda

Albina Library
1. Schedule
2. Process & Design Recap
3. Design Update (incl. Collections Summary)
4. DAR Hearing Update
Schedule Update
Albina Schedule

Upcoming Albina Milestones:
8/25/22: Historic Resource Review App (Type III)
9/9/22: 50% DD Drawing + Specifications Set
11/23/22: 100% DD Demo + Sitework Permit Set

Upcoming / Current Design Efforts:
- Exterior Facade / Massing Development
- Admin Space Design + Layout Development
- Seismic Design Development
- Landscape, Mech., Elec., Plumbing Design Development
- Comprehensive I-T Programming + Design
- Collection Planning Layout
- Program Room Concept Development
Process & Design Recap
Proposed Design

Design Drivers

Community
- Design Principles
- Patron experience
- Community history
- Desired amenities, services
- Outreach, Engagement, involvement

Site / Context
- Historic Carnegie
- Grade change from Carnegie to Russell Street
- Two distinct street characters / contexts
- Neighborhood history

Library Admin & Staff
- Program + Function
- Patron Experience
- Library & Program Management

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Design Process
Community Engagement Process

**Forty One Meetings** (and counting) were held with community members to engage them in discussion around:

- Community priorities
- What libraries of the 21st century can offer
- Questions like: “What makes you feel welcome in a space?” “What kind of spaces do you need in a library?”

**Four types of meetings were held:**

- Large public virtual and in-person meetings
- Small affinity group meetings (Black Portlanders, Indigenous, Latinx, Disability, Immigrants and Refugees)
- One on One community stakeholder interviews
- Design team attendance at community events (Somali vaccination, Hacienda food pantry, Farmers market)
Design Considerations
Design Principles created from Community feedback

1. **Strengthen** the Albina Community
2. Recognition and **Celebration** of Culture
3. **Community Driven** process
4. **Accessible** Design
5. **Flexibility** in Short Term and Long Term
6. **Sustainability** and Connection to Nature
“We need an outdoor space where we can deeply connect with nature. A place to take our shoes off and ground ourselves to the earth.”

- Indigenous Focus Group

Outdoor Space
- Important to community
- Central location provides views and access from multiple spaces
- Central wayfinding device

Library Program
- Second floor location with direct connection to Carnegie
- Elevated above street allows for better views and daylight

Youth Program
- Activate Carnegie
- Activate Knott Street
- This is active library use
- Proximity to Matt Dishman Community Center
- Located on quieter street

Community Room
- Proximity to active uses on Russell Street
- Prominent location near new entry
- Good access
- After hours access more suited to Russell Street

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Community Driven Design

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- CE 3 Zoom

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- Black Portlanders focus group

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- Boards at Dishman
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“Transparency: between inside and outside.”
- CE 1 Zoom

“I do not always feel safe outside. I need an outdoor space that feels completely safe and secure.”
- Disability focus group

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- Latinx focus group

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Design Update
Site Concept

Site Plan

Parking lot, Space for future development

Connect respectfully to historic library

Main Library Space on Second Floor overlook Russell

Community Room on Russell

Updated Material
Site Plan

- Historic Library, Children Area
- Courtyard w/ Covered Terrace
- Space for Food Carts (~32 stalls)
- Frontage Garden & Entry Plaza
- Removal of both Russell St. curb cuts
Floor Plan
Level 1

- Existing library
- Courtyard
- Lobby
- Community Room
- Admin. Office
- Frontage Garden
- Parking
- Updated Material
Floor Plan
Level 2

- Children’s area in historic library
- Landscape terrace
- Teen & program spaces
- Outdoor terrace
- Stacks & reading room
- Staff
- Courtyard
- Green Roof
- Entry & Desk
- Stacks
Proposed Design
N/S Building Section

- Historic library floor level connects with new branch library
- NE Knott Street
- Children’s Collection
- Staff Desk
- Courtyard
- Community Room
- NE Russell Street

Main entrance and Community Room have urban presence on Russell St.
Proposed Design
West Rodney Elevation

Connection below eaves of historic library

Library height lower than historic library

Hibernian & Historical contributing building

Knott Street
Albina Branch Library
Library and Office Spaces
Russell Street
Proposed Design
NE Knott Elevation

- Massing of new connection volume tucks behind / well beyond historical library
- Potential 6-story housing development by others
Floor Plan
Level 2
Existing Conditions
Interior Photos
Historic Restoration

Interior Archways

Archways infilled during 1954 renovation
Historic Restoration

Interior Archways
Southwest Aerial
View from Knott Street
Adult Collection View
Facade Options - All 3 presented at DAR

Option A
- All Metal Panel Second Floor
- Metal Panel Community Room
- Brick at Entry / Admin

Option B
- All Metal Panel Second Floor
- All Brick Base
- Thinner Entry Canopy

Option C
- Vertical Ribbed Metal Panels
- Metal Panel Community Room
- Brick at Entry / Admin
- Thinner Entry Canopy
Option C

View 1

- Thinner Entry Canopy
- Brick
- Vertical Ribbed Metal Panel
Discussion

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Thank you.