DCPL New Lamond-Riggs Library

Commission of Fine Arts Presentation - Final April 16, 2020



Project Review

Project Review Overview

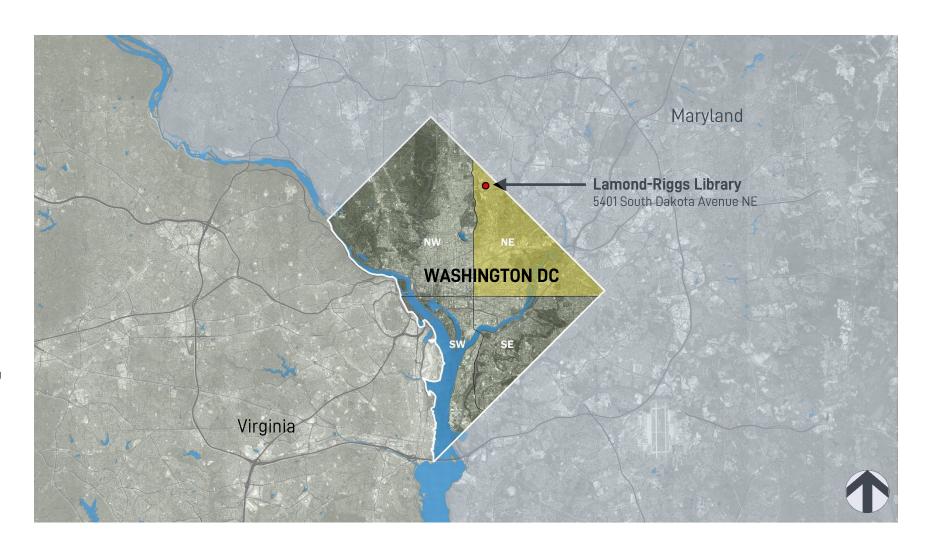
The new Lamond-Riggs Library will replace an existing 17,930 gsf library with a new two-story 23,500 gsf (appx.) building along South Dakota Avenue in northeast Washington DC.

For decades, the Lamond-Riggs neighborhood has been a stable, quiet residential community, one marked by a rhythm of single-family and duplex homes along gently sloping and curving streets. Yet as with many neighborhoods in Washington DC, change has come in the form of new larger-scale developments—a Walmart Supercenter, a new apartment complex (Art Place at Modern) and soon a large scale retail/entertainment complex directly opposite the library site. In light of those changes, community members stated a desire for a library that is bold and serves as an "extension of the home...", a library that is forward-looking while also embracing the history of the neighborhood and heritage of its residents.

Community members also noted the existing building's few windows, its poor visual and physical connection to the outdoors, as well as the lack of natural light. With the site's primary façade oriented to the southwest, balancing the desire for views to nature and increased natural light while controlling for glare and heat gain is one of the challenges of the project.

The building will house a wide range of spaces including reading areas for adults and teens, a children's discovery area, a large meeting room, study rooms of varying sizes, an "anything/anytime" space and staff support areas.

The project is being designed to meet LEED v.4 Silver standards.



Project Review Site Context

- 1 Walmart Supercenter
- 2 Culture Coffee
- 3 Exxon Service Station
- 4 Kennedy Street NE
- 5 Existing Library
- 6 Jefferson Street NE
- 7 University of the District of Columbia Community College (Bertie Backus Campus)
- 8 The Modern at Art Place
- 9 Fort Totten Metro Station (6 8 minute walk to/from library site)
- 10 Art Place at Fort Totten Phase 2 (Future)















Project Review Existing Library

- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Property Line
- 3 Parking
- 4 Curb Cut
- 5 Generator



Project Review Existing Library

- 1 View from South (from South Dakota Avenue NE)
- 2 View from Southeast (from Jefferson Street NE)
- 3 View from North (from Kennedy Street NE)
- 4 View from East (from Jefferson Street NE)









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Project Review Existing Library

- 1 Uninviting Entrance
- 2 Minimal Views to Exterior, to Nature and to Natural Light
- 3 Utilitarian Landscape
- 4 Inefficient Layout and Framing at Upper Level
- 5 Tight Structural Bays at Interior



Project Review Concept (Extension of the Home)



Question 1: Role of the Library

What role should the Lamond-Riggs Library play in this community?

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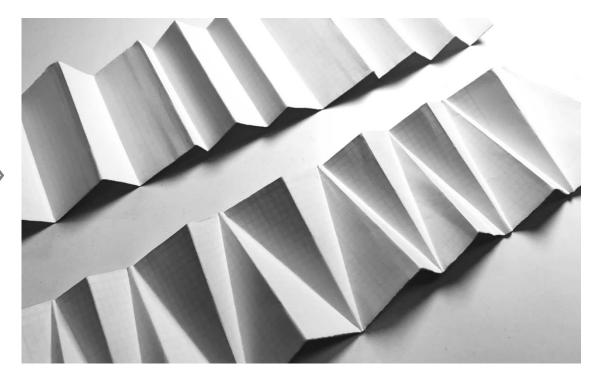




Project Review Concept (Integration with the Neighborhood)





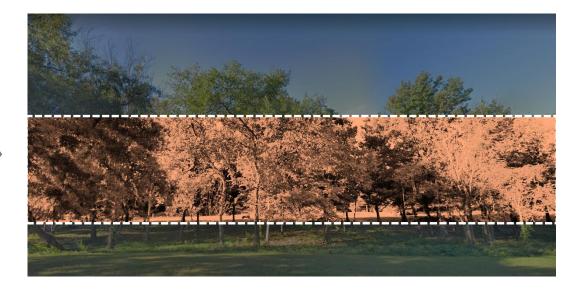


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Project Review Concept (Preservation of Memories)

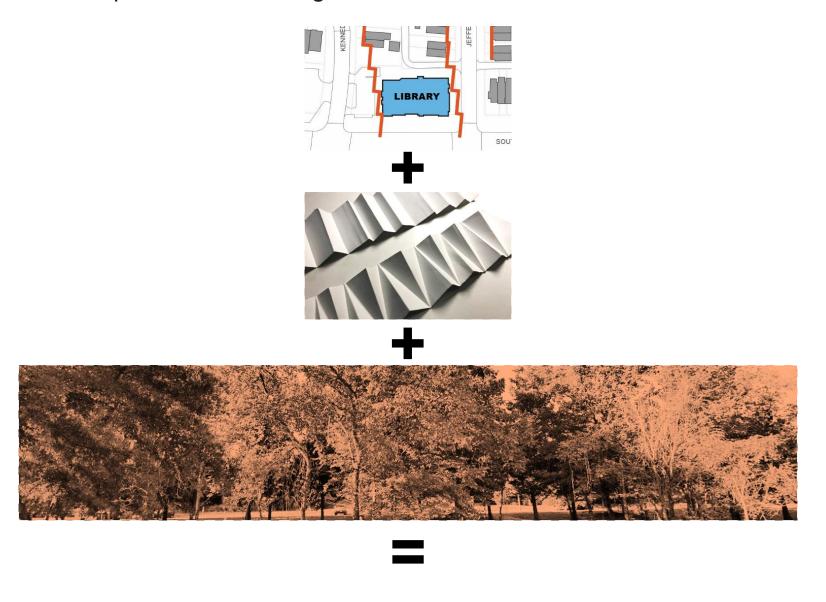






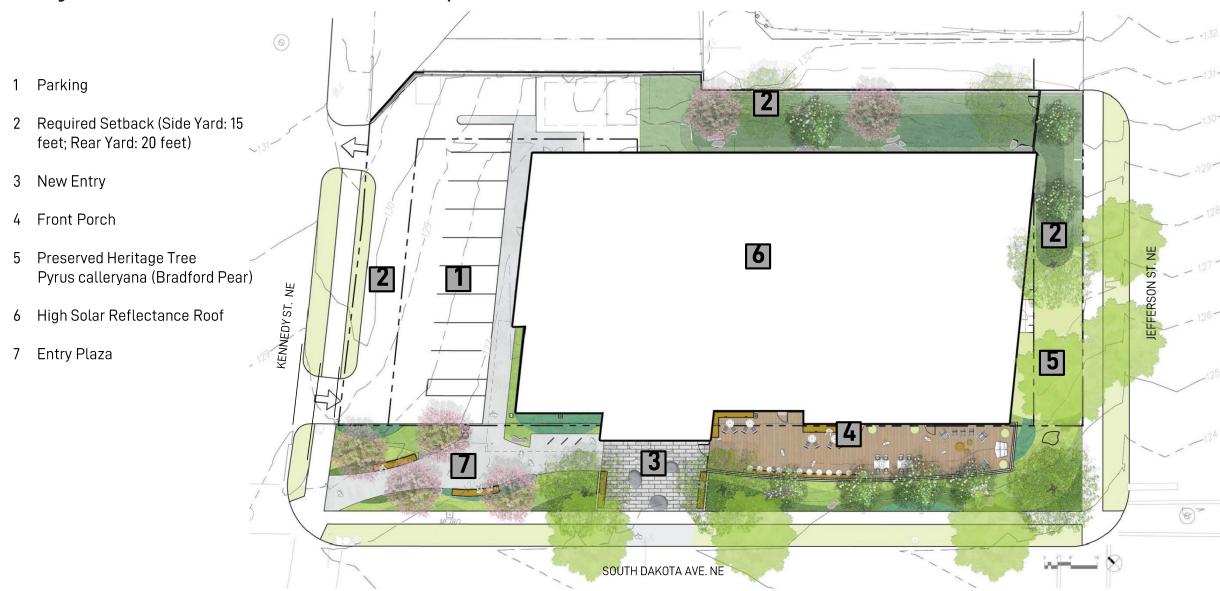
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Project Review Concept (Home + Neighborhood + Memories)





Project Review Site Plan (Concept - 1/16/2020)



Project Review Ground Level (Concept - 1/16/2020)

- 1 Entry Vestibule / Material Return
- 2 Entry Lobby
- 3 Information/Service Desk
- 4 Large Meeting Room
- 5 Children's Reading Room
- 6 Staff Work Room
- 7 Building Support
- 8 Open Stair / Heritage Wall



Project Review Upper Level (Concept - 1/16/2020)

- 1 Information/Service Desk
- 2 Productivity Center
- 3 Study Rooms
- 4 Anything / Anytime Space
- 5 Neighborhood Living Room
- 6 Exterior Balcony
- 7 Adult Reading Area
- 8 Staff
- 9 Open Stair / Heritage Wall



Project Review Comments (Concept - 1/16/2020)

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27 January 2020

Dear Mr. Reyes-Gavilan:

In its meeting of 16 January, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed a concept proposal for the replacement of the Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Library, located at 5401 South Dakota Avenue, NE. The Commission approved the concept and provided the following comments for the development of the design.

The Commission members expressed support for the proposal, commending the D.C. Public Library for its continuing commitment to design excellence for its facilities. In their discussion, they found that the proposed perforated aluminum facade screen is essential to the overall design concept, and they advised giving priority to retaining this feature during the development of the project. Noting a lack of clairly in the presentation of the many materials and details of the building's exterior, they requested additional documentation of the perforated screen and its connection to the curtainwall system, as well as the typical details for the various components of the facades.

In their support for the proposed landscape design, the Commission members identified several areas that would benefit from further study. Noting that the abstract trees depicted on the facade screen are intended to be reminiscent of the landscape across the street that will soon be lost to a new mixed-use development, they suggested extending this concept into the actual landscape of the library by planting additional trees on the site. In addition, they suggested that the proposed parking lot be reconceived to be a part of the landscape, rather than keeping it as standard pawement, and they questioned its placement on the site; they suggested that it could be pervious and be reconfigured to allow for the possible extension of the building's facade further along the South Dakota Avenue frontage, as well as for the inclusion of additional plantings, such as shade rees, near this corner. Ching the generally poor performance of Bradford pear trees, they questioned the retention of the existing pear tree near the site's southeast corner as the basis of the building and site planning. Expressing strong support for the proposed outdoor seating area, they suggested including a canopy and planting more trees to provide shade for this space. They also suggested refining and simplifying the proposed material palette to bring additional continuity to the ground plane and furnishings.

The Commission looks forward to the review of the next submission, which should include the requested documentation of building details, as well as improvements to the site incorporating the planned locations of new street trees. As always, the staff is available to assist you.

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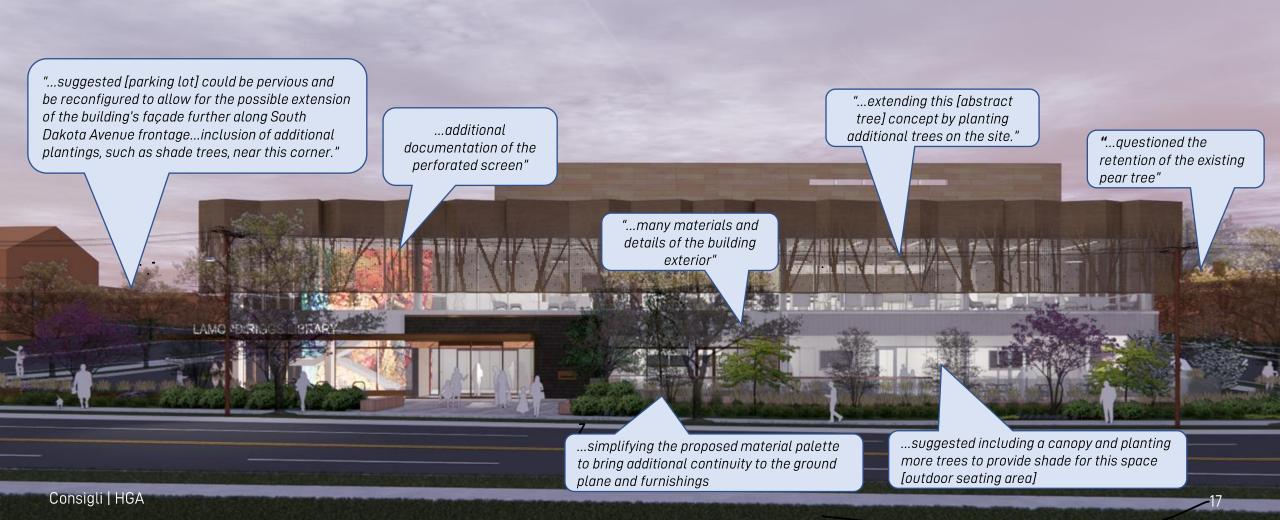
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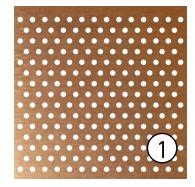
Simplify Material Palette

Building Materials Concept (1/16/2020)

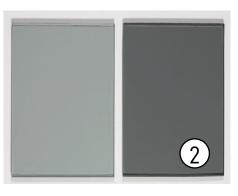
<u>CFA Comment:</u> Commissioners commented on the "many materials and details of the building exterior."



Building Elevation South Dakota Avenue



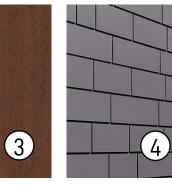
metallic powder coating finish



Perforated aluminum panel with Curtain wall system with low-E vision glass and spandrel



High Pressure Compact Laminate Trespa Meteon



Fiber Cement Panel (e.g. Equitone)



Storefront system with dark gray color mullion



Polycarbonate Panels

<u>Response</u>: The quantity of materials has been reduced and simplified. Also, as part of simplifying the material palette that Commissioners suggested, DCPL encouraged the design team to explore an alternative color palette at the exterior to create a more striking composition that reinforces the

massing.

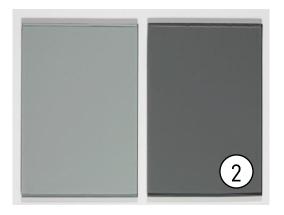
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Building Elevation Jefferson Street NE



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Perforated aluminum panel with metallic powder coating finish



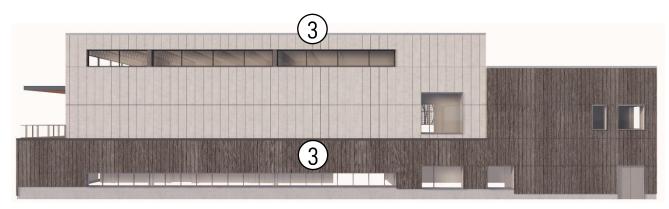
Curtain wall system with low-E vision glass and spandrel



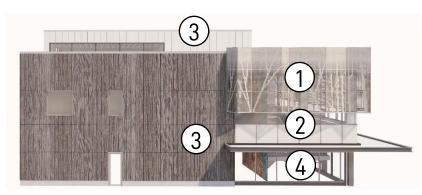
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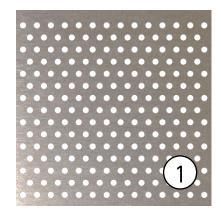
Storefront system



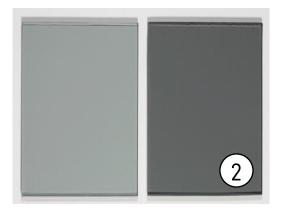
Building Elevation Northeast (Alley)



Building Elevation Kennedy Street NE



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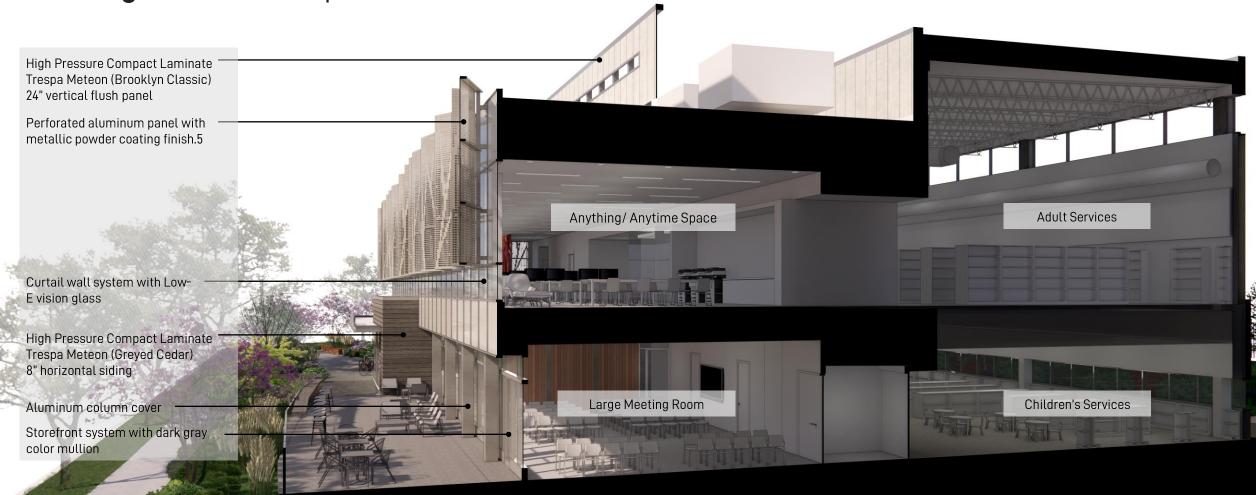
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Storefront system



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Building Materials South Dakota Avenue (Detail) LAMOND RIGGS LIBRARY Consigli | HGA





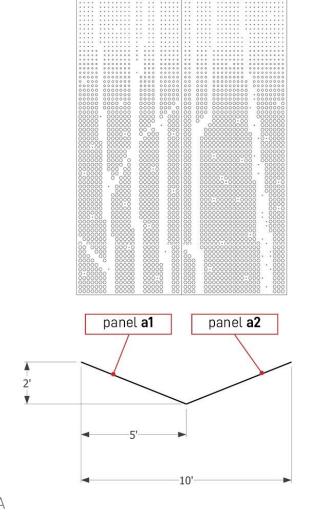
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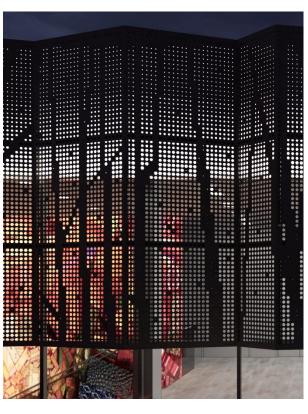
Documentation of Perforated Screen

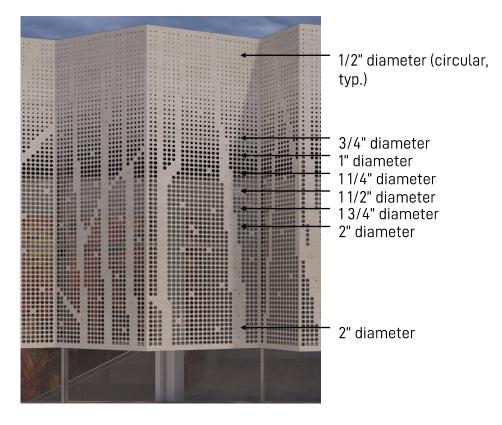
Documentation of Perforated Screen

<u>CFA Comment</u>: Commissioners requested additional documentation of the proposed exterior screen.

<u>Response</u>: Example of perforations at exterior screen, ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2" in diameter, depending on patterning of individual panel



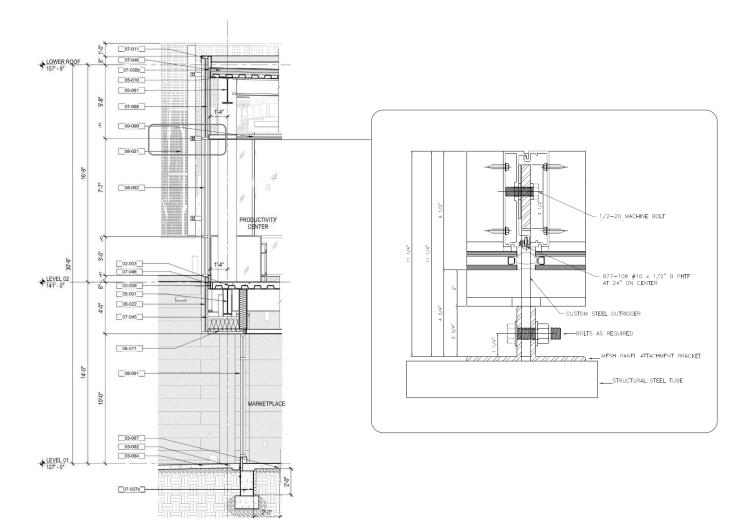




Documentation of Perforated Screen

Response: Section and Plan illustrating design intent at upper level perforated screen

#	DESCRIPTION
03-001	CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE FOOTING - SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO
03-002	CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE SLAB - SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO
03-003	COMPOSITE CONCRETE AND METAL DECK FLOOR STRUCTURE - SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO; 1 HR RATED UL D916
03-004	POURED/FORMED CONCRETE WALKWAY, PROVIDE CONCRETE SCORING AS INDICATED ON LANDSCAPE DRAWINGS. SEE CIVIL/SITE DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO
03-007	UNDERSLAB VAPOR BARRIER & GRAVEL
03-008	METAL DECK POUR STOP
04-002	8" NOMINAL CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT; REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS
04-003	4" NOMINAL CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT; REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS
05-001	STRUCTURAL STEEL MEMBER - SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO
05-005	2-1/2" MTL STUD @ 16" O.C.
05-008	6" COLD FORMED MTL STUD @ 16" O.C.
05-010	METAL DECK - SEE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFO
06-011	5/8" EXTERIOR GYP SHEATHING
07-005	R-19; 6" BATT INSULATION (INSUL-x)
07-005b	R-38; 12" BATT INSULATION (INSUL-x)
07-007b	R-10; 2" RIGID INSULATION
07-008	R-8; 2" MINERAL FIBER BOARD INSULATION; SEE SPEC (INSUL-x)
07-008b	R-28; (2)2 1/2" STAGGERED POLYISO RIGID INSULATION; SEE SPEC (INSUL-x)
07-011	ALUMINUM COPING; PROVIDE 6" WIDE BACK-UP AND COVERPLATES AT JOINTS
07-045	2" THICK MINERAL WOOL BOARD INSULATION TIGHTLY FITTED BETWEEN MULLION
07-046	MINERAL WOOL BATT SAFING
07-067	WOOD VENEER FACED COMPOSITE PANEL SYSTEM
08-001	FACTORY FINISHED ALUMINUM STOREFRONT SYSTEM
08-002	FACTORY FINISHED ALUMINUM CURTAIN WALL SYSTEM
08-021	BUILDING SUN SHADE ASSEMBLY ATTACHED TO CURTAINWALL MULLION
08-022	INSULATING SPANDREL GLASS
09-009	ACOUSTICAL CEILING TILE; REFER TO CEILING PLANS FOR TILE SIZE



Keynotes Section Plan



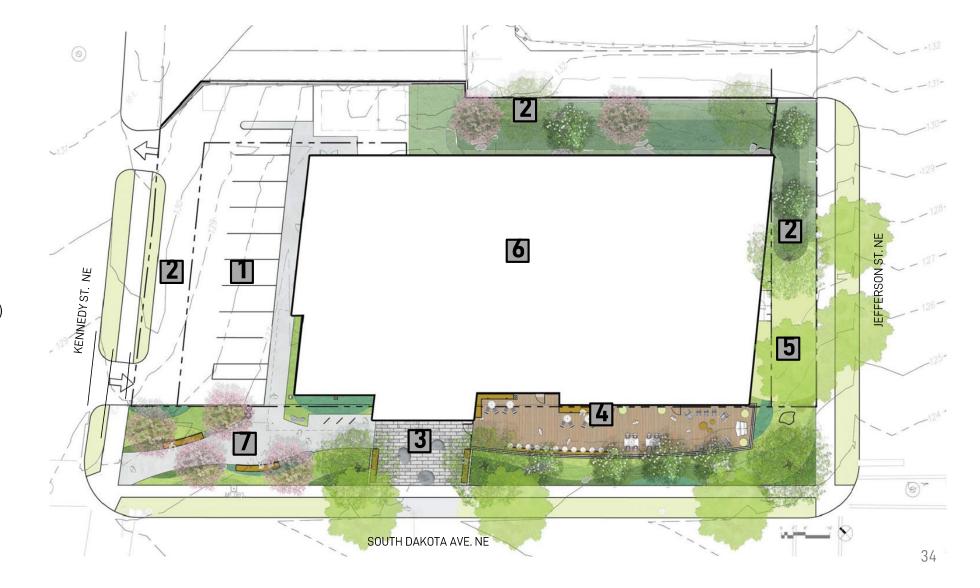
Site

Parking Lot Material Palette

Site Concept - 1/16/2020

<u>CFA Comments</u>: Commissioners suggested [parking lot] could be pervious and be reconfigured...[include] additional plantings such as shade trees near this corner...[simplify] the proposed material palette to bring additional continuity to the ground plane and furnishings

- 1 Parking
- 2 Required Setback (Side Yard: 15 feet; Rear Yard: 20 feet)
- 3 New Entry
- 4 Front Porch
- 5 Preserved Heritage Tree Pyrus calleryana (Bradford Pear)
- 6 High Solar Reflectance Roof
- 7 Entry Plaza



Site Proposed Landscape Plan

<u>Response</u>: Parking spaces shifted towards the back of the building to accommodate a larger planting area at the front corner of the building. This planting area also treats stormwater runoff from Kennedy Street. Parking spaces are now poured-in-place concrete flush to the concrete sidewalk, creating an entrance plaza. A bioretention area at the back of the building captures and treats runoff from the parking area.

- 1 Concrete Pavers
- 2 Poured in Place Concrete (Pedestrian)
- 2.1 Asphalt (Vehicular)
- 2.2 Dark Concrete (Vehicular)
- 3 Front Porch High Top Table
- 4 Native Ornamental Planting
- 5 Hardy Ground Cover
- 6 Stormwater Management Area
- 7 Bench
- 8 Existing Tree to Remain
- 9 Proposed Tree
- 10 Bioretention Wall
- 11 Seating Stones
- 12 Existing sidewalk to remain
- 13 Existing HC ramp to remain



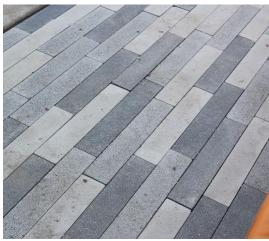
Site Materials



Bench: Pre-Cast Concrete: Grey color: Side and Center Arm rests to be added. To the benches



Bike Rack: Powder Coated Steel: Grey color



Pavers: Grey Linear Pavers

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Site Entrance Plaza / Parking Lot

Response: Simplified paving and site furnishings palette





Entrance Plaza-Front Door:

- Simplified Material Palette:
 - Poured-in-Place Concrete Paving
 - Pre-Cast Concrete Benches

Entrance Plaza-Parking Lot:

- Simplified Material Palette & Expanded Planting at Corner of Building:
 - Poured-in-Place Concrete Paving
 - Pre-Cast Concrete Benches

Site Front Porch

Response: Simplified paving and site furnishings palette





Front Porch

- Simplified Material Palette / Shade Trees at Porch:
 - Concrete Pavers Grey Palette
 - Precast Concrete Benches
 - Chinese Elm Shade Trees at Edge of Porch.
 - Fast Growing: appx. 2 feet growth per year
 - Full Growth in 15 Years: appx. 30 feet
 - Expanded Root Zone below Pavers

Site

Shading of Outdoor Seating Area
Abstract Tree Concept (Plant Additional Trees)
Bradford Pear Tree

Site Shading of Outdoor Seating Area (Concept)

<u>CFA Comment</u>: Commissioners noted that front porch is exposed to low south/southwest sun and requested the design team to explore approaches to provide shading in this area.



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Site Shading of Outdoor Seating Area (Studies)

<u>Response 1 (Bottom Left)</u>: The design team explored extruding the canopy currently at the entry vestibule into the "front porch". However, if extruded to same dimension, canopy will provide limited shade relief to porch occupants. Canopy also extends into public space requiring additional public review. The team does not recommend this solution.

<u>Response 2 (Bottom Right)</u>: In lieu of a permanent shading device (e.g. canopy), the team explored using a temporary/removable seasonal shading fixtures at porch. The team does not recommend this out of concern that fixtures are too informal for South Dakota Avenue.





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Site Shading of Outdoor Seating Area (Recommendation)

Response: The team explored—and recommends—providing additional deciduous shade trees between porch and sidewalk to address solar exposure, a solution that is consistent with the design overall concept

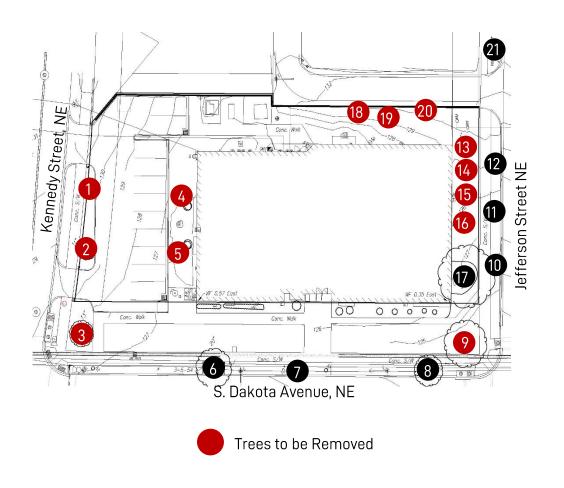


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Site Abstract Tree Concept / Plant Additional Trees

<u>CFA Comment</u>: Commissioners suggested the "...inclusion of additional plantings, such as shade trees, near this corner...questioned the retention of the existing pear tree"

<u>Response</u>: Additional tree canopy is provided around the building with larger canopy trees planted along South Dakota Avenue to provide additional shade. The existing Pear tree will be preserved.



Tree Number	Common Name	Scientific Name	DBH (Trunk Diameter in Inches Measured at 4.5 FT)	Condition	Notes
rumber	Common Name	Scientific (value	Measured at 4.3 1 1)	Condition	Notable dieback, short twig elongation, major decay in trunk and
1	Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana	12.2	Poor	mains stems, graft incompatibility. recommend removal
2	Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana	12.9	Fair/Poor	Low vigor, crown has been pruned back / retrenched presumably due to dieback. Short twig elongation
3	Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana	10.5, 14.0	Fair	Crown has been pruned back, re-sprouting vigorously. graft incompatibility, indication of previous girdling at base of trunk, damage to exposed surface roots. Poor soil, high foot traffic
4	Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	7 ft tall	Good	Multi-stem clump, no concerns
5	Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	10 ft tall	Good	Multi-stem clump, no concerns
6	Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	19.5	Good	Full crown, no concerns. growing in continuous planting strip between sidewalk and road. growing into utility lines
7	Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	10.3	Fair/Poor	Tree has been topped for utility printing, reduced crown size, tip dieback throughout canopy, pavement close to trunk on three sides, continuous strip on fourth side
8	Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	16.4	Good/Fair	Minor tip dieback. mostly full and vigorous. growing in continuous strip. Minor partial girdling of root flares by surface roots
9	Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana	21.8	Fair	Quite vigorous. but poor structure, major branch breakout has left wound and decay. graft incompatibility. leaning towards street and power lines
10	Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	2.2	Fair	Tip dieback, low vigor, likely due to transplant shock
11	Tree Lilac	Syringa reticulata	2.6	Poor	Tree appears mostly dead. some branches still have leaves and good buds
12	Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	4.3	Good/Fair	Mostly full and vigorous.
13	Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana	3.5, 4.0, 4.7, 3.0, 4.5, 3.5, 3.0, 4.5, 4.5	Fair/Poor	Sprouts growing from decaying old stump. moderately vigorous, but poor structure
14	Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	1.2, 1.5, 1.4, 1.0	Good	No concerns
15	Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	2.0, 2.5, 2.5, 2.3, 2.5, 2.3	Good	No concerns
16	Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	1.5, 1.0, 1.2	Good	No concerns
17	Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana	26.7	Fair	$\mbox{\sc Vigorous.}$ history of major branch breakage with large wounds. decay in main stems.
18	White Mulberry	Morus alba	3.5, 3.0, 3.5, 2.0	Fair	Good vigor. sprouting from old stump. vigorous. weedy
19	American Elm	Ulmus americana	5.3	Fair/Poor	Decent vigor. poor structure/form, numerous sprouts emerging from old wound
20	White Mulberry	Morus alba	5	Fair/Poor	Vigorous, sprouted form, likely hedged back previously. weedy
21	Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	4.9	Fair	Reasonably full. shorter twig elongation suggests lower vigor. some dead branches

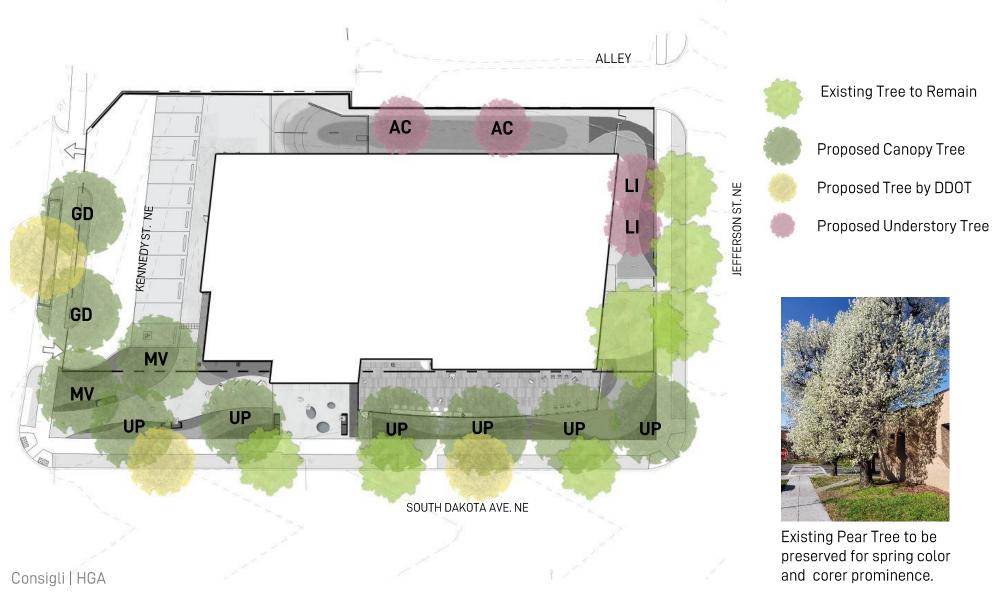
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Existing Tree to Remain Proposed Trees:

UP - Ulmus parvifolia Chinese Elm

LI - Lagerstroemia indica Crape Myrtle

GD Gymnocladus dioicus Kentucky Coffee Tree

AC -Amelanchier canadensis Serviceberry

MV - Magnolia virginiana Sweetbay Magnolia

Existing Pear Tree to be preserved for spring color

Site Planting Palette

TREES AND SHRUBS



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Ilex glabra 'Compacta' Inkberry Holly



Cornus sericea 'Farrow' Farrow Red Twig Dogwood

GRASSES, PERENNIALS AND GROUNDCOVER



*Muhlenbergia capilaris*Pink Muhlygrass



Hylotelephium spectabile 'Brilliant' Brilliant stonecrop



Amsonia hubrichtii Bluestar



Carex pensylvanica Pennsylvania sedge



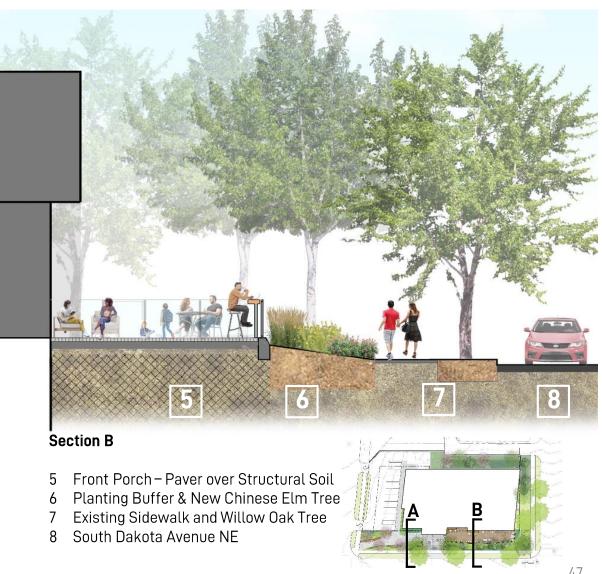
Bioretention planting

Site Abstract Tree Concept / Plant Additional Trees / Shading of Outdoor Areas

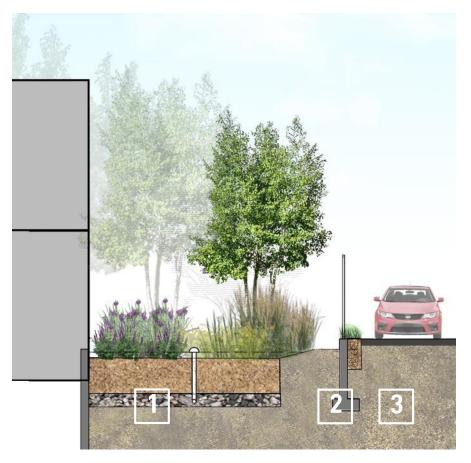


Section A:

- 1 Plaza Paving over Structural Soil
- 2 Planting Buffer & New Chinese Elm Tree
- 3 Existing Sidewalk and Willow Oak Tree
- 4 South Dakota Avenue NE

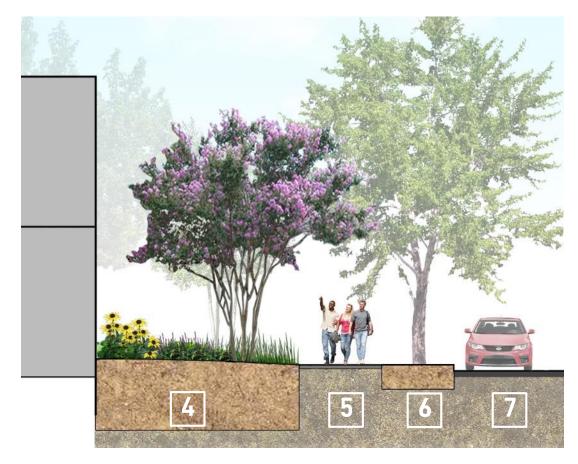


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Section C

- 1 Bioretention Planting w/ new Serviceberry Tree
- 2 Existing wall & Fence
- 3 Alley



Section D

- 4 Planting w/ new Crape Myrtle Tree
- 5 Sidewalk
- 6 Street tree pit
- 7 Jefferson Street NE

