Fields Corner Branch Library

Public Meeting

December 12, 2018

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor
Boston Public Library
City of Boston, Public Facilities Department

Oudens Ello Architecture / RODE Architects
Agenda

1. Introduction: David Leonard, President, Boston Public Library
2. The Team
3. The Process
4. Initial Thoughts
5. Next Steps
6. Feedback
The Team

Project Team

Fields Corner Community

City of Boston
Public Facilities Department

Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services

Dept. of Neighborhood Development

Boston Planning & Development Agency

Boston Public Library

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Library Consultant

RODE
Mixed Use Architects

Consultants & Engineers

Oudens Ello
Architecture
The Team

Project Team

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CHERYL BRYAN CONSULTING

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RSE ASSOCIATES

MEP/FP ENGINEER:
WSP

CIVIL ENGINEER:
NITSCH ENGINEERING

LANDSCAPE:
G2 COLLABORATIVE

CODE:
CODE RED CONSULTANTS
The Process
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Planning Study

Like the recent studies completed for the Dudley and Chinatown Branches, this is a **Planning Study** that precedes a possible future Building Design Project.
The Process
Planning Study

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Completion of Feasibility Study
October 2019

We are here
The Process

Project Goals

• Evaluate existing building’s physical condition and its ability to meet programmatic needs

• Develop a building space program based on feedback from community and staff

• Explore opportunities for mixed-use development with library (i.e. housing, retail, commercial)

• Strengthen the library’s connection to the Fields Corner neighborhood and develop possible expanded program opportunities specific to that community

• Identification of neighborhood demographic trends
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**BPL Compass  Principles for Excellence: “Free to All”**

1. User-Centered Institution
2. Community Gathering
3. Special Collections
4. Center of Knowledge
5. Children and Teens
6. Access and Innovation
7. Sustainable Organization
8. Fun
The Process

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Service Priorities:

1. Reading & Literacy
2. Community Gathering
3. Reference & Instruction
4. Cultural Heritage
The Process

Existing Conditions Assessment

- Space Deficiencies
- Building Systems
- Building Envelope
- Security and Accessibility

- Inadequate community space
- Poor sightlines for staff supervision
- Library entrance not prominent
- Need for expanded Children and Teen Areas
- Weak connection between library and street at important corner
The Process

Existing Conditions Assessment
The Process

Building Program

Existing Areas to be Improved:
Entry
Borrower’s Desk
Staff Work Room
Adult Collection/Reading
Children Collection/Reading
Teen Collection/Reading
Community Room
Restrooms (public and staff)
Building Services (trash, storage, etc.)
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Possible Expanded/New Areas:
Community Room (100 seats)
Computer/Multipurpose Classroom
Small Conference/Study Rooms
Qualitative Library Goals:
Improved Sightlines
Daylighting
Flexible Spaces
Improved Technology
Improved Building Comfort
Improved Staff Workflow

The Process
Building Program
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Mixed Use
Next Steps
Next Steps

Project Schedule

Task 1: Facility Assessment/Programming
4 months

Task 2: Development of Planning Options
6 months

Task 3: Final Report
2 months

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Feedback?

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