Dudley Branch Library Renovations

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor
Project #7084
City of Boston Public Facilities Department

Boston Public Library

Utile, Inc. Architecture and Planning

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Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Recap of Previous Meetings
- Exterior Design
- Percent for Art Program
- BTD Complete Streets Project Update
- BPDA Plan Dudley Project Update
- Project Schedule
The Team

- Dudley Branch Community Advisory Council
- Boston Public Library
- Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
- City of Boston Public Facilities Department
- Other Projects: BTD & BPDA

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Richard Burck Associates, Inc.
Landscape Architecture
Recap of Previous Meetings
Project Goals
Reimagining the Dudley Branch Library

- **Open up** the building to better **connect to the site** and consider opportunities to “**warm up**” its exterior presence.

- **Create better defined spaces** within the library

- Improve signage and wayfinding

- **Incorporate flexibility** to meet evolving programming needs.

- **Improve building performance** and energy efficiency of sustainable building systems.

- Strengthen digital resources.

- Create more **opportunities for Art.**

- Enhance **local history** display.

- Ensure accessibility throughout the building and site.

- Modernize furnishings and equipment
Recap

Existing Plans
Organizational Diagrams

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**Art**: Integrate art with the library

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**Ground Level**
Program Plans

Updated Concept Plan
Exterior Design
Percent for Art Program
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City of Boston

Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture

Boston Art Commission
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The BAC is the commissioning body for the City of Boston. It holds contracts with artists, approves artwork on City land, and conserves the City of Boston’s collection of art and historical artifacts.
Public Art Vision

We promote innovative & transformative artworks that: engage the community, enrich and enliven the urban environment, are driven by a clear artistic vision, enhance the diversity of the existing collection, are site specific, and are built to last.
Percent for Art Program

The Percent for Art program is an initiative of Boston Creates. The program demonstrates the City’s commitment to sustainable funding for the arts by setting aside one percent of the City’s annual capital borrowing budget for the commissioning of public art.
Public Art + Capital Projects

Percent for Art will integrate public art in City capital projects, engage city agencies and municipal partners on best public art practices, and create high quality and meaningful public art.
Guidelines

➔ Funding equitably across neighborhoods
➔ 6 Projects / year
➔ Permanent art
➔ High impact - public buildings and public sites
➔ Starting the process early
Dudley BPL identified as a % for Art Project

Kick off Community Meeting

Convene Community Advisory Panel

Draft RFP / Convene Artist Selection Committee

RFP is released

Artist is selected

Design and development + Artist/Community engagement

Art Work is installed

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**Timeline**

- Fall 2017:
  - RFP is released
  - Convene Community Advisory Panel
- 2 months:
  - Draft RFP / Convene Artist Selection Committee
- 1 month:
  - Artist is selected
- 2 months:
  - Design and development + Artist/Community engagement
- 8-10 months:
  - Art Work is installed

Final months of library construction
BTD Complete Streets Project Update
• Currently refining our 25% drawings. Plans under review
• Stakeholder meetings ongoing
• Next Community Meeting September
• Continuing coordination
  – Dudley Branch Library
  – Planned Development Projects
  – Gourdin Park
  – Malcolm X cycle track
  – MBTA
• Funded for construction (approx 9mil)
• Complete Final Design - January 2018

• Advertise for Construction – Spring 2018

• Begin Construction – Summer 2018
## Summary of Preferred Alternative

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<td><strong>Bus Circulation</strong></td>
<td>• 180+ miles reduction in bus travel → air quality improvements</td>
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<td>• Creates opportunity for public/pedestrian space within bus station</td>
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<td>• Eastbound buses uses Roxbury Street to bus station</td>
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<td><strong>Traffic Flow</strong></td>
<td>• New traffic signal equipment</td>
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<td>• Update signal timing &amp; phasing</td>
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<td>• Maintain capacity</td>
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<td><strong>Parking</strong></td>
<td>• Loss of few on-street parking spaces</td>
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<td><strong>Pedestrian Accommodations</strong></td>
<td>• Shorter crosswalks and ADA improvements</td>
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<td>• New pedestrian signals</td>
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<td><strong>Bicycle Accommodations</strong></td>
<td>• Cycle track along Dudley Street &amp; add bike lanes on street</td>
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<td>• Increased bicycle parking</td>
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<td><strong>Streetscape</strong></td>
<td>• New streetlights, trees, planting beds, “green elements”</td>
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Proposed Dudley Square
Dudley Street Rendering
BPDA PLAN: Dudley Square
BPDA
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Project Schedule
Design Schedule

- **2016**
  - Programming and Site Discovery
  - Schematic Design
  - Design Development

- **2017**
  - Construction Documents
  - FF&E
  - Advertise / Bidding / Contracts

- **2018**
  - Construction

- **Events and Milestones**
  - Community Meeting 1
  - 10/7: MBLC Letter of Intent
  - 10/24: MBLC Workshop
  - 1/26: MBLC Application Due
  - Community Meeting 2
  - Community Meeting 3
  - Community Meeting 4
  - Community Meeting 5
  - Prequalify Contractors
  - Community Meeting 6
  - Groundbreaking Ceremony
Thank You!