McKim Master Plan Update

Community Meeting
Common Themes & Priorities
December 15, 2020

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General Information

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Project Schedule
Proposed Community Meeting Dates

Visioning & Program Phase
1. Listening & Idea Generating
2. Common Themes & Priorities

Concept Design Phase
3. Concept Progress & Options
4. Concept Refinement & Share-Out

Agenda
Community Meeting #2 - Common Themes & Priorities

PART 1
Project Overview & Meeting Recap

PART 2
Program Ideas & Interactive Polling

PART 3
Optional Group Break-Out Session
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Project Overview & Meeting Recap
Project Focus
McKim Building & Dartmouth St. Plaza

McKim Entrance
Aerial View
View towards Copley Square
Project Focus
McKim Building Section
Project Focus
3rd Floor

Currently the only publicly accessible space on the 3rd floor

1. Sargent Gallery
2. Cheverus Room
3. West Corridor
4. Wiggin Gallery
5. Cushman Room
6. Koussevitzky

Bolyston St.

Dartmouth St.
Community Meeting #1

Summary

1. Presentation

11 Moderators

69 Public Participants (including 16 library staff members)

80 Total Participants

2. 10 Break-Out Q&A Sessions (3-6 participants each)

3. Group Presentations

75 Total Responses
Community Meeting #1
Aligning Priorities for the Project
Project Mission
McKim Master Plan

Reference & Research
Support general interest work and academic studies by providing improved physical and technological resources in a centrally located environment.

Education & Experimentation
Foster educational experiences for K-12 and life long learning by expanding the access to and reimagining the interaction with the Library’s research and special collections.

People & Culture
Share and celebrate the story of the community and the Library’s connection with the growing diversity of patrons through interactions and experiences.
Project Goals
McKim Master Plan

Enhance the Visitor Experience of:

Building
Collections
Services
Project Priorities
Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

FREE-TO-ALL
Project Priorities
Addressing Accessibility

Both Physical & Information
Project Priorities
Wayfinding

Where can I find...
Project Priorities

Collections

Scholarship & Stewardship
PART 2

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Interactive Polling

- Choose as many answers as you like!
- Please note that you may need to scroll down to see all of the information.
- When you are finished, hit the (Submit) button at the bottom of the survey.
### Exterior Activation
1. Copley Connection
2. Awareness
3. Amenities
4. Public Art & Events

### Interior Activation
1. Destinations
2. Amenities
3. Display & Exhibits
4. Arts
5. Youth & Families
PART 2 - SECTION 1

Exterior Activation
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Celebrate & Expand the Possibilities

What else can the plaza offer?
Connection to Copley Square

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Copley Square, image via Google Earth
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New Bedford Courthouse, Stoss
Image via BPL

Harvard Plaza, Stoss

Bryant Park Reading Room, image via Wikimedia
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Movies by Moonlight, image via Wikimedia
Open Air Cinema, image via Wikimedia
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