Albina Library Design Update

Eliot Neighborhood Association Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022

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Multnomah County Library
Capital Bond Projects
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Agenda

Albina Library

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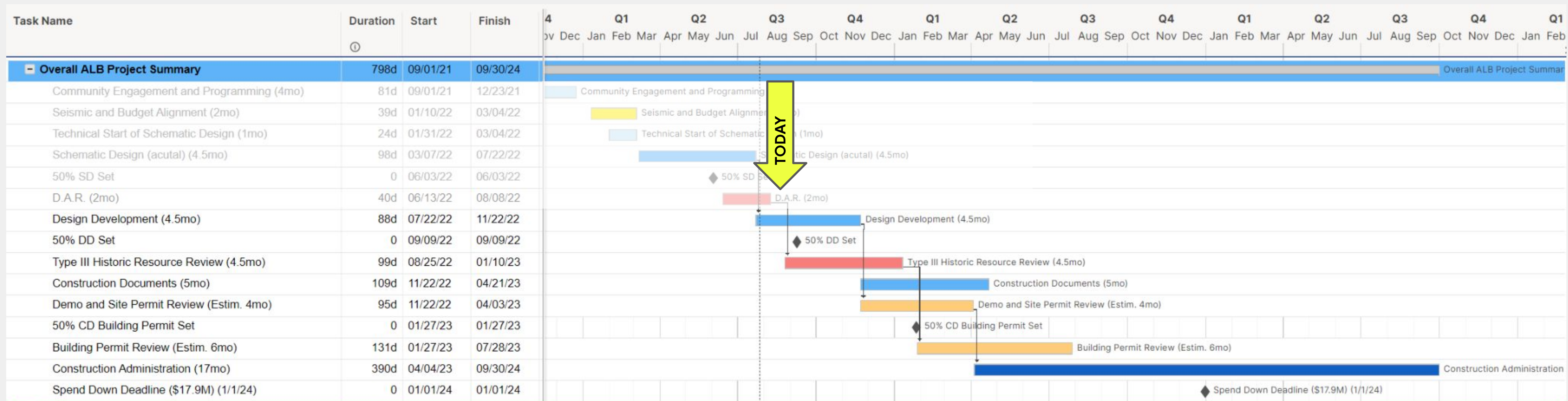3. Design Update (*incl. Collections Summary*)
4. DAR Hearing Update

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Schedule Update

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Albina Schedule

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
− Overall ALB Project Summary	798d	09/01/21	09/30/24
Community Engagement and Programming (4mo)	81d	09/01/21	12/23/21
Seismic and Budget Alignment (2mo)	39d	01/10/22	03/04/22
Technical Start of Schematic Design (1mo)	24d	01/31/22	03/04/22
Schematic Design (acutal) (4.5mo)	98d	03/07/22	07/22/22
50% SD Set	0	06/03/22	06/03/22
D.A.R. (2mo)	40d	06/13/22	08/08/22
Design Development (4.5mo)	88d	07/22/22	11/22/22
50% DD Set	0	09/09/22	09/09/22
Type III Historic Resource Review (4.5mo)	99d	08/25/22	01/10/23
Construction Documents (5mo)	109d	11/22/22	04/21/23
Demo and Site Permit Review (Estim. 4mo)	95d	11/22/22	04/03/23
50% CD Building Permit Set	0	01/27/23	01/27/23
Building Permit Review (Estim. 6mo)	131d	01/27/23	07/28/23
Construction Administration (17mo)	390d	04/04/23	09/30/24
Spend Down Deadline ($17.9M) (1/1/24)	0	01/01/24	01/01/24

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
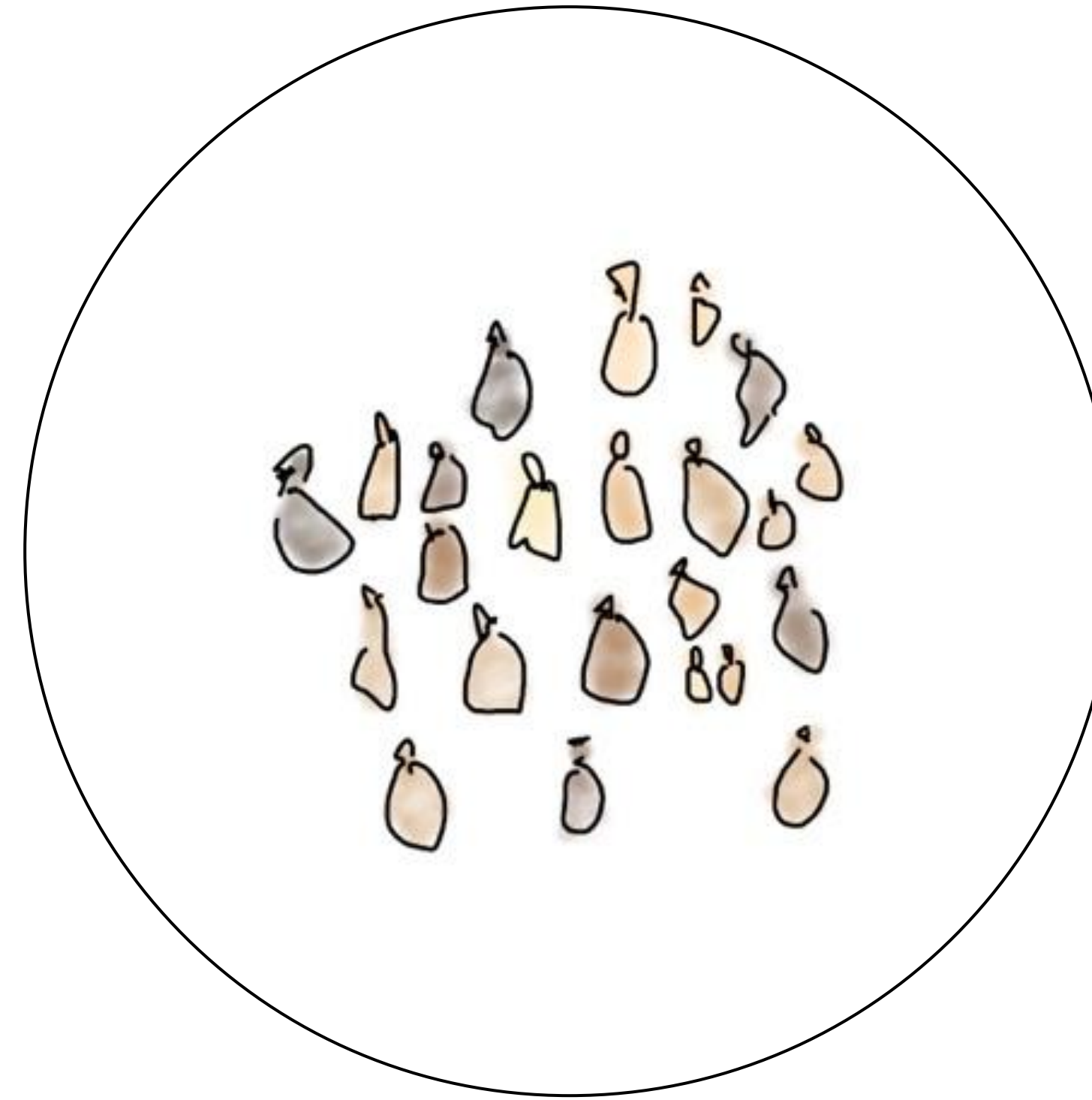
Process & Design Recap

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Proposed Design
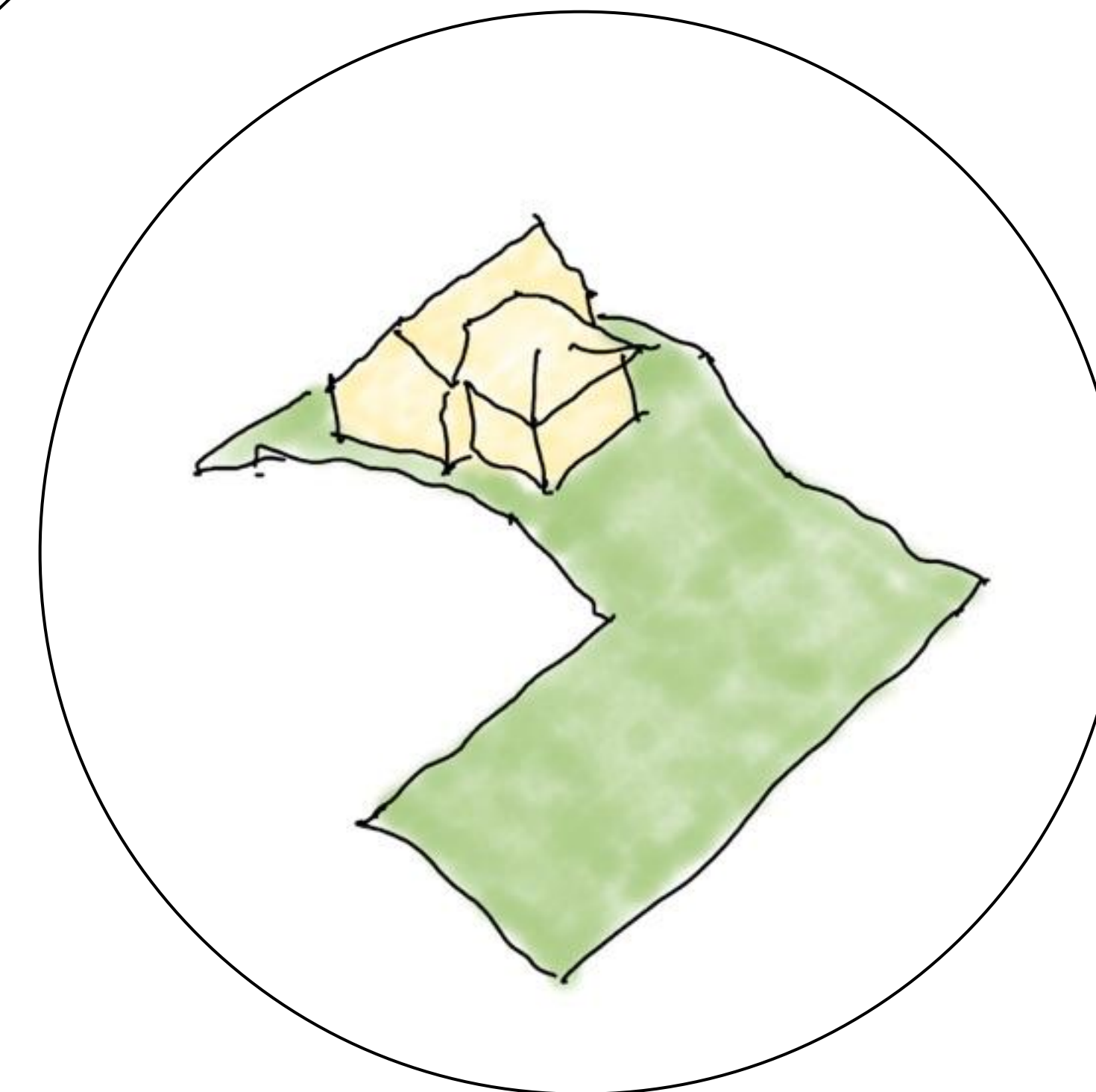## Design Drivers

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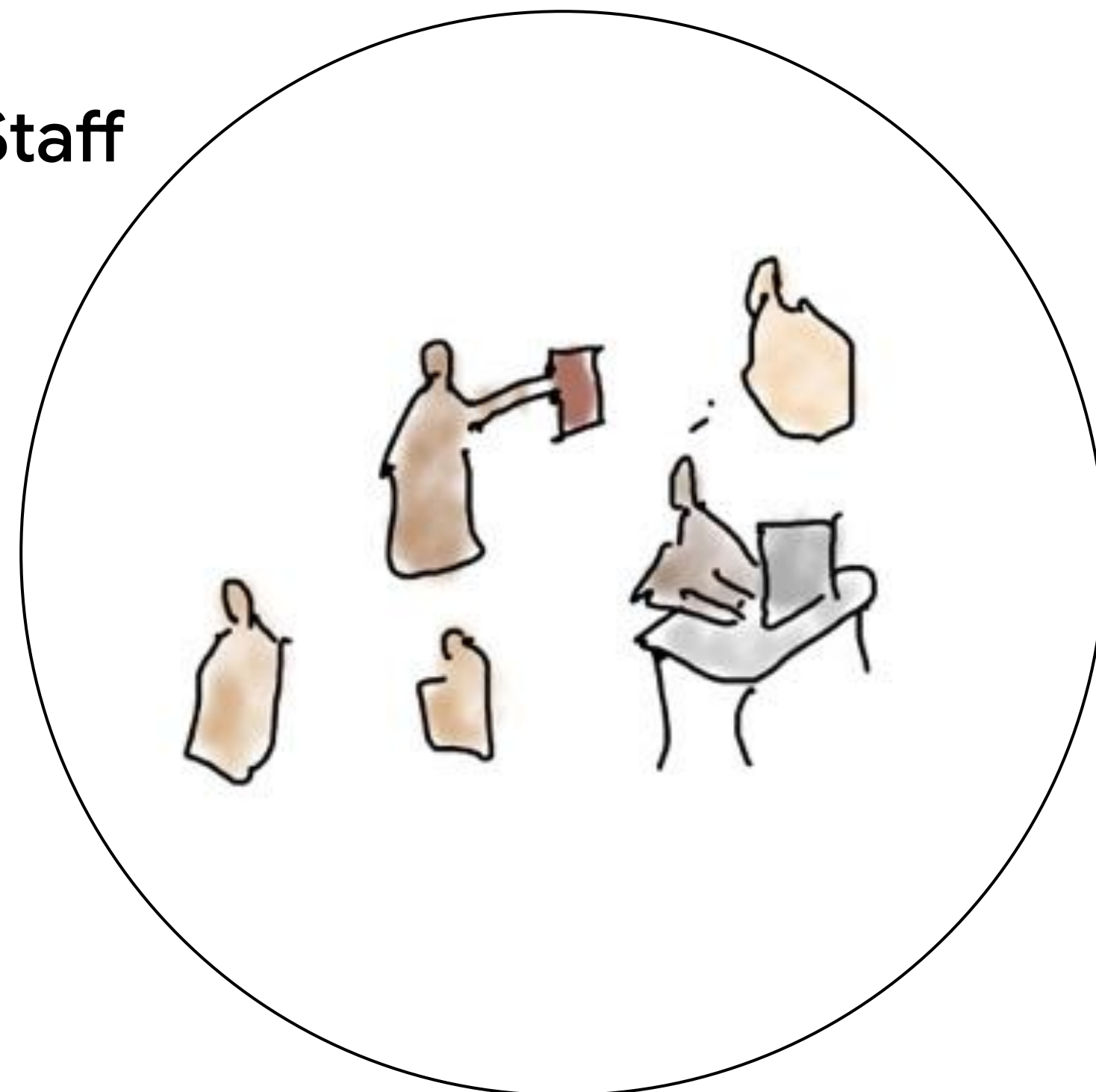- Outreach, Engagement, involvement

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

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)
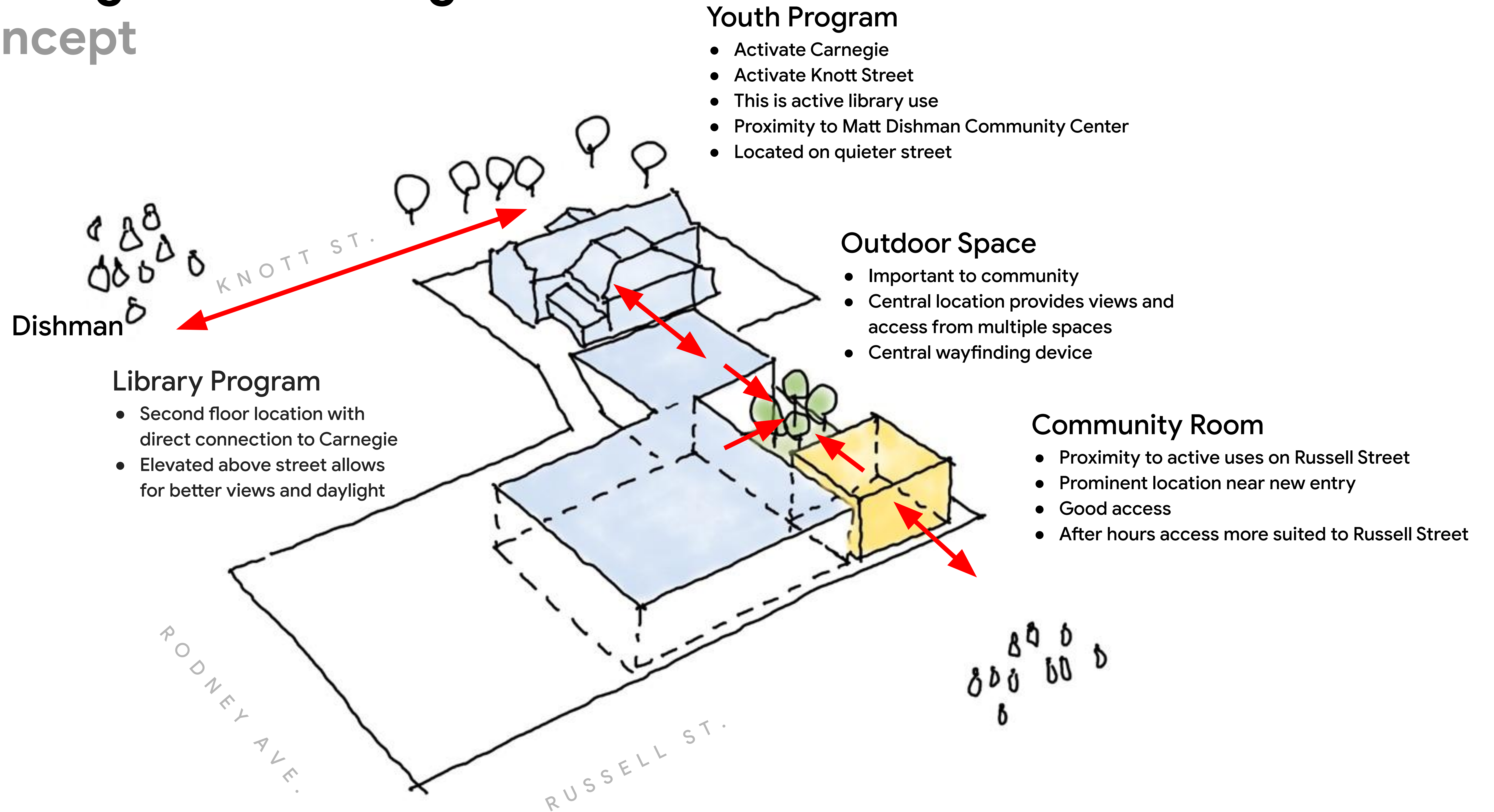
Design Considerations
Design Principles created from Community feedback

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
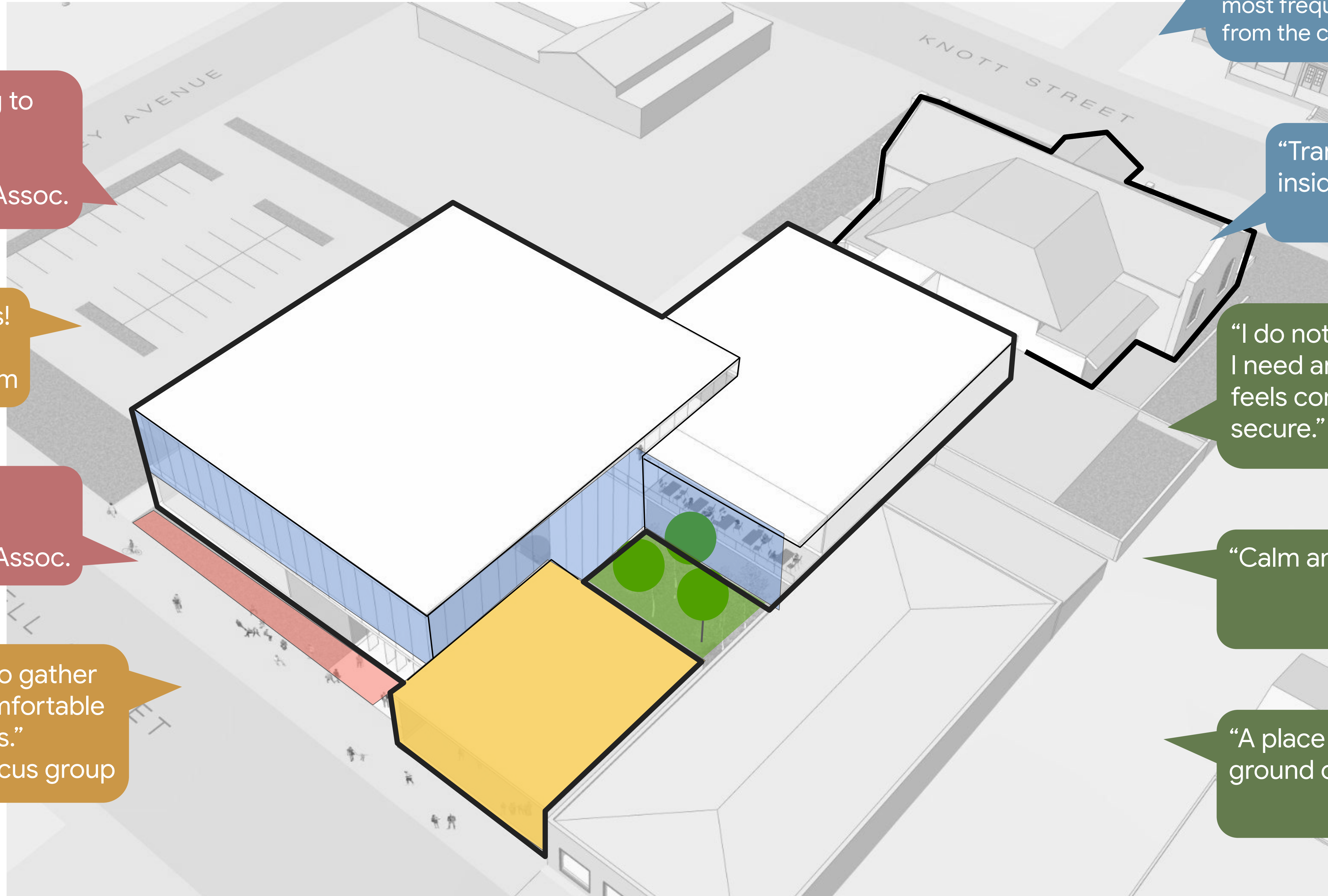
Library Program in Carnegie
Site Concept

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

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

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

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

Dishman

KNOTT ST.

RODNEY AVE.

RUSSELL ST.

Design Process
Community Driven Design

"Open and light, with big windows"
        -Boards at Dishman
Light, bright and open is the second most frequent comment we heard from the community.

"Minimize off site parking to activate neighborhood streets."
        -Albina Neighborhood Assoc.

"Transparency: between inside and outside."
        -CE 1 Zoom

"More community spaces! Both large and small!"
        -CE 3 Zoom

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

"Activate street front on Russell"
        -Albina Neighborhood Assoc.

"Calm and secure outdoor areas."
        -Latinx focus group

"Space for large groups to gather for meetings that are comfortable and accessible for seniors."
        -Black Portlanders focus group

"A place to take our shoes off and ground ourselves to the earth."
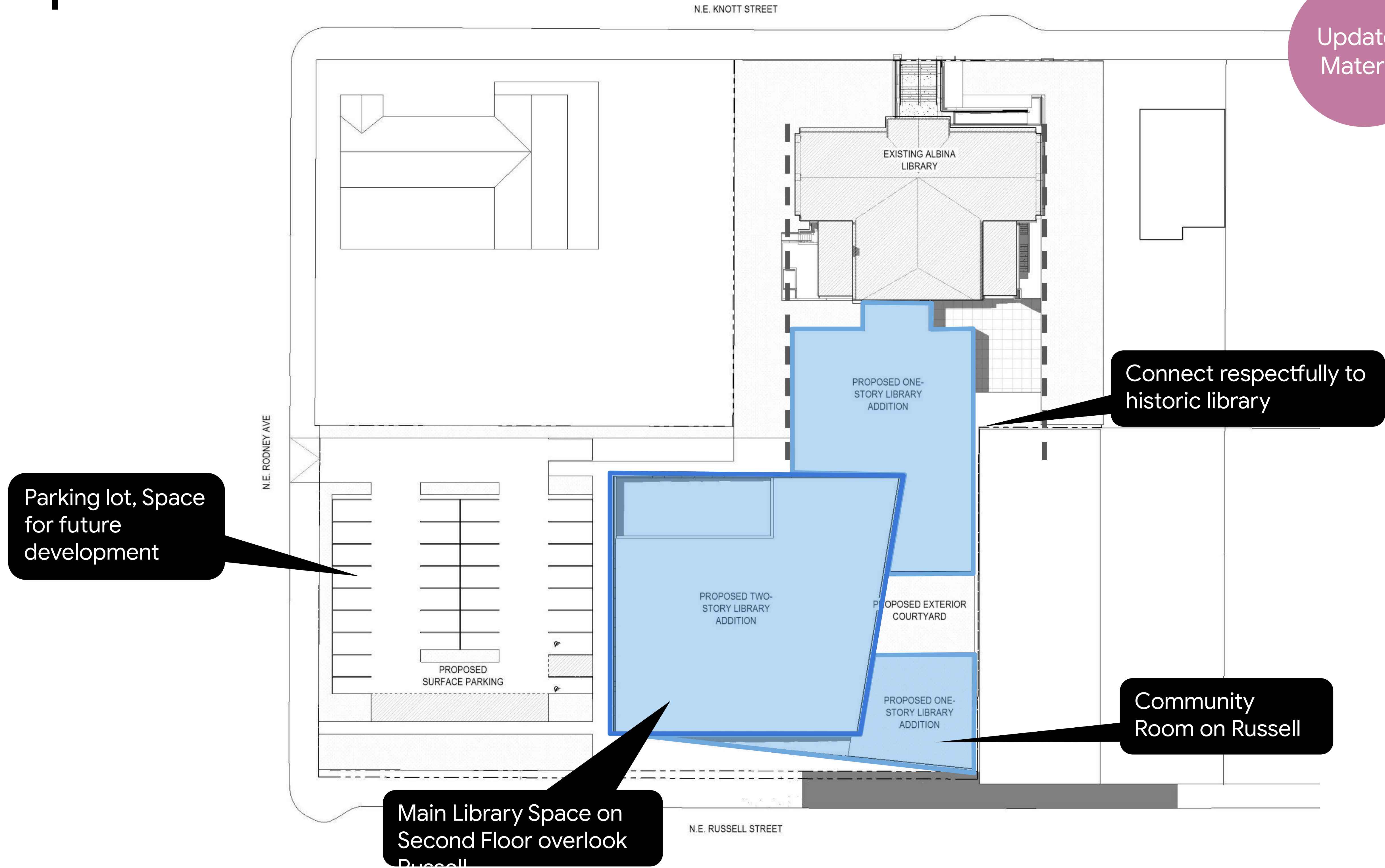   - Indigenous focus group

Design Update

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Site Concept
Site Plan

Updated Material

N.E. KNOTT STREET

EXISTING ALBINA LIBRARY

N.E. RODNEY AVE

PROPOSED ONE-STORY LIBRARY ADDITION

Connect respectfully to historic library

Parking lot, Space for future development

PROPOSED SURFACE PARKING

PROPOSED TWO-STORY LIBRARY ADDITION

PROPOSED EXTERIOR COURTYARD

PROPOSED ONE-STORY LIBRARY ADDITION

Community Room on Russell

Main Library Space on Second Floor overlook Russell

N.E. RUSSELL STREET

Site Plan

Updated Material

Historic Library, Children Area

EXISTING LIBRARY

READING DECK

PROPOSED 6 STORY RESIDENTIAL

Courtyard w/ Covered Terrace

TRASH / LOADING   STAFF

STAFF ENTRY

Space for Food Carts

PARKING (~32 stalls)

COURTYARD

EX'G RECORD STORE

Frontage Garden & Entry Plaza

ENTRY

FRONTAGE GARDEN

BOOK DROP

Removal of both Russell St. curb cuts

Floor Plan
Level 1

Updated Material

Existing library basement

PARKING

FRONTAGE GARDEN

TRASH / LOADING

STAFF

BOOK DROP

Admin. Office

Lobby

Courtyard

Community Room

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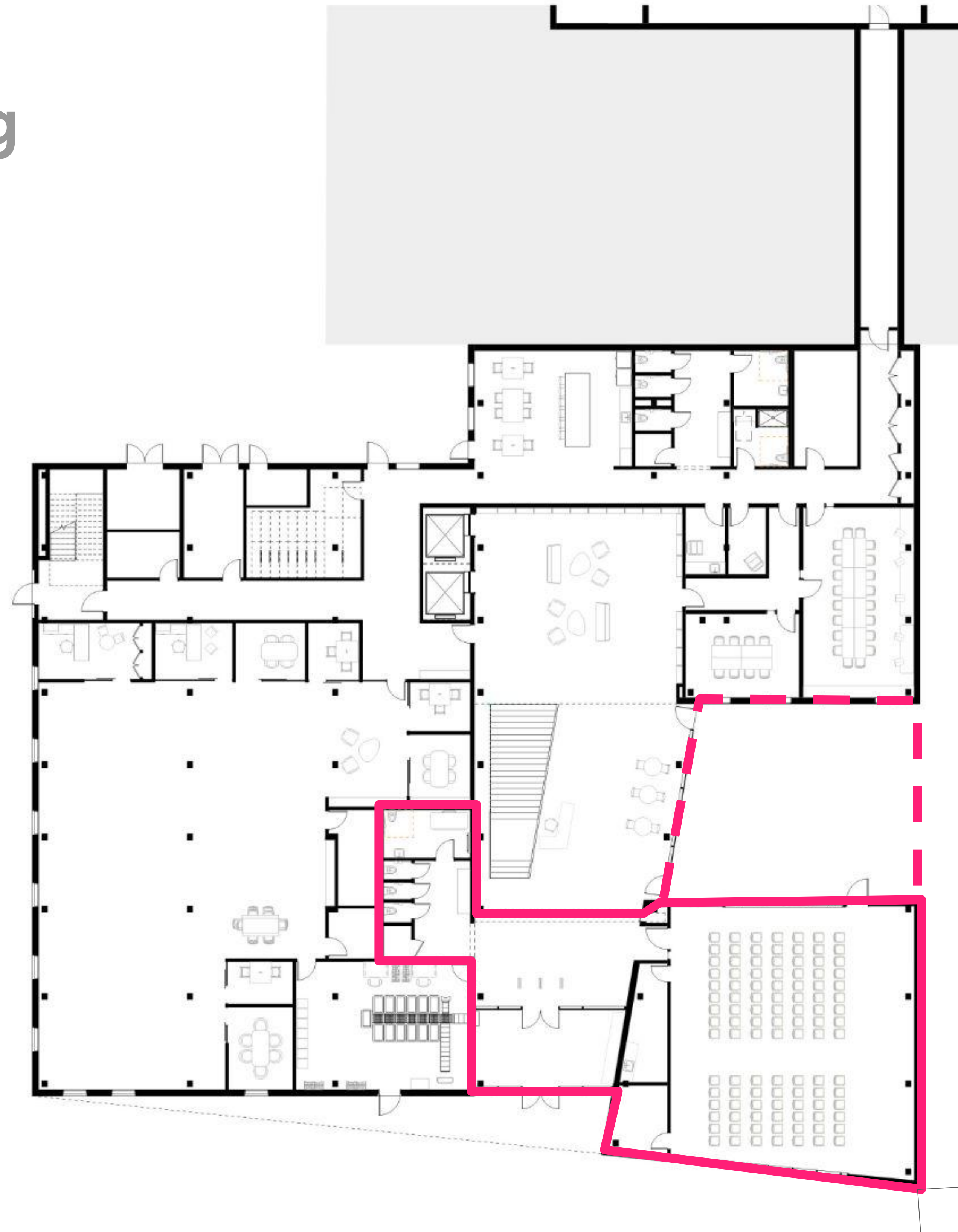
Second Floor Plan
After Hours Zoning

Access to: Community room, bathrooms
Optional: Courtyard

Floor Plan
Level 2

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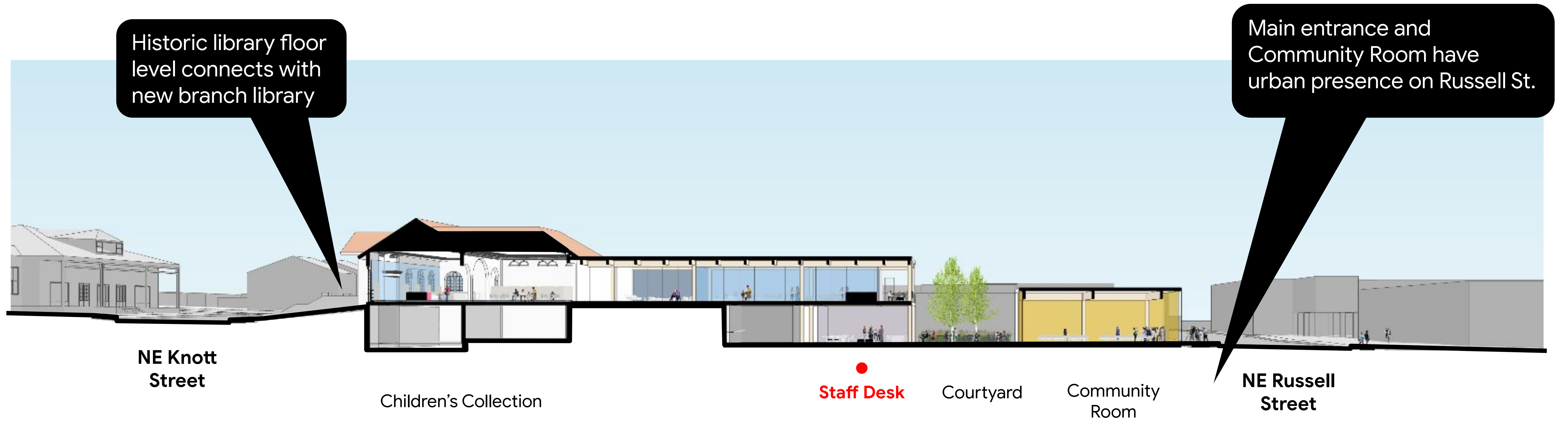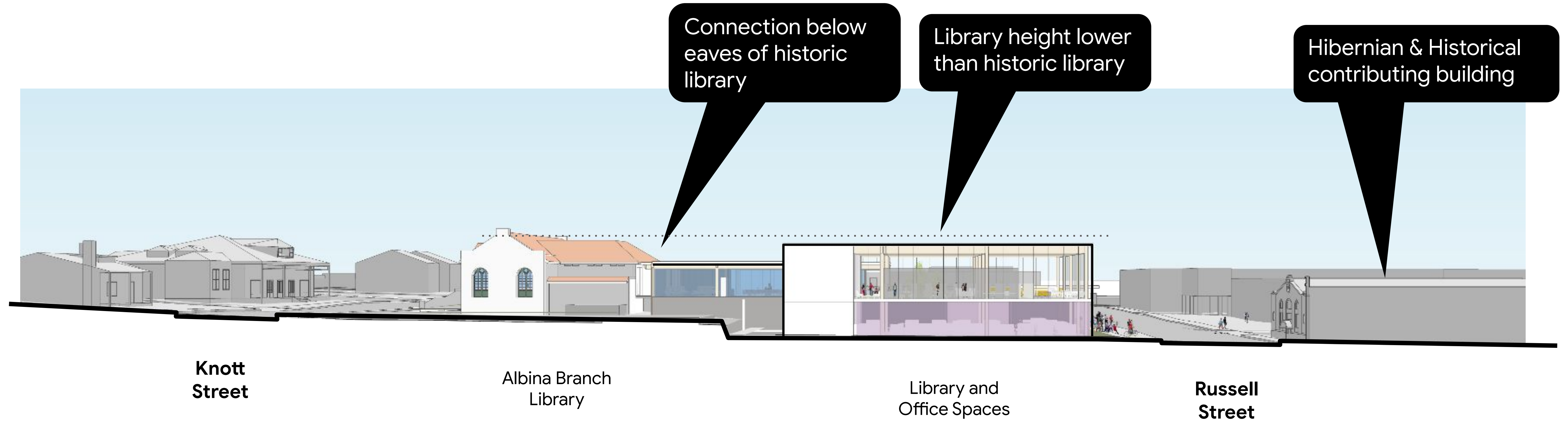
Children's

Children's area in historic library

Landscape terrace

Staff

Teen & program spaces

Entry & Desk

Outdoor terrace

Courtyard

Stacks

Green Roof

Stacks & reading room

PROPOSED 6 STORY RESIDENTIAL

TRASH / LOADING

STAFF

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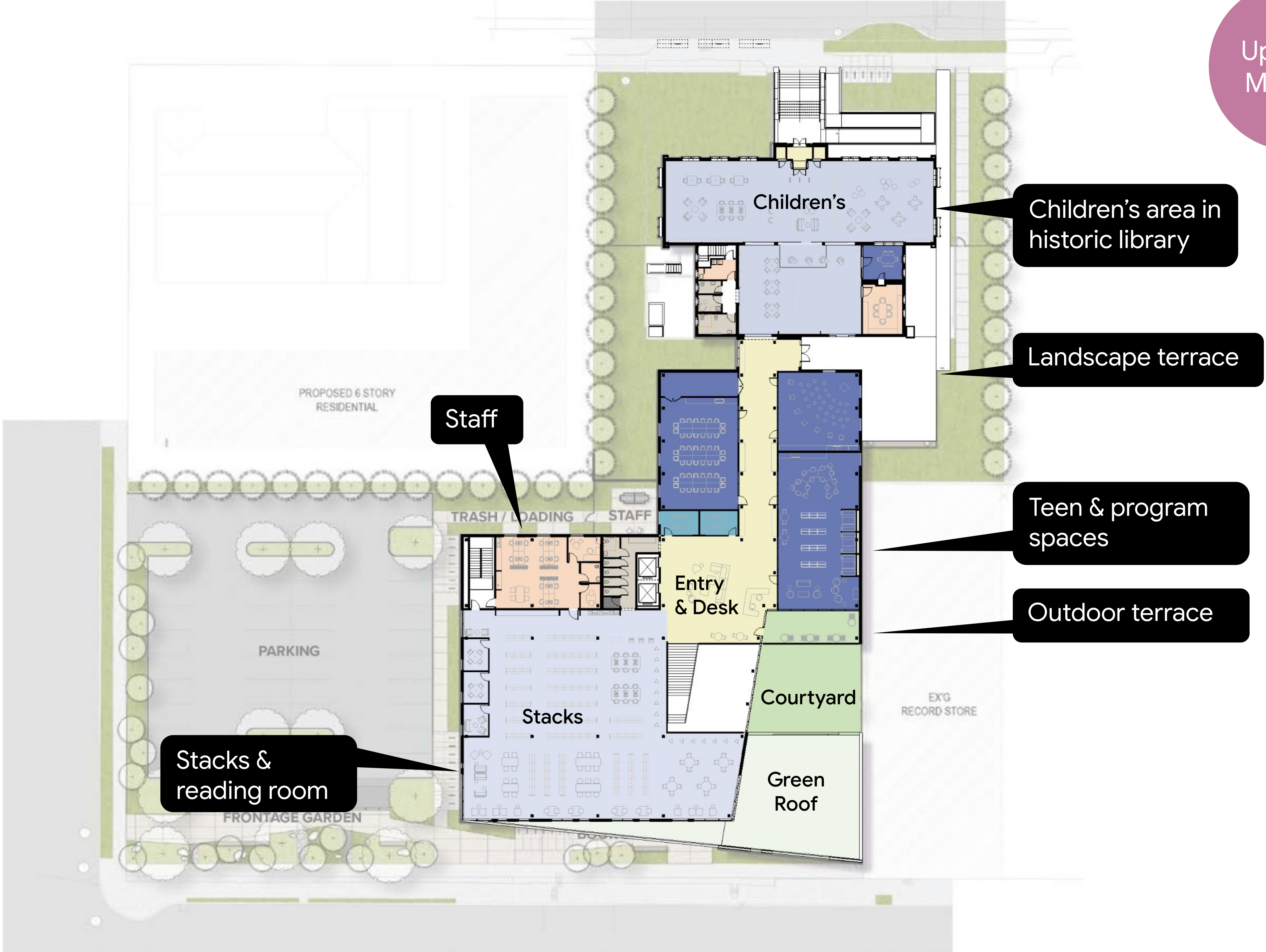
Proposed Design
N/S Building Section

Historic library floor level connects with new branch library

Main entrance and Community Room have urban presence on Russell St.

NE Knott Street

Children's Collection

Staff Desk

Courtyard

Community Room

NE Russell Street

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

MLK Blvd.

Comfort Auto Body & Repair

Private Residence

Second Floor Entry

St. Phillip Church

Rodney Ave.

FUTURE 6 STORY HOUSING

Existing Conditions
Interior Photos

Historic Restoration
Interior Archways

Archways infilled during 1954 renovation

Historic Restoration
Interior Archways

Southwest Aerial

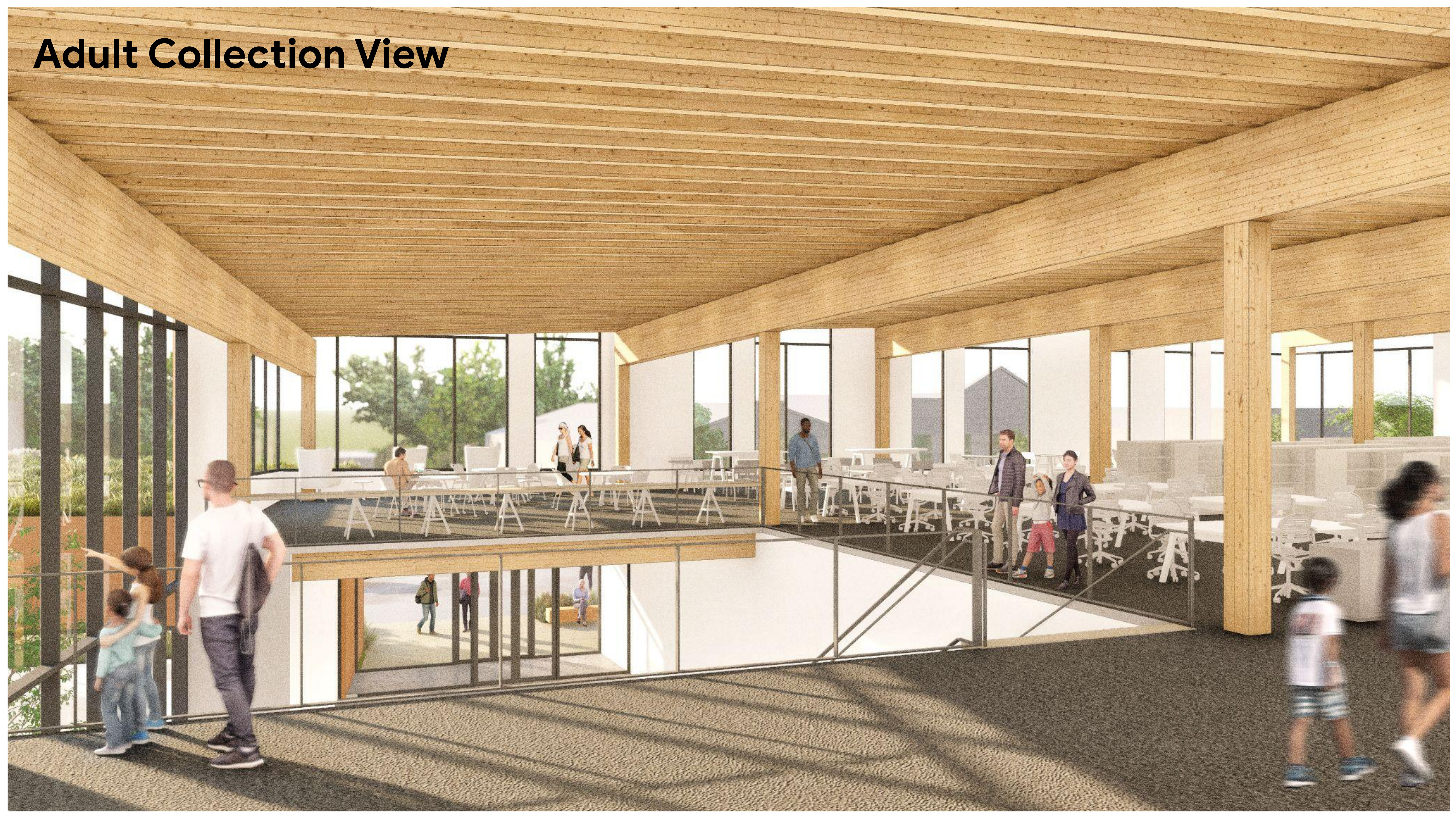# View from Knott Street

FUTURE 6 STORY
HOUSING

Entry View

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 A
View 1

Thicker Entry Canopy   Brick   Corrugated Metal Panel

Option B

View 1

Thinner Entry Canopy

Brick

Brick

Thinner Entry Canopy   Brick   Vertical Ribbed Metal Panel

Discussion

North
Portland

Thank you.