Faneuil Branch Library

Community Meeting #3  June 22, 2020

CITY OF BOSTON
Martin J. Walsh, Mayor
Patrick I. Brophy, Chief of Operations

CITY OF BOSTON PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

OUDENS ELLO ARCHITECTURE
Agenda

• Project Team
• Project Goals
• Community Meeting #2 Recap and Feedback
• Design Update
• Schedule
• Discussion
• Feedback Contact
Project Team
Project Goals
Project Goals

FROM 2015 PROGRAMMING STUDY

Accessibility: Accessible entrance and restrooms w/ all patron services on one level
Preservation: Maintain historic character of exterior and interior spaces
Technology: Upgrade technology and adaptability of systems
Collections: Collection that is responsive to community needs
Community Room: Create a space that will allow for programs for all ages at all times of day
Children’s Spaces: Incorporate high quality spaces and programs for children
Building Systems: Integrate modern, energy efficient building systems
Finishes & Furnishings: Update interior finishes and furniture

ADDED DURING DESIGN PHASE

Sightlines: Optimize visibility and clear sight lines throughout library
Sustainability: Maximize energy efficiency, daylighting, and interior comfort
2015 Programming Study

Light Intervention
- Accessibility
- Basic Systems Upgrades

 Addresses: 10,042 GSF (+1,281 SF)

Moderate Intervention
- Accessibility
- Systems Upgrades
- Moderate Addition

 Addresses: 10,271 GSF (+1,510 SF)

Major Intervention
- Accessibility
- Systems Upgrades
- Larger Addition
- Community Room

 Addresses: 11,860 GSF (+3,099 SF)
March 4, 2020
Community Meeting #2 Recap
Community Presentation #2  March 4, 2020

- Scope of Addition
  - Stair to Lower Level
  - Elevator
  - Public Corridor
  - Restroom
  - Storage
  - Existing Crawlspace
  - Staff
  - Mech.
Community Presentation #2  March 4, 2020
Community Feedback

**FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY MEETINGS #1 & #2**

- Incorporate historic details
- Small size and intimacy make this library special
- Maintain central staffed service desk that fosters personal interaction
- Create a community room that can accommodate a wide range of activities and is operationally flexible
- Consider the acoustics of the community room, the current space has great proportions for music
- Identify spots for quiet study and reading
- Consider art installations as an integral part of visitor experience
- Retain green space wherever possible
- Consider scale of plantings along base of building
Design Update
Building Massing Existing

The Faneuil Branch Library is the smallest facility in the BPL system. It is also one of only two inaccessible public facilities in the BPL system.
Building Massing Proposed

At $\approx 11,400$ GSF, the new Faneuil Branch Library will be comparable in size and services to a number of the BPL’s smaller branches.
Site Design

Existing Site Plan

Proposed Site Plan
Site Design

- Service Drive
- Planting Bed
- Lawn
- Existing Street Trees
- New Addition
- Post-and-Chain Fence
- New Black Tupelo Trees
- Entrance Plaza
- Bigelow Street
- Faneuil Street
- Planting Beds and Sidewalk Edges
- Black Tupelo Trees (2 Trees)
- Planting Bed Concept
- Groundcover Geranium
- Shrub Japanese Holly (2'-3' H)
- Granite Curb and Lawn
- Post-and-Chain Fence
Site Design  View from Oak Square
Proposed Faneuil Street Elevation  View from Oak Square
Proposed Faneuil Street Elevation  View from Faneuil Street
Building Layout Upper Floor Level - 7,176 GSF

New Addition
2,692 GSF

Renovated Existing
4,484 GSF
Building Layout  Entry Hall

- Unisex restroom & drinking fountains
- Holds, printer, special display area
- Digital signage
- Picture rail / art display
- 2-sided elevator
- Book drop
- New Accessible Main Entry
- Window replaces door at previous entry

Borrower Services Desk

++55.67
++50.09
Building Layout  Entry Hall

Borrower Services Desk
Building Layout  View of Entry Hall
Building Layout  View of Borrower Services Desk
Building Layout  Adult Reading Room

- Borrower Services Desk
- Staff Workroom
- Adult Reading Room
- Study Carrels at windows
- New Glass Door (Emergency Egress)
- Door to Community Room
- Teens Area
- Window replaces door at previous entry
- Window seats at Teen’s area
Building Layout  View of Adult Reading Room
Building Layout  View of Teen’s Corner
Building Layout  Adult Reading Room Historical Details
Building Layout  Adult Reading Room Historical Details
Building Layout  Adult Reading Room Historical Details
Building Layout

- Story time area
- Children’s Room
- Children’s Service Desk
- Stair to Lower Level restrooms and staff areas
- Unisex restroom & drinking fountains
- Borrower Services Desk
- Door to Community Room
- Tween’s
Building Layout  View of Children’s Room
Building Layout  View of Storytime Area
Building Layout  Children’s Room Historical Details
Building Layout  Community Room

Community Room
23'-6" x 37'-10"
885 SF

Picture rail / art display

Table & Chair Stor.

Community Room
23'-6" x 37'-10"
885 SF
Building Layout View of Community Room
Building Layout  Community Room Exhibition

Picture Rail for Art Display
Building Layout  Community Room Flexibility

Lecture Format  (55-65 Persons)

Reading Table Format  (32 Persons)

Collaboration Table Format  (16 Persons)
Building Layout 1932 Historical Photo of Lecture Hall
Building Layout  Community Room Historical Details
Building Layout Community Room

- Children’s Room
- Community Room
- Entry Hall
- Elev.
- Book Drop
- Borrower Services Desk
- Staff Workroom
- WC
- Table & Chair Stor.
- Adult Reading Room
- Teens
- Community Room

Faneuil Branch Library Renovations
Building Layout Lower Floor Level - 4,226 GSF

New Addition
2,299 GSF

Renovated Existing
1,927 GSF
Schedule
# Estimated Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MILESTONE</th>
<th>DATE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Community Meeting #1</td>
<td>October 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Meeting #2</td>
<td>March 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Meeting #3</td>
<td>June 2020 (Tonight)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Library Closure</td>
<td>Estimated Late 2020</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction Start</td>
<td>Estimated Early 2021</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Discussion
Proposed Design

New Post & Chain Fence
Perimeter Planting Bed
New Service Drive
Existing Library

Existing Conditions

Revised Site Plan

New Addition

Entrance Plaza

Rear Yard 'Viewing Garden'

+0.0'

Magnolia Trees (removed)

Fence (removed)

Walkway (removed)

View from Oak Square

Landscape Plan

Faneuil Branch Library Renovations

Oudens Ello Architecture | City of Boston | Boston Public Library
Proposed Design

Lower Floor Plan

- Mech.
- Storage
- Friends
- Branch Lib. Office
- Staff Lounge
- Staff WC
- Elev.
- Mech.
- Elec.
- Borrower Services Desk
- Book Drop
- WC

Upper Floor Plan

- Children's Room
- Community Room
- Table & Chair Stor.
- Staff Workroom
- Adult Reading Room
- Teens
- WC
- Staff WC
- Elev.
- Mech.
- Elec.
- Friends
- Branch Lib. Office
- Staff Lounge
- Staff WC
- Elev.
Thank You
Feedback?

1. Leave a suggestion in the Comment Box located in the library

2. Provide feedback online using the BPL’s Faneuil Project page: https://www.bpl.org/faneuil-project/

3. Feel free to contact:

   Priscilla Foley, Director of Neighborhood Services
   pfoley@bpl.org

This presentation and all feedback will be uploaded to the BPL’s Faneuil Branch Library project page: https://www.bpl.org/faneuil-project/