Astoria Public Library: Renovation Planning

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Project Goals

- Assess the needs concerning the library
 - Facility, services, space, technology
- Produce a building program
 - Set of instructions for an architect concerning the vision, services, and functions of the library
- Provide cost estimate for renovated Astoria Public Library
 - Demolition, Site Work, Building Construction, Indirect Construction Costs
- Identify possible additional funding sources for a future restoration with the Library Advisory Board

Timeline

- July September Needs Assessment
 - facility assessment, Interviews, focus groups, Sunday Market, survey,
- August 6, 2013 Public Meeting #1
 - Needs Assessment Report, Library of the Future Presentation
 - Liberty Theatre balcony and McTavish Room 5:00 7:00 pm
- September 10, 2013 Public Meeting #2
 - Final Needs Assessment Report, Building Program, Cost estimate
- October 2013
 - Project wrap-up
 - Possible funding sources with the Library Advisory Board

Building Program

- Articulates the community's vision of the library's future and serves as a set of instructions to the architect
- Space needs projections, descriptions of all major service areas
 - detailed square footage requirements
 - seating, furniture, equipment and technology requirements, the spatial relationships
- general design requirements for effective library service

Start of the conversation...

- October 2012 April 2013 University of Oregon School of Architecture Programming Class academic exercise
 - -- Adjunct Professor Yosa Huggins
 - visioning session with City Councilors, Library Advisory Board, representatives of Astoria Library Friends Association, City staff, Library staff
 - library tour and surrounding blocks
 - two public presentations in Astoria of programmatic ideas developed by the students

Visioning Concepts

- Located near the heart of downtown, near City Hall, the Library becomes the hub that connects the spokes of local community
- Connect the past with the future
- A community place to gather
- Communicate community ideals
- Engage the public
- Communicate community culture, ideals and values
- Spark a passion for learning in the next generation
- Inviting and comfortable destination place for the community
- Democratizes access to knowledge for all ages
- Creates a place and opportunity for people of Astoria to connect with one another

Your Visioning Here....

• The library's purpose.....

• Role of the Library....

• Services...

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Questions and Comments

Thank you!