

Takoma Park Maryland Library



City Council Meeting
October 29, 2015



Process

- Develop a Program / Space Needs
 - Identify Services to be Offered & Community Needs
 - Establish Space Needs for Collections, Seating, Staffing
- Prepare Alternative Floor Plan Layout Options
- Identify Recommended Approach



Program for Takoma Park Library



We Addressed :

- 21st Century Library Trends
- Community Expectations
- Collections
- Programs
- Seating Capacity
- Use of Technology
- Library Staffing
- Group Study & Meeting Rooms
- Site Context



Visioning: Community Priorities- Functional Spaces

Community's Priorities for TPPL

Functional Spaces

- More space for collections
- Provide adequate space for children including a dedicated children's programming space
- More study space
- Create a Library "commons" space for technology access and study
- Utilize the outdoor space at the library entrance
- Provide a dedicated space for teens



Space Needs Program



Space Program Summary

SUBTOTAL PUBLIC AREA (NSF)		8,355
SUBTOTAL MEETING AREA (NSF)		1,403
SUBTOTAL STAFF AREA (NSF)		1,737
SUBTOTAL ALL AREAS (NSF)		11,495

TOTAL W/ 1.25 BLDG GROSSING FACTOR	(GSF)	14,369
includes mech/ elect rooms,walls, circulation		

EXISTING LIBRARY		7,718
Rm A & B & office in COMMUNITY CENTER		1,710
Total		9,428

	Adult	Ref	Period	YA	Children	Total
Seating	28	0	6	10	12	56
PC's (includes computer rms A&B	24	4	0	2	2	32
Multi purpose Rm / children					40	40
Total Seats plus Computers	52	4	6	12	54	128

Condition of Library

Library Exterior

- Walls
- Windows
- Roof
- Mosaic
- Flood Wall



Condition of Library

Interior

- Code Issues
- Finishes
- Furnishing



Condition of Library

Infrastructure

- HVAC
- Power
- Lighting
- Plumbing



Context



Exterior Character



Parking Lot (West) Elevation



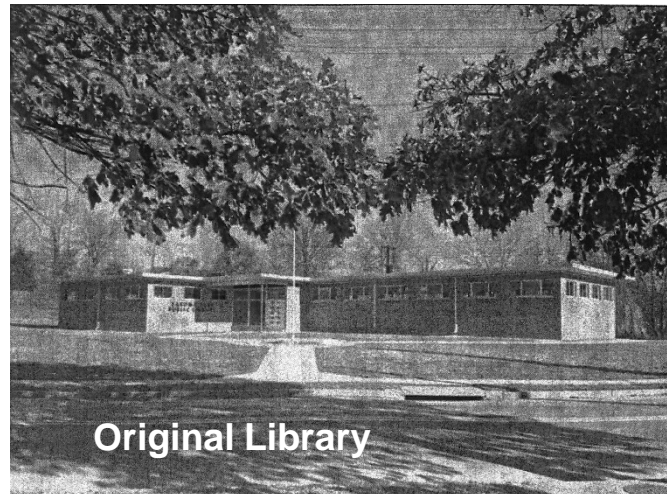
Street (South) Elevation



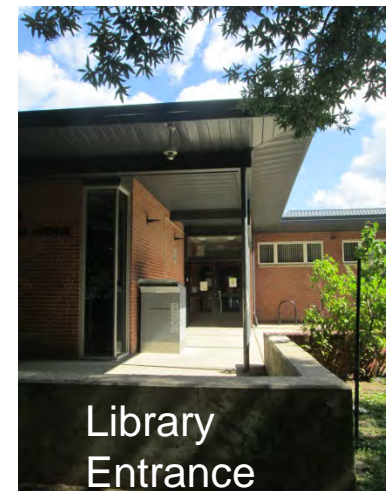
East Elevation



Community
Center
Entrance



Original Library

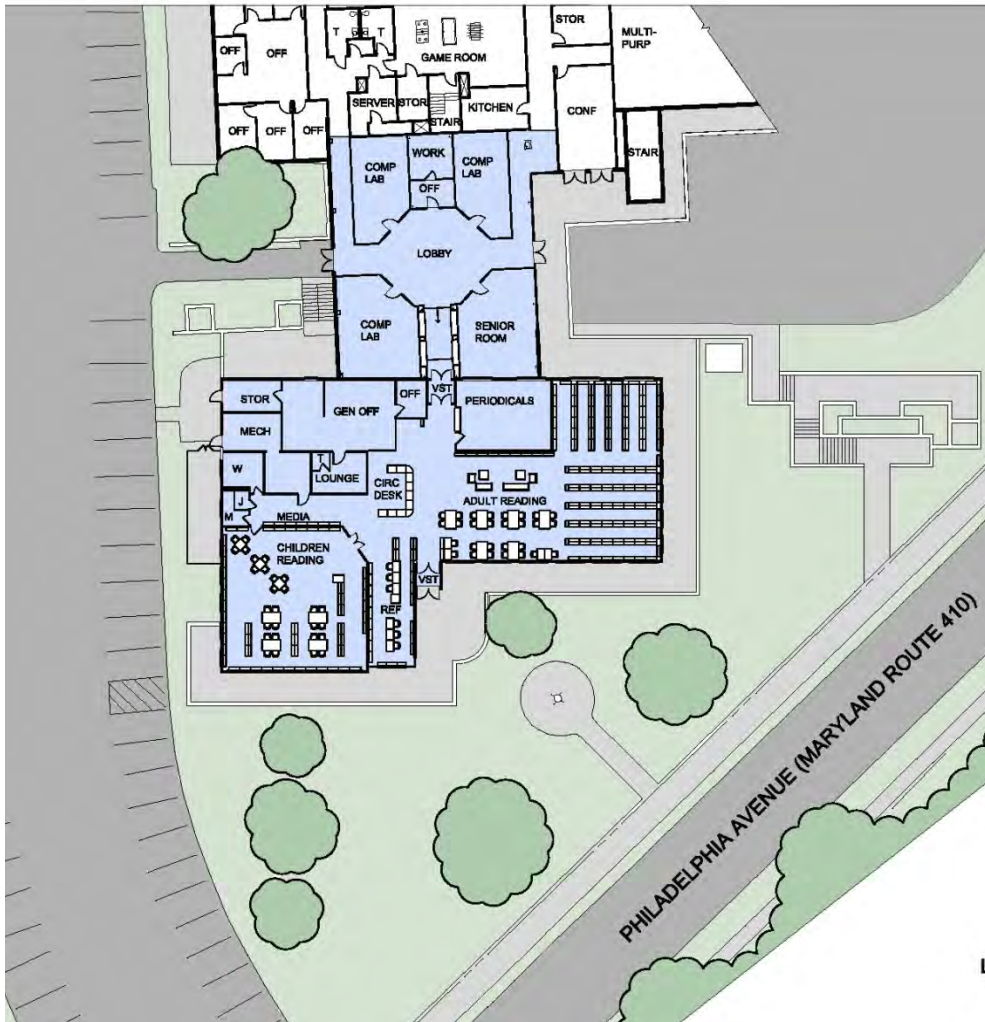


Library
Entrance

Existing Conditions



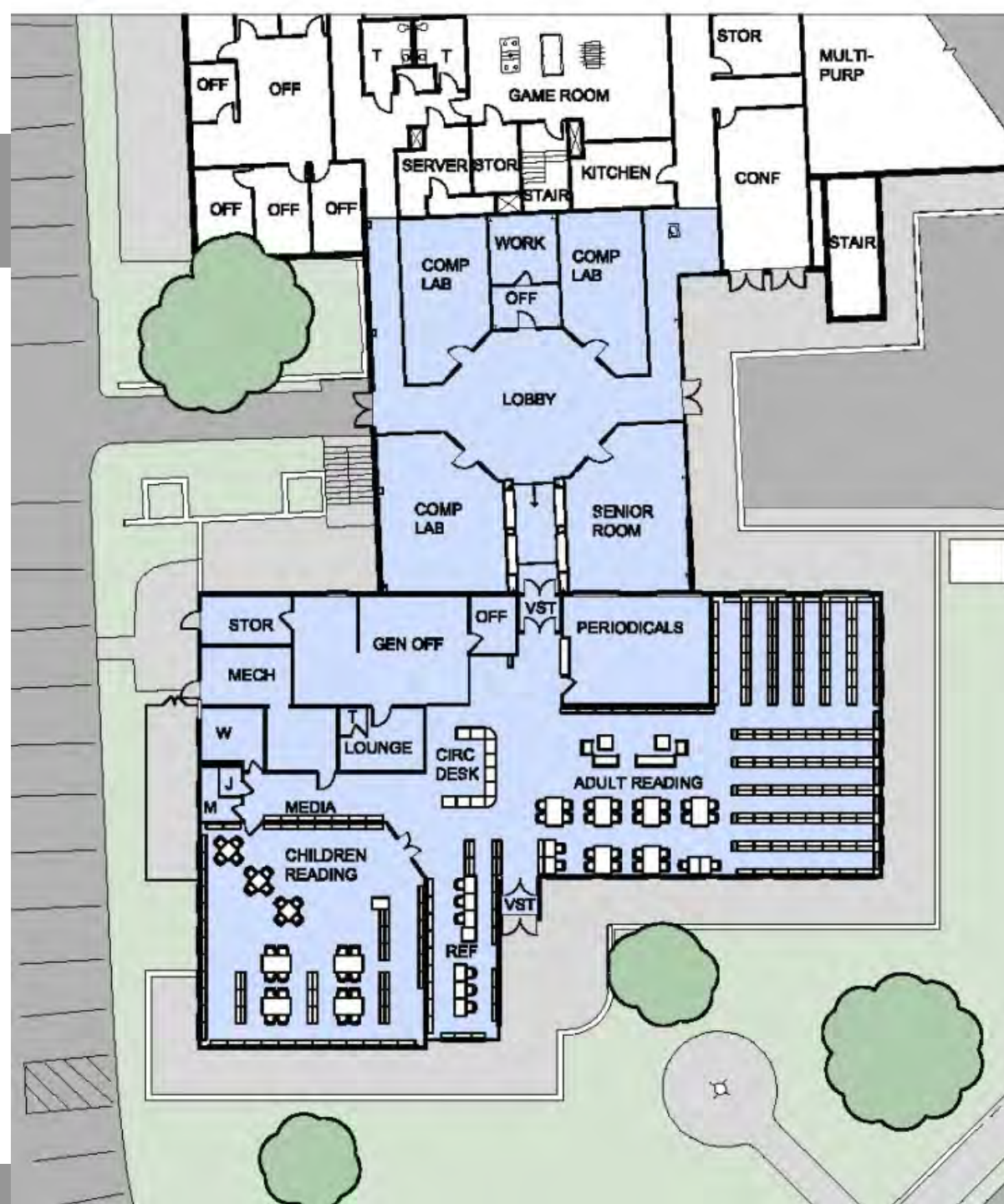
Where & How can the Library be Expanded?



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Floor Plan

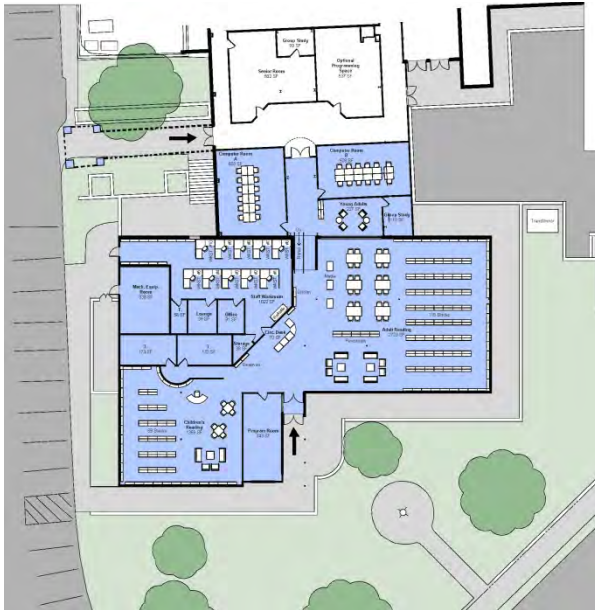


Issues to Consider

- Patron flow in Library
 - Collections/areas easy to find
- Ability to house the collection
- Sufficient seating
- Visibility of Public Area by Staff
- Staff Administrative Space
- Connection to the Community Center
 - Resolve some existing circulation issues
- Where is the Front Door ?
 - Is there one?
 - Does it matter?
- Impact on the Landscape
- Flood Wall
- Image from the Street



Initial Options Considered



1. Re-Plan the
Existing Library-
9,314 SF

Construction
Cost= \$1.4 M



2. Expand toward
Philadelphia Ave-
13,152 SF

Construction
Cost=\$2.3M



3. Expand & relocate
Mosaic Wall –
13,780 SF

Construction Cost =
\$2.6 M

Total Project Costs include construction cost plus other project costs estimated at 20% to 30% of the construction cost

Comments by Council after On- Site Meeting



Site Issues

- A connection to the community center is critical. All new options should enhance that connection
- Investigate new entrances to the library from both the parking lot and the front of the site to address the fact that patrons come from the parking lot, Philadelphia Ave, and the "flood wall" issue.
- Determine if it is possible to add space to the library by encompassing the space (courtyard) between the community center and library outside of the "octagon" spaces. Investigate if the stair down to the police parking is required for code egress.
- Save most ,if not all, of the trees
- Make sure there is a generous setback from Philadelphia Ave.
- Don't be hesitant to redesign the parking lot if it would help
- Add glass to the facade so people can see both what is going on in the library and patrons can look outside
- Leave the mural , if possible
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Library Issues

- Make sure the library is flexible and adaptable for future changes
- The library needs to be inviting, comfortable, and safe
- Develop a way that the library can be closed off from the community center on weekends
- Straighten out the corridor from the community center reception desk to the library by encompassing the outdoor walk way (check for code implications)
- Add group study rooms
- Maintain the large printed collection



Proposed Expansion Concept

(Expansion Areas in Yellow)



REC. CENTER ENTRY 265 SF

PORTICO INFILL 233 SF

COURTYARD ADD. 2140 SF

FRONT LIBRARY 2470 SF

LIBRARY ENTRY 360 SF

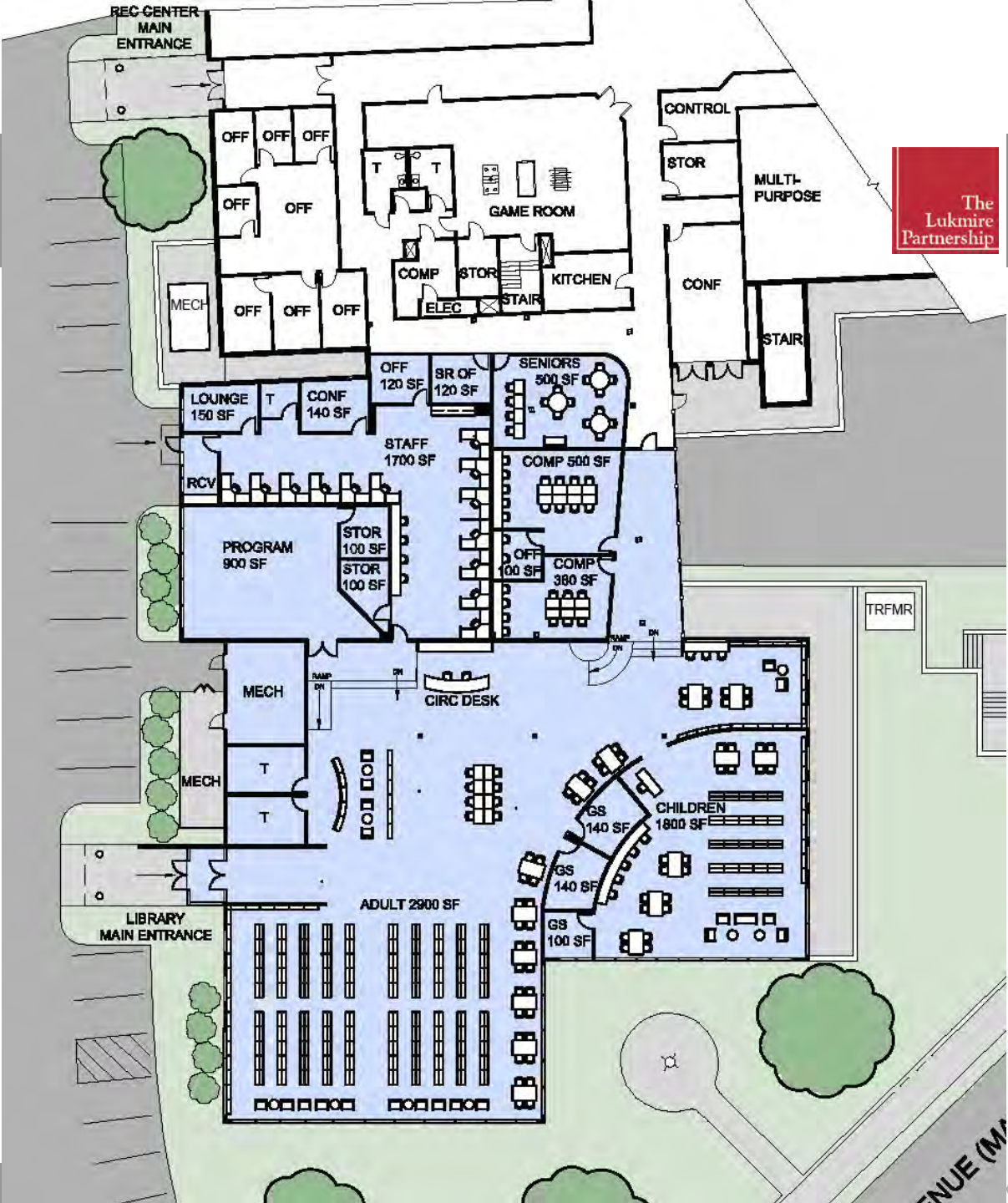
RENOVATED LIBRARY / COMM. CTR. 3200 SF

The
Lukmire
Partnership



Plan

Circulation & Functional Relationship between community center and library



Plan



A detailed floor plan of a school building, likely from the 1960s. The plan shows a complex layout with numerous rooms, each labeled with its name and dimensions. Key areas include a large auditorium at the bottom, a gymnasium to its right, and a central corridor system. Other rooms include classrooms, offices, a library, a cafeteria, and various specialized rooms like a music room and a science lab. The plan also shows outdoor areas like a playground and a parking lot.



Character Sketch



Aerial illustrating new expansion from Southeast



Character Sketch



View from Philadelphia Ave. Sidewalk

Character Sketch



New Library Entry

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New Library Entry

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New Community Center Canopy

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View to open Canopy Infill

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Questions & Comments