

ASTORIA PL PUBLIC MEETING # 1.

8.6.13 (1)

- SEASIDE GREAT MODEL - WELCOMING,
WARM, HOMEY - SEATING @ WINDOWS/
LIGHT; FIREPLACE SEATING;
CHUMENS LIBRARY
ASTORIA - NOT A FEELING OF WARMTH.
- AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES -
LARGER COLLECTION TO DRAW FROM -
ACCESS.
- MAGAZINES / PERIODICALS - AVAILABILITY.
DON'T FORGET MAGS / NEWSPAPERS.
- COMMUNITY SPACE - INTERACTION W/ OTHERS
IS IMPORTANT - RETAIN HUMAN TOUCH!
- ACOUSTICS DONE RIGHT → HOMEY.
- ECONOMY / COST EFF. SELF-SERVICE TECH.
- ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY OF MAGAZINES.
- HOW TO HANDLE "FREE SPIRITS" OR HOMELESS?
CONCERN W/ SECURITY, ESP. W/ YOUNG
PEOPLE.

- **TIMELINE -**

- **CURRENT POT OF MONEY - HOW MUCH WILL IT COVER?**
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITIES - COMBINE INTO JOINT FACILITIES? NEEDS KEEP GROWING. AFFORDABILITY.**



- **SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS ••**

- **CAN'T BE ALL THINGS FOR ALL PEOPLE.**
- **STUDY SHOULD PRIORITIZE SERVICES / FACILITY NEEDS.**
- **LOCATION OF LIBRARY / MULTIPLE LOCATIONS? - SINGLE LOCATION IS MOST COST-EFFECTIVE RE ESP. IF NEEDS TO BE STAFFED.**
- **SCOPE IS TO ASSESS CURRENT FACILITY.**
- **FATE OF OLD HOTEL NEXT TO LIBRARY? (WALDORF)**

- REACHING THOSE WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE @ PUBLIC MEETINGS -
 - OUTREACH VIA SURVEYS, FARMERS MARKET & OTHER VENUES. —
 - MULTIPLE DEMOGRAPHICS.
- COUNTY RESIDENTS VS. ASTORIA RES —
 - RE: FUNDING RESOURCES — NON-RESID, FEES, OTHER THAN YOUTH (UNDER 18).
- IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARY TO HOMELESS.
 - NEEDS TO BE ACCOMMODATING.
- ASTORIA LIBRARY - GREAT RESOURCES - BUT,
 - CONCERN RE: TRANSITION TIME BETWEEN CURRENT CONDITIONS & NEW/MODERNIZED COND.
- PROVIDING SERVICE TO HOMELESS WHILE KEEPING OTHER PATRONS COMFORTABLE.
- CARNEGIE → "BREADCRUMB FOR THE MIND"
- "WHERE IS THE MONEY?"
- GRANTS? OTHER RESOURCES — Community WORKING TOGETHER!

LOCAL CONTRACTORS

- FUTURE OF ASTORIA (POP.) IN 20 YEARS?
ANTICIPATED SIZE, ETC.?

- TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE
TO SUPPORT ALL
SERVICES

OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS -
EXHIBITS OF KIDS' PROJECTS -
ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, SCIENCE
(MANAGED BY THE KIDS,
SO THEY OWN IT)

Desired Services

- • • • • Good children's room • • • • •
- • • • • Teen space and services
- • • • • Meeting room spaces for small groups and large community events
- • • • • Collections that are ample and easily accessible in any format, physical or e-content, and interlibrary cooperation toward this end • • • • •
- • Great book discussions • •
- • • • • Strong programs for adults to complement the strong program for children



Desired Services

- More user-friendly access to e-books
- Aggressive PR campaign
- Art shows and exhibits in the library
- Comfortable chairs for every age group including parent/kid seating
- Books that are fresh and new, not old and smelly
- Community room that can also be used when Library is closed
- Books: better quality and quantity



Desired Services

- Collaboration/interactive spaces
- Updated technology (e.g. replace old microfilm reader)
- Dedicated children's programming space
- Children's restroom in children's area
- Outreach to homebound seniors, especially those who can't/don't know how to use technology
- Multicultural resources
- More hours



Desired Services

- • • Enclosed teen space with dedicated teen computers
- Laptop plug-in capacity
- Outreach services to people who can't get to the library, e.g. backpacks with toys and games for daycare providers.
- • Adequate storage
- Quiet space for kids, too - for reading, separate from main kids' area that is active + noisy
- Dedicated quiet area
 - AUDIOBOOKS



Desired Services

- Expanded, dedicated program/activity space, including a learning lab that is available at all times
- Reading tutoring/coaching for kids ^{+ ADULTS} who need help. More staff to support this
- Space for Astoria Friends of Library Association's ongoing book sale
- Bookmobile to serve remote residents
- Self checkout to relieve staff workload
- Partnering among all libraries in region--public, school--to make the most of available resources

