

## MINUTES OF MEETING June 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, Inc. (GC) was held at 7:30 PM on June 12, 2019 at the Town Supervisor's Board Room with Rich Bentley serving as Chair and Sue Auriemma as Recording Secretary. The following persons were in attendance:

### Officers Present:

President, Rich Bentley, President, Bayview CA  
Andrew Schwenk, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, South Strathmore CA  
Sue Auriemma, Secretary

### Guests Present:

Veronica Lurvey, Councilwomen District 4  
Romina Tehrani, Legislative Aide to Councilwoman Lurvey  
Teri West, Manhasset Times  
Judy Esberquest, Manhasset Public Library  
Maggie Gough, Manhasset Public Library  
Ryan Attard, MTA-LIRR  
Hector Garcia, MTA-LIRR  
Michael Maura, Flower Hill Resident

### Members Present:

Chuck McCarthy, Plandome Heights Civic  
Donald O'Brien, Manhasset Park Civic  
Doreen McDonough, Shorehaven Civic  
John Minogue, Bayview Civic  
Mark Francis, Terrace Manor Civic  
Norman Nemec, Manhasset Preservation Society  
Lucas Lau, Shorehaven Civic  
Jim Pelzer, Norgate  
Alexandra Schumm, Terrace Manor Civic  
Donald O'Brien, Manhasset Park Civic  
AnnMarie Cerrone, Strathmore Village Civic  
Chuck Jettmar, North Strathmore and President Library Board

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Rich Bentley.
- 2) **LIRR Discussion:** Ryan Attard, and Hector Garcia, MTA-LIRR discussed the following projects:
  - a) **Update on Webster Avenue Bridge.** Bridge surface deck will be replaced in the 2020-24 Capital Budget Plan; recent work addressed structural support under bridge. Residents who live nearby shared concerns of Chronic increased noise as vehicles traverse the grates arose upon recent work was done on the bridge (was no issue prior to recent work). Ms Attard assured an engineer would evaluate within 1 week and provide remediation options.
  - b) **Manhasset Bay Trestle:** When asked about maintenance on trestle going over Bayview Avenue and concerns about stanchions that block the ability to add a walking or bike path in the area. Ms Attard assured short term routine maintenance evaluations take place and will provide the last report on this trestle to GC, but this trestle is not in the current LIRR 5 year Capital Budget Plan.
  - c) **Stationhouse Landscaping:** Greater Council expressed concerns over total annihilation all of the grass, shrubs and trees being sprayed and killed over the course of the last four years creating a deplorable landscape around Manhasset's transportation hub. MPD has offered to help to maintain the landscaping in the area and pay for the LIRR stationhouse landscaping maintenance at south side of tracks. LIRR previously rejected but now has a standard Beautification Agreement for community beautification maintenance it can initiate with MPD. Insurance has to be provided and will contact MPD next week to get ball rolling on this, separate from the ongoing parking lot lease negotiations.
- 3) **Town of North Hempstead Update:** Councilwoman Lurvey reviewed highlights on TNH Open Items progress:
  - Stumps were ground and eight new cherry trees planted along Plandome Rd empty tree wells. Two locations could not be planted yet.
  - TNH has been watering the trees, hanging plants and planters. TNH has donated the plants for the planters.
  - Bayview Ave infrastructure: Town DPW's EMA stabilization project of Bayview Ave, bulkhead to be built. Waiting on NYS permit approval. Walkway along west shore will be built beginning just south of where Bayview turns all the way to just north of Manhasset Ave. About halfway to train trestle. . Work expected to begin 2020.
  - Rich requests that deteriorating guard rail at "Dead Man's Curve" be replaced asap.
  - Plandome Road Vision Project seems to have four aspects, pedestrian safety, traffic, parking and beautification. Veronica would like to reconvene stakeholder group.
  - Ivy on trees near Bayview, one suggested solution is to bring goats in to eradicate the ivy. Goats will be penned in and will be present for about two months.
  - Commercial parking, discussions internally looking at bigger solution. Possible change to code to remove conditional use parking. This would only address new commercial lot use. Rich requests that addressing existing penalties and fees to further discourage rental of commercial spaces.
  - Complete Open items list posted at this [Link](#).

- 4) **Kimco/Brinkerhoff Lane violations:** TMCA's FOIL requests helped Town find original site plan requirements regarding no access to Brinkerhoff La and as a result Kimco has now agreed to put up 7 foot fence as per original agreement in 2000. Residents implore Town amend BZA notification radius to assure wider notice including any local Civic Association be deemed a resident for all such notifications and applications in ant Town locale.
- 5) **Brookfield-Macy's proposed development:** GC concerns remain about overall size and scope of project, negatively impacting the quality of life in Manhasset and opens the door to larger out of code structures throughout Manhasset, large potential impact on schools exacerbating "ghost homes" residents - rented apartments used as means to enroll students in our schools but not full time residencies. Every civic member present noted they have NOT received ANY resident support of the project as proposed. Town likely to be lead agency on the project for an environmental SEQRA review. Ms. Lurvey indicate discussions likely to continue through summer and fall. While BZA addresses variances requested, the TNH Board has authority to reject any element of the project.
- 6) **NSUH Advanced Surgical Pavilion (ASP):** Derek Anderson on behalf of Northwell. Going through permitting process, construction could start as early as next year. Northwells planning pre-permitting planning had included substantial environmental but had not engaged a complete SEQRA study that would added an estimated additional two years and hospital's urgent timeliness needed to upgrade NSUH's ER, operating rooms, and infrastructure to meet today's and tomorrow's healthcare needs. BZA had ruled that a SEQRA was not warranted, and Greentree initiated an Article 78 suit against Town. In light of project time delays thus far, Northwell in hindsight has learned that the full SEQRA study may have been wiser to complete at the onset. Greentree remains concerned on the ASP's long term environmental impact and Northwell is confident existing impact studies done to date adequately address the concerns. ER at NSUH is so overcrowded remains a concern about the timeliness of the project. ASP's goal is to achieve a LEED Platinum design.
  - a) **Education and Wellness Programs:** Northwell seeks to engage the community in planning future health centric community outreach and education sessions, and asks Greater Council to help spread the word to residents for any recommendations on future session topics. Northwell session s have addressed issues like the opioid crisis, public health issues, mental health, cardiovascular health. Northwell's extensive number of physicians and educators on staff and its leadership remain open to help advance our community's heath. Please reach out to the hospital leadership for resources they can provide and input on future session topics.
- 7) **Secretary's Report:** Minutes for April 10 and May 8 meetings were distributed for review. Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Andrew Schwenk. Seconded by AnnMarie Cerrone.
 

**Motion:** To approve minutes as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 8) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer not present; Report deferred to next meeting in Sept.
- 9) **President's Report:** It was noted that May 311 stats show a low # of airplane/ helicopter complaints (please help encourage calls to 311) and major increase in utility mark-out requests that signals imminent major roadwork planning in process. Norgate reports many of their roads affected by planned NatGrid new gas line project.
- 10) **Manhasset Public Library:** Maggie Dough presented their Space Redesign Project Team working with architect Elisabeth Martin MDA Design Group ([plan on GC website link](#)). Project awarded in April 2018 with concept design in October. Project to go through 2021 with as little disruption to services as possible. Library visitors in 2018 totaled 170,923. 35,507 people participated in 1391 sessions. Library built in 2005, space showing age and technology demands not able to keep up. Not designed for emerging needs. More seating, more varied seating, more meeting spaces, enhanced infrastructure, improved security and new carpet, paint and upgraded equipment. Significantly increased seating on all floors. Second floor going from 90 seats to 149. Improving Teen Zone area with almost double the number of seats. Current total approximately 400 seats including downstairs meeting room. Infrastructure will be able to accommodate everything. Goal is to approximately double seating capacity overall. All in cost has a maximum budget of \$1,000,000. Staff count remains the same.
- 11) **Adjournment:** Time for Roundtable and New Business did not permit. Chuck McCarthy motioned for the meeting to adjoin and seconded by Donald O'Brien the following motion:

**Motion:** to Adjourn at 9:55 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Respectively submitted by:  
Sue Auriemma



# **Manhasset Public Library: Space Redesign Project**

Presented to:  
Greater Manhasset Council

June 12, 2019

# Library Space Redesign Project Team

Architect : Elisabeth Martin–MDA Designgroup

Cost Estimators: Accucost

Board of Trustees:

Charles Jettmar, President

Gloria Su, Vice President

Donald T. O'Brien, Financial Officer

William McLean, Trustee

Judith Esterquest, Trustee

Director: Maggie Gough

## Approximate Project Timeline:

Project award: April 2018

Concept Design: October 2018

Design Development: January 2019

Construction Docs: June 2019

Bid & Award: December 2019

Construction: January 2020-2021

Anticipated Completion: December 2021

# Serving the Manhasset Community



Library visitors in 2018 totaled **170,923**

Programming: **35,507** people participated in **1,391** sessions

- 847 Adult programs
- 169 community meetings
- 115 adults literacy session
- 3,183 study room bookings
- 8,000 children participated in the 544 programs
- History Center with professional Archivist – 10,00 visits

# Manhasset's most valuable Civic space



## Showing age

- Worn carpet, broken furniture and needs fresh paint
- Inadequate meeting space -- lacking technology
- Inadequate IT, security and sightlines

## Not designed for emerging needs

- Better tech capabilities
- Improved security
- Flexible-use space



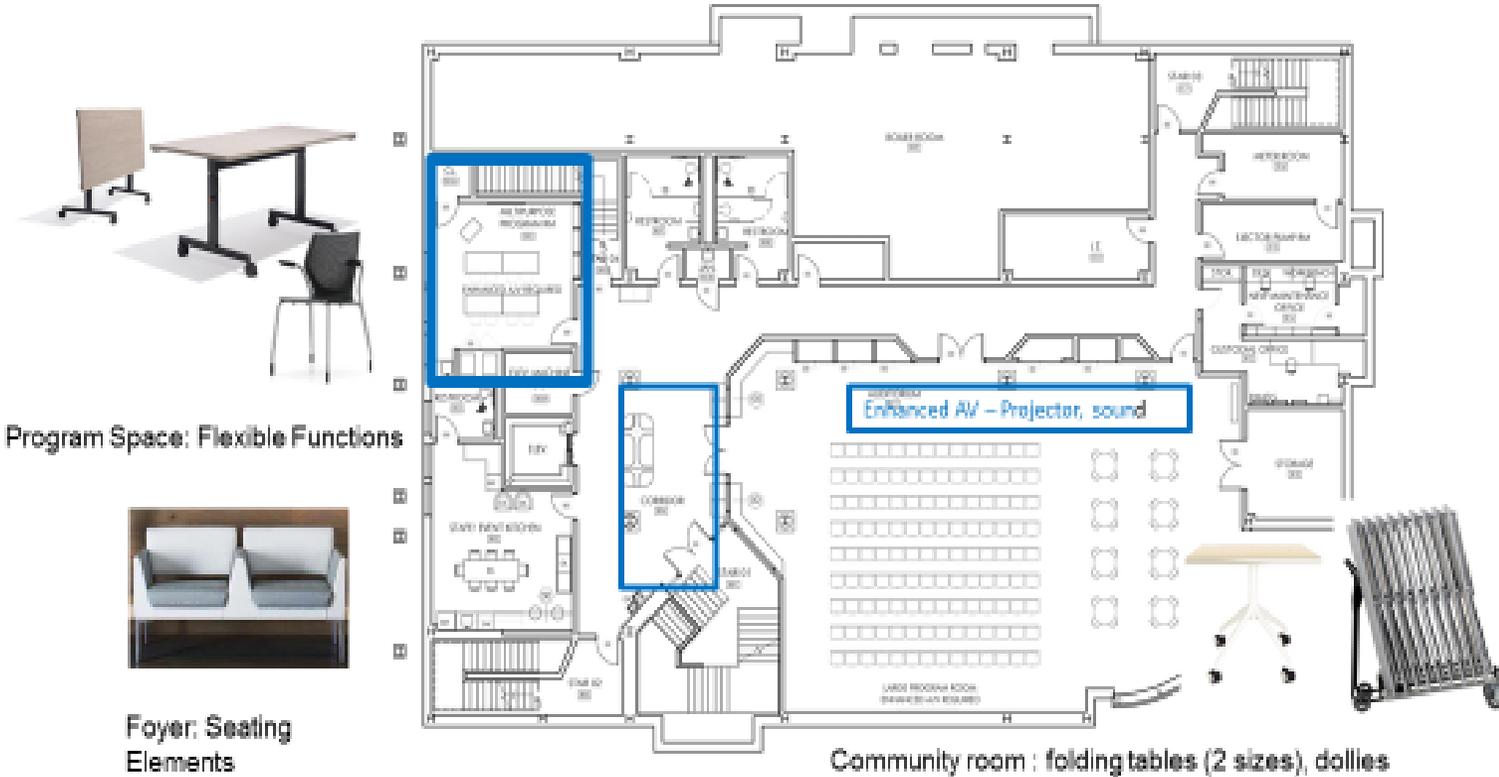
# **Our challenge: to meet patron needs for enhanced civic space**

- More seating
- More varied seating
- More meeting spaces
  - Quiet room
  - Learning/collaborative space with hi-tech capacities
  - “Doing space” – flexible space
- Enhanced infrastructure
- Improved security
- New carpet, paint and upgraded equipment

# Vision for the Lower Level

COMMUNITY ROOM, ART EXHIBITS, STAFF SPACE, MECHANICAL ROOMS

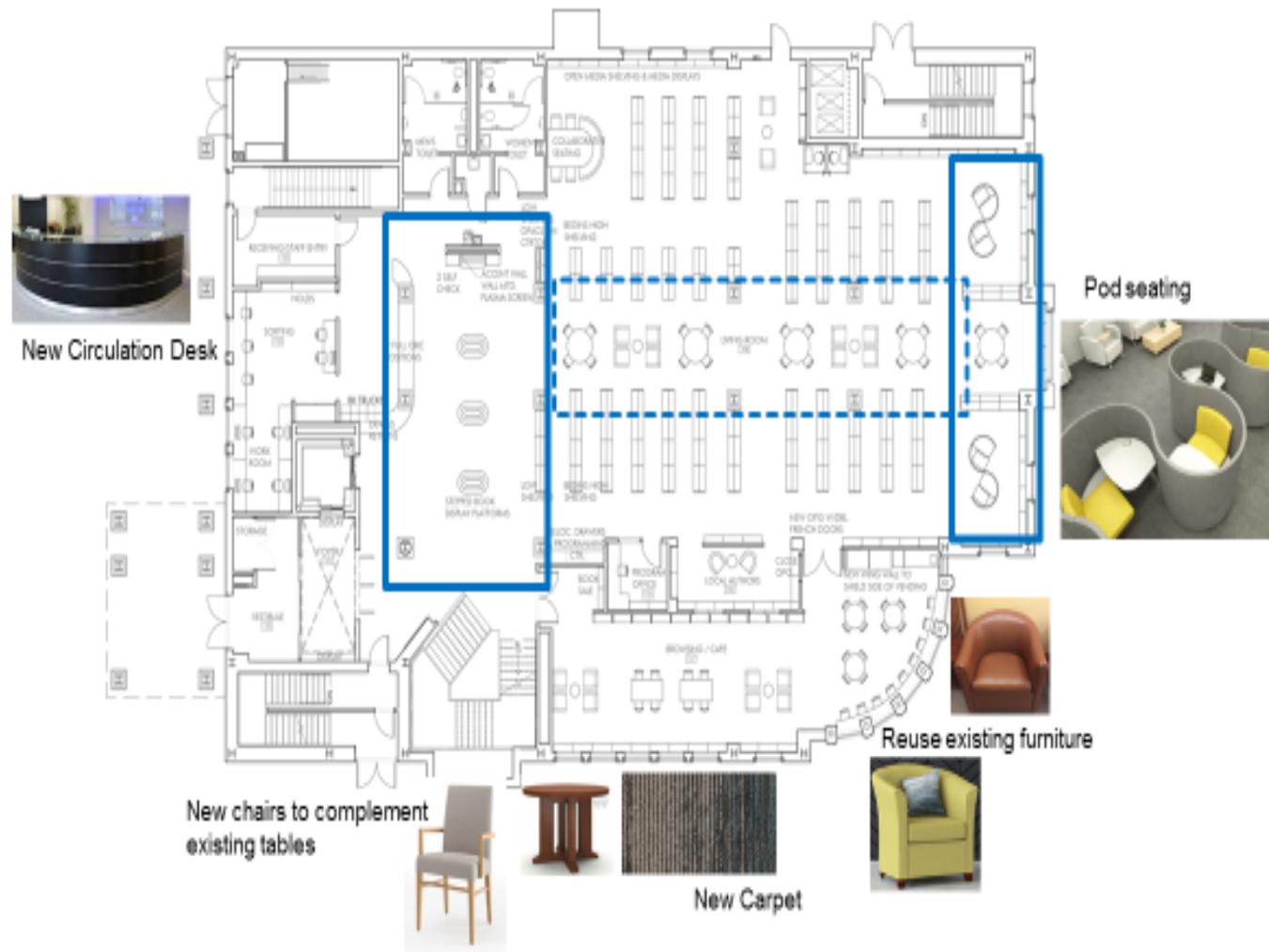
- Adding new Adult “doing “ space with tech capacities
- Upgrading Audio/Video-projector/sound system
- Adding updated foyer seating
- Seating increased from 158 to 191



# Vision for the First Floor

CIRCULATION SERVICES, FICTION & MEDIA COLLECTION, CAFÉ & PERIODICALS

- New and improved circulation service area
- Improved sightlines and security
- Enhanced lobby area with book/media display
- More seats and more seating options
- Improved study/conversation space
- Reconfigured shelving
- New carpet, paint and equipment upgrade
  - Seating increased from 64 to 89



# Vision for the Second Floor

ADULT REFERENCE SERVICES, NON-FICTION COLLECTION, STUDY AREAS, CONFERENCE ROOM, STAFF OFFICES

- New open study space with booth seating
- New History Center Office
- Improved reference desk and business support
- New glass wall conference and study rooms
- New active reference office
- Built in seating
- Tech counter seating
- Enhanced silent study room
- New tech infused furnishings
- Improved infrastructure and security
- New carpet and painting
- **Seating improved from 90 to 149\*** using current design



New Reference Desk + Active Ref.



New Open Study Room



Glass Study Rm tables/chairs



New glass wall study rooms



Agati carrel tables



Agati Reading tables



Arcadia Booths



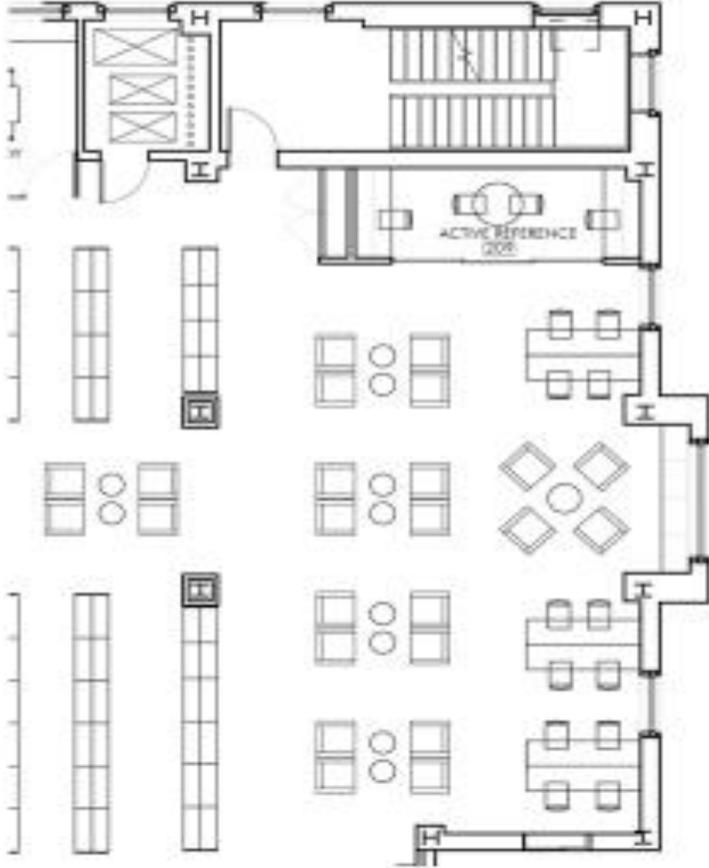
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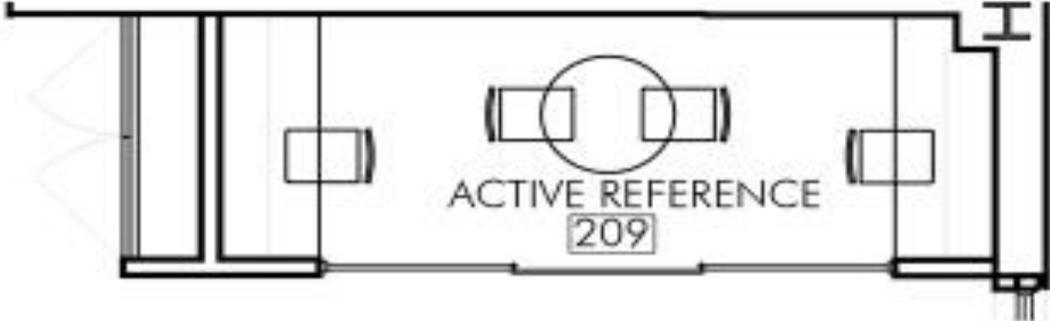
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# Our commitment to meet patron needs:

## Second Floor - Active Reference



**Active Reference:** An opportunity for greater interaction between staff & patrons



One-on-one patron/staff interaction



Glass Wall

# Vision for the Third Floor

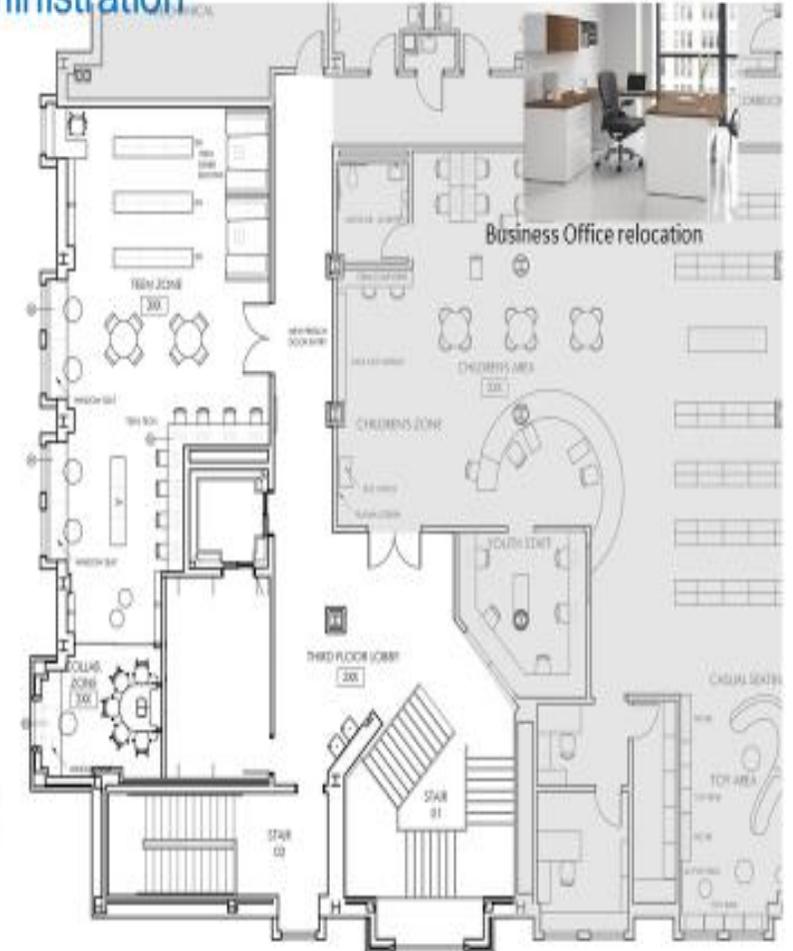
YOUTH SERVICES-CHILDREN & TEENS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Under consideration...

- Enlarged and improved Zone area
- Increased seating including
  - booth seating,
  - built in window seating
  - tech counter seating
- Separate collaborative enclosed, glass walled space
- New shelving/stacks and displays
- New carpet, paint and equipment

Currently under review: Business office and Administration space as well as Children's Room renovations

## Third Floor – Teen Zone & Administration





# Questions & Comments