



Corner of Smithfield and 6th Avenue, before Alcoa, and with Alcoa under construction



Corner of Smithfield and 6th Avenue, on Marathon Day 2019

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2004, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Downtown & Business branch moved into newly renovated office space at 612 Smithfield Street, occupying the first floor and lower level. With that space now outgrown, the Library investigated various downtown sites for relocation, and ultimately concluded that its best solution was to remodel at 612 Smithfield Street in the Golden Triangle District.

Concurrent with the investigation of various sites during 2017, L+K facilitated the development of a program for the Downtown branch which acknowledges a changing downtown community and an evolving role for the Library. That program was updated in 2018 with input by CLP staff, facilities, and administration, and is attached within this document for reference. Changes in the nature of its Downtown collections, expanded teen and children's departments, new partnering opportunities, new image considerations and other goals were outlined. During programming sessions, it was clearly expressed that the library should have an important presence downtown.

Throughout the site selection and design process, all Library staff have been engaged participants, thoughtful about the role of the library and enthusiastic about the potential of the new space.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Participants:

Mary Francis Cooper	President and Director
Ron Graziano	Director, Facilities
Linda Barsevich	Director, Finances and Administration
Mary Monaghan	Director for Public Services
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Holly Anderton	Branch Manager, CLP Downtown
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Many thanks to the input of CLP Downtown's Librarian and Staff team and patrons of the Library at large.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Downtown Design Team:

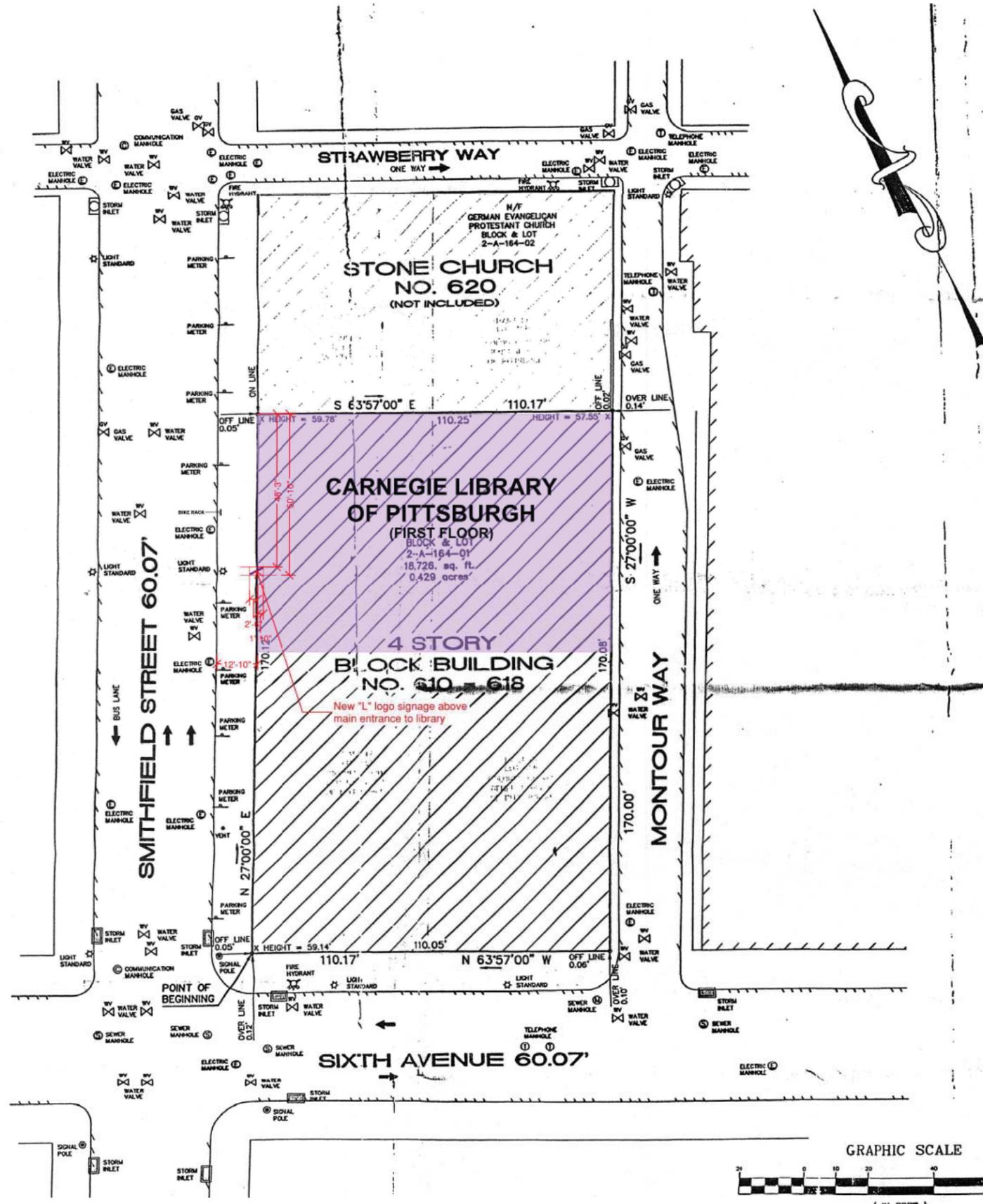
Loysen + Kreuthmeier Architects	Architects
WNA Engineering, Inc.	HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection Consultant
Whitney Bailey Cox and Magnani, LLC	Structural Consultant



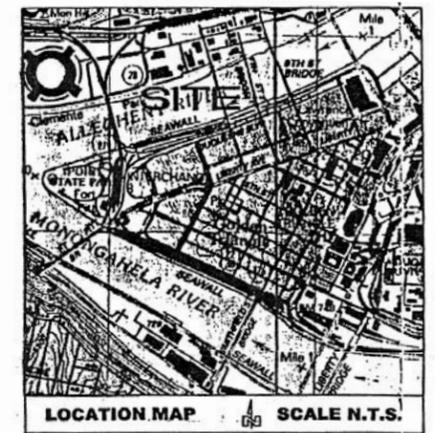
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LEGEND	
	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
	WATER VALVE
	UTILITY POLE
	ELECTRIC MANHOLE
	STORM MANHOLE
	STORM INLET
	SANITARY MANHOLE
	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
	SIGNAL POLE
	LIGHT STANDARD
	PARKING METER



ZONING GT-A = GOLDEN TRIANGLE DISTRICT

910.01.F GT-A SUBDISTRICT
THE PROVISIONS IN THIS SECTION APPLY TO LANDS WITHIN THE GT-A SUBDISTRICT OF THE GT DISTRICT.

910.01.F.1 PURPOSE
THE PURPOSES OF THE GT-A SUBDISTRICT AREA AS FOLLOWS:

(A) TO PROVIDE ZONING CLASSIFICATION SUITABLE FOR APPLICATION TO THE CORE OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA, WHERE INTENSIVE CONCENTRATION OF RETAIL AND OTHER BUSINESS FACILITIES IS DESIRABLE;

(B) TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUOUS, PRIMARILY RETAIL BUSINESS FRONTS AT STREET OR SIMILAR PEDESTRIAN LEVEL, WITH OFFICES, OFFICE RELATED, AND RESIDENTIAL USES AS THE PRIMARY USES OF UPPER STORIES OF BUILDINGS, SO THAT A MAXIMUM VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES MAY BE AVAILABLE WITHIN CONVENIENT DISTANCE OF EACH OTHER; AND

(C) TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA PRIMARILY FOR RETAIL BUSINESS OCCUPANCY.

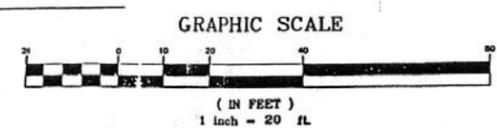
910.01.F.2 USE RESTRICTIONS
ONLY RETAIL SALES AND SERVICE AND RESTAURANT USES SHALL BE LOCATED WITH DIRECT ACCESS FROM A STREET OR OUTSIDE CONCOURSE, MALL, PLAZA, PROMENADE, WALKWAY OR SIMILAR PEDESTRIAN LEVEL.

910.01.F.3 SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
EACH SITE IN THE GT-A DISTRICT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

(A) MINIMUM LOT AREA PER DWELLING
NO MORE THAN ONE DWELLING UNIT OR SUITE SHALL BE PERMITTED PER 110 SQUARE FEET OF LOT AREA IN THE GT-A SUBDISTRICT.

(B) FLOOR AREA RATIO
THE MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO IN THE GT-A SUBDISTRICT SHALL BE 13.

(C) URBAN OPEN SPACE
URBAN OPEN SPACE SHALL BE PROVIDED AT GROUND LEVEL IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST 20 PERCENT OF THE LOT AREA.



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Existing Smithfield Street Elevation



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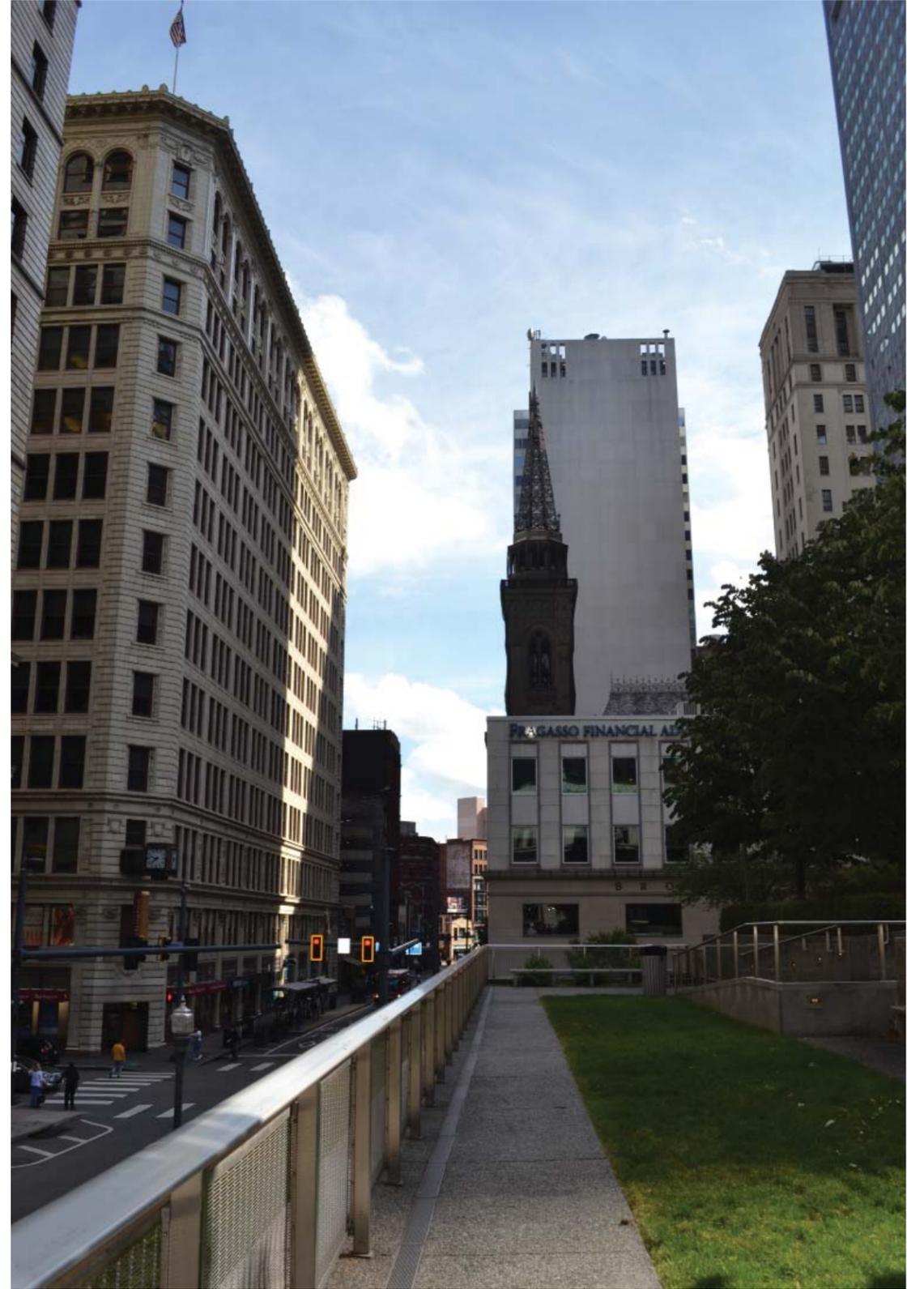
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View from corner of Sixth Ave and Smithfield



View from Smithfield Garage at Strawberry Way



View from Mellon Square looking down Smithfield, former Gimbels Building opposite Library

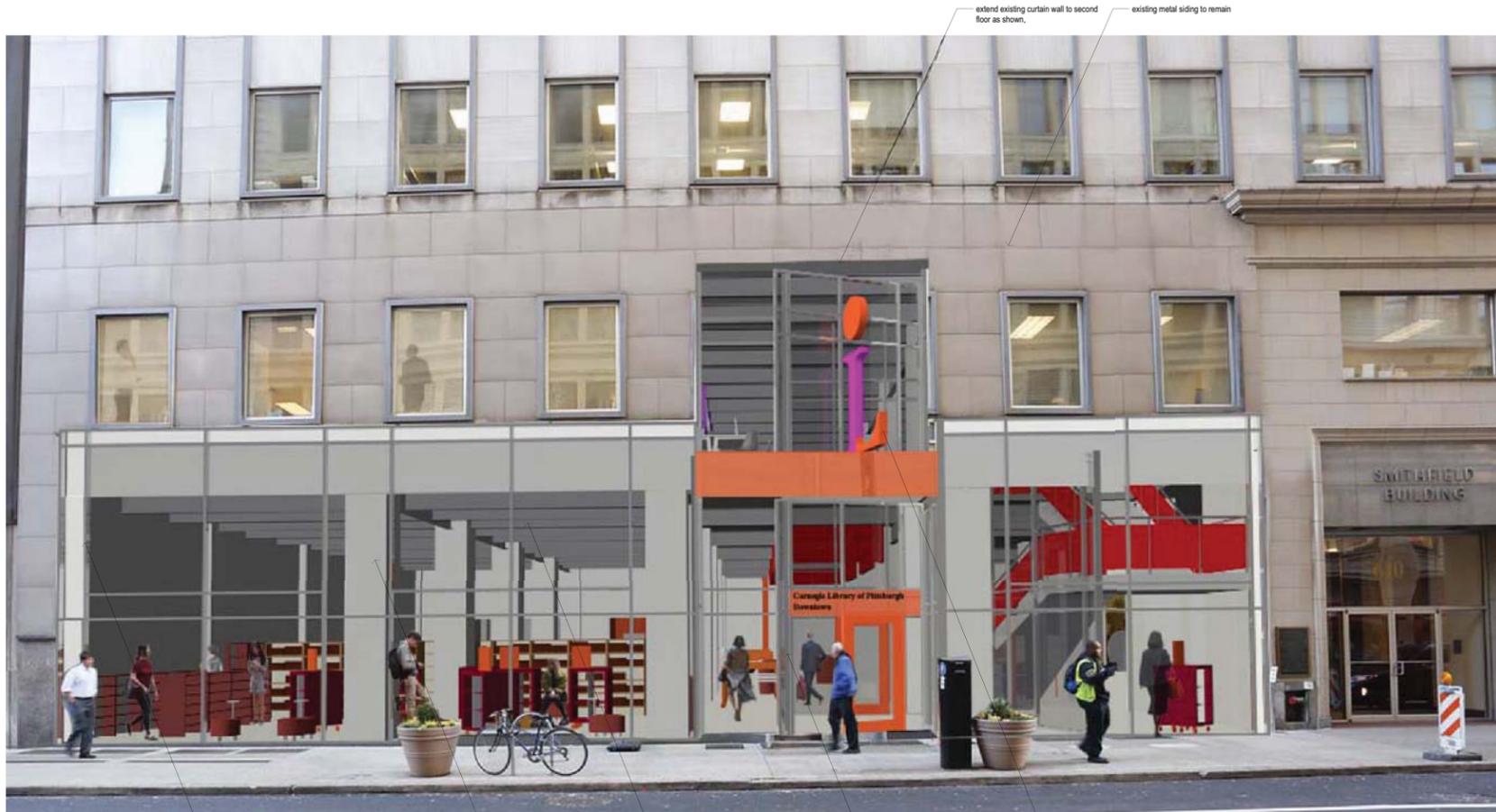


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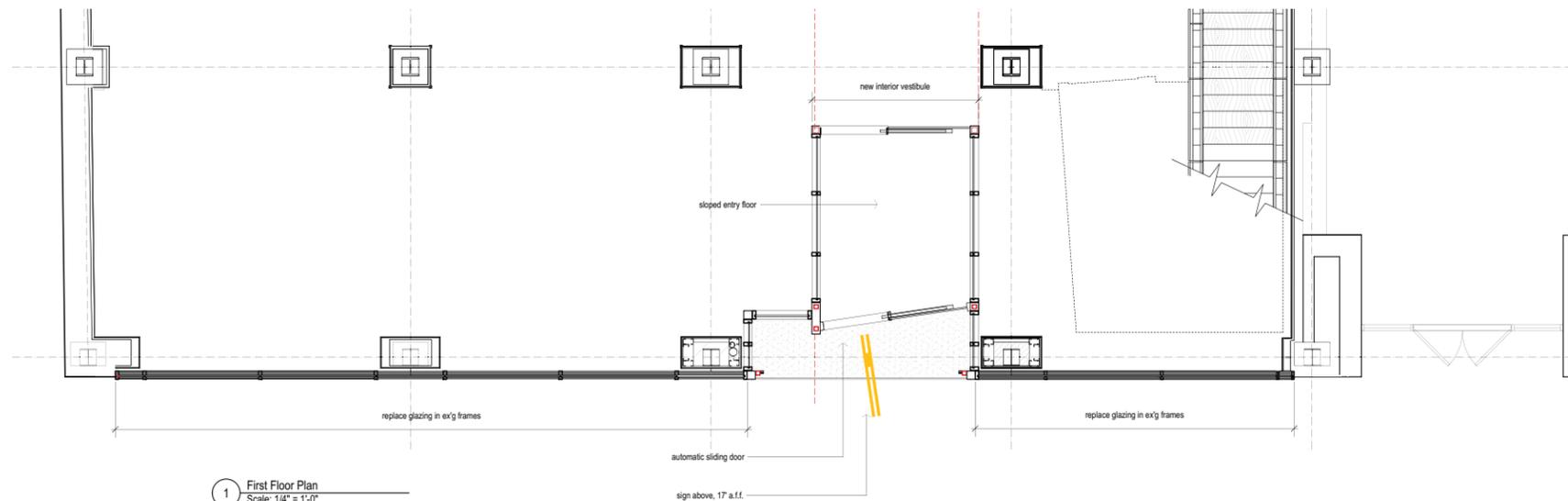
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2 Smithfield Street Elevation



1 First Floor Plan
Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

replace glazing in ex'g framing
new entry
replace glazing in ex'g framing



4 New Work at Smithfield Street Elevation



remove existing lighted CLP flag sign

3 Existing Smithfield Street Elevation

General Facade Notes:

remove existing exterior open/closed sign
new exterior lighted sign: translucent panels internally lit
new address and name above exterior sliding door
new overhead rolling grille to be closed when library is not open
CLP and Duquesne Light to discuss sidewalk gratings
sidewalk and vestibule slope to be replaced



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SCHEMATIC DESIGN NARRATIVE



Street view before

Street view after

The new design will create a more dynamic, three dimensional presence for the library entrance

With the goal of creating a vibrant presence for the downtown branch, one key consideration was to re-think the front façade and entry – that is, from the outside in.

- To create a more open, inviting façade, remove existing opaque spandrel glass and re-glaze the entire existing storefront with new clear glass, preferably with low iron, or other non-reflective, glass. Remove interior bulkheads along the windows to increase the opening height.
- To create a more dynamic and visible entry, a new two-story vestibule is created with new glazing and storefront. The new storefront is angled to break the plane of the existing façade and enable sliding automatic doors to be used for entrance doors. Within this new angled entry is to be a large, lighted library logo – anticipated to be neon or LED, as an update to the large logo signs used to date.
- Visible from the sidewalk and within the vestibule will be a new monumental stair (the original opening to the basement space will be closed in) and a new, machineroom-less elevator to the 2nd floor. These new vertical elements are anticipated to invite children, teen and partnering center users to their 2nd floor spaces.
- Also visible from the sidewalk and vestibule will be the first bay of the library, dedicated to retail-like displays, all moveable, and pop-up activities or events.

On the interior, spaces are organized so that the primary adult collections as well window-shopping displays and grab-and-go collections are on the first floor. Staff work areas and book processing are also located on the first floor. For customer assistance, a hierarchy of options is provided:

- I Can Help – first stop, aiming new customers in the right direction
- Customer Services Desk – helping customers obtain a card, pay fees, or with other administrative needs
- Reference Desk – to help customers search for specific books or information
- Partnering - places for help organizations to facilitate learning and research
- Self-Service – book drop, self-serve reserves, self-check, self-serve printer/fax/copier, opac, & queue
- Security Desks - two on the first floor and one on the second floor, with guards accustomed to fielding ad-hoc questions

Children’s and Teen’s spaces are located on the 2nd floor, along with Meeting Rooms and the new Partnering Center. Specific considerations for these include:

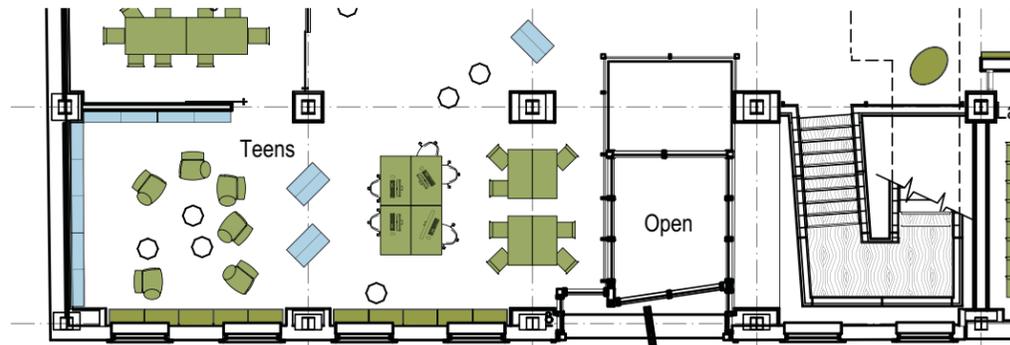
- All meeting rooms and programming rooms will have glass walls and doors for visibility
- All meeting and programming rooms will have smart boards or tv screens
- All desks will have access to power.
- The Teen area includes a recording booth



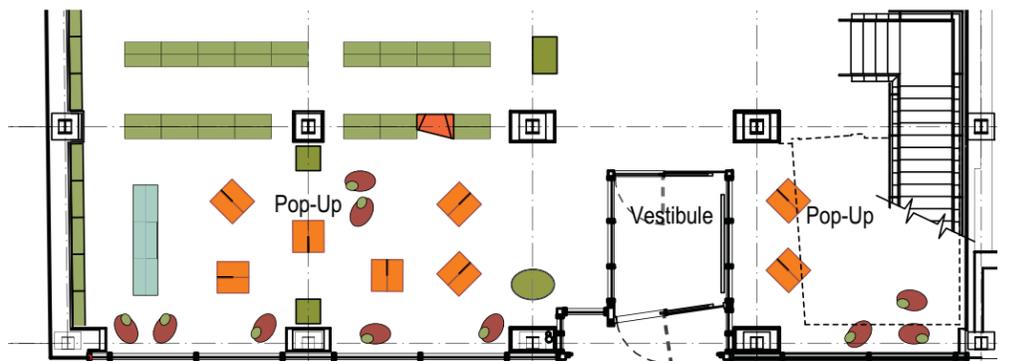
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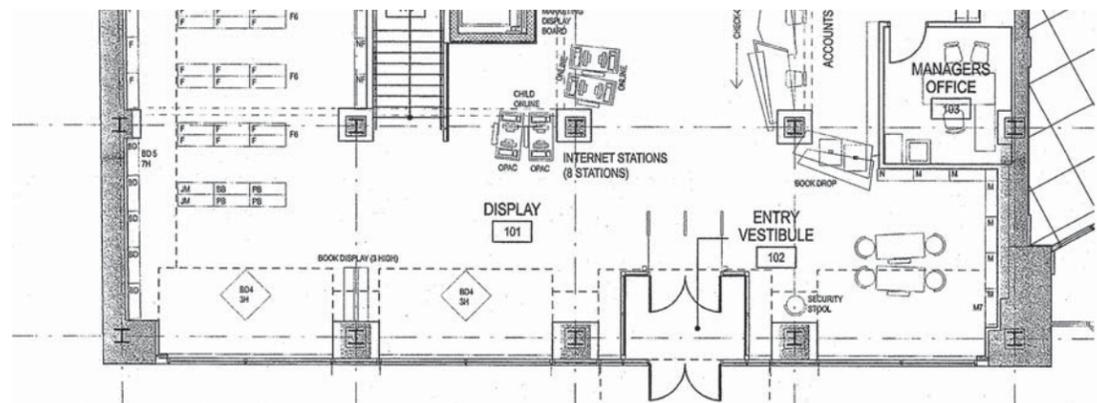
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New Partial Second Floor Plan and Exterior Sign



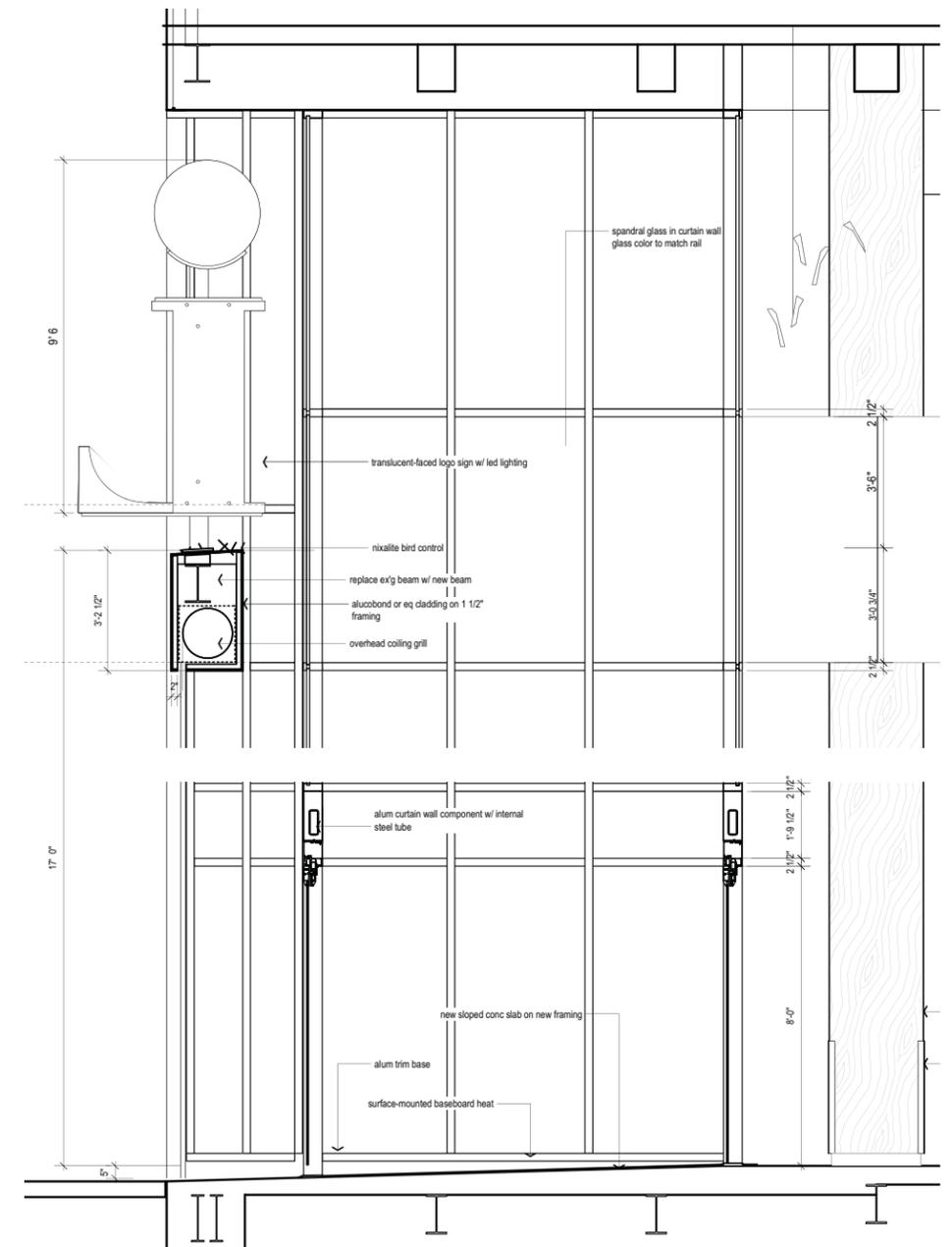
New Partial First Floor Plan and Entrance



Existing Partial First Floor Plan and Entrance



New Two-Story Entrance and Big "L" Sign



Entrance Vestibule Section



Construction Management Plan:

The General Contractor will obtain all necessary permits and follow all regulations required by the City to safely replace the curtainwall glazing and install the new exterior signage and security gate. The sidewalk will be closed as needed to maintain public safety.

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Key Design Concepts:

- **Community Process:** The Library has actively engaged with the community on all of the renovations of their libraries throughout the city. The Downtown branch is no different. Envisioning a new and vibrant Downtown Destination Library would not have been possible without the input of those who use and rely on the services provided, as well as the staff who need the library to function like a well oiled-machine.
 1. The Library held community meetings seeking public comment and ideas to reimagine a new 21st century library.
 2. Loysen + Kreuthmeier Architects held regular design meetings with the Library Staff throughout the design process.
 3. Prior to the closure of the existing facility, the Library held several Open House events to inform their Patrons of the upcoming changes and ended with a Goodbye Party in early March 2020. (Prior to the COVID Pandemic.)
- **Accessibility and Universal Design:** The new entrance is slightly recessed from the sidewalk and has an automatic sliding door which will not interfere with the public sidewalk. The vestibule is larger and the grand two-story arcade allows for a wider circulation path for patrons and staff during the busiest hours. The interior is fully accessible allowing for ease of circulation and use of all of the amenities the library provides daily.



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Renovation Open House



**Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2020 | 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
at CLP - Downtown & Business**

Curious about the upcoming renovation Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Downtown location? Pop into our Open House and speak with our staff about the new space, and our plans for service while we are temporarily closed. Check out floor plans, share your ideas, and talk to your neighbors! [On Thursdays in January, find the Open House at the First Floor tables!](#)

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh powered by PA CareerLink



**Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22
and 29, 2020 |
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
at CLP - Downtown & Business**

PA CareerLink Pittsburgh / Allegheny County provides a host of workforce services to job seekers. Services include access to job search assistance and career counseling, training and skills assessments, resume writing and interview preparation, veteran services, services for individuals with disabilities, and talent matching—all at no cost. CLP—Downtown & Business hosts a PA CareerLink Pittsburgh/Allegheny County counselor to assist library visitors that are looking for work.



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Q&A...



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