AGENDA

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

the historic district of savannah, georgia
EXISTING ISSUES

- SPACE SHORTAGE
- INADEQATE INFRASTRUCTURE
- DETERIORATING BUILDING CONDITIONS
- LACK OF CIVIC IDENTITY
- SECURITY CONCERNS

Existing jail building is vacant & to be demolished
view from the W. York street and Montgomery street, looking at north and east elevations of jail

view from the W. Oglethorpe ave. and Montgomery street, looking at east and south elevations of jail
view from the W. Oglethorpe ave. and Martin Luther King Jr. blvd, looking at south and west elevations of jail

view from the Martin Luther King Jr. blvd. and W. York street, looking at north elevation of jail
view from Montgomery street, looking south at existing parking garage and courthouse

view from Montgomery street, looking west to existing courthouse
view from site, looking east across Montgomery street

view of existing public parking garage looking east from existing courthouse
MASTER PLAN OPTIONS

1. EXPAND EXISTING
2. CONSTRUCT ANNEX
3. REPLACE NEW FACILITY
MASTER PLAN OPTIONS

1. EXPAND EXISTING
   - SIGNIFICANT IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES
   - RESTRICTED TO EXISTING GRID & FLOOR HEIGHTS
   - COLLOCATES ALL COURT FUNCTIONS IN ONE BUILDING
   - NO SITE ACQUISITION ISSUES
MASTER PLAN OPTIONS

2. CONSTRUCT ANNEX

- SIMPLE PHASING
- DESIGN RESPNDS TO PROGRAM & FUNCTION
- SPLIT COURT OPERATIONS
- NO SITE ACQUISITION ISSUES
MASTER PLAN OPTIONS

3. REPLACE NEW FACILITY

- SIMPLE PHASING
- DESIGN RESPNDNS TO PROGRAM & FUNCTION
- COLLOCATES ALL COURT FUNCTIONS IN ONE LOCATION
- REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION & ACQUISITION OF SITE
COST DIFFERENTIAL WAS NEGLIGIBLE
SELECTED MASTER PLAN OPTION 2 – CONSTRUCT ANNEX

- MAINTAINED COURT PRESENCE IN HISTORIC DISTRICT
- MAXIMISES REUSE OF EXISTING COURT RESOURCES
- ANNEX PROVIDES APPROPRIATE PROGRAM & FUNCTIONAL SPACES FOR TRIAL COURTS
- RESOLVES PRIMARY SECURITY CONCERNS
- DOES NOT REQUIRE ACQUISITION OF NEW PROPERTY
SELECTED MASTER PLAN OPTION 2 – CONSTRUCT ANNEX

PHASING

• PHASING 1 – SHORT TERM MODIFICATION
• PHASING 2 – MEW TRIAL COURT BUILDING
• PHASING 3 – RENOVATION OF EXISTING COURTHOUSE
SITE PLAN REVIEW

Existing Site Plan
Proposed Site Plan
Phase 1A

Existing Courts Building Plans
First Floor Plan
Interior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)
Phase 1A

Existing Courts Building Plans

Fourth Floor Plan

Interiors Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)
Phase 1A

Existing Courts Building Plans
Fifth Floor Plan
Interior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)
Phase 1B

Existing Parking Garage Plans
Phase 2

Interior View of the Atrium
Designing a Courthouse in the City of Streets and Squares

The challenge of the project was to develop a solution which restored the order of the original City plan, was respectful of the scale and character of the fabric of historic Savannah, which at the same time also provided a fully functional court facility capable of addressing the needs of the judiciary both today and well into the future.
The Oglethorpe Plan

• The city of Savannah, Georgia was laid out in 1733 around four open squares, each surrounded by four residential (tything) blocks and four civic (trust) blocks. The layout of a square and eight surrounding blocks was known as a ‘ward.’
• From the first four – Johnson, Wright, Ellis and Telfair (St. James) Square, by 1851 there were 24 squares in the city.
• In 20th century, three of the squares, Ellis, Liberty, and Elbert were demolished or altered beyond recognition. But in 2010, one of the lost square, Ellis was reclaimed.
Oglethorpe's plan of squares and streets for Savannah is "so exalted that it remains as one of the finest diagrams for city organization and growth in existence,“

- Edmund Bacon
The Savannah Historic District is a large urban U.S. historic district that roughly corresponds to the city limits of Savannah, Georgia, prior to the American Civil War. The area was declared a National Historic Landmark District in 1966, and is one of the largest districts of its kind in the U.S.
historical inspirations... to contemporary interpretation...
Phase 2

LEGEND
1) PARKING
2) CLEARKS
3) LOBBY
4) ATRIUM
5) JURY ASSEMBLY
6) MONUMENTAL STAIR
7) HISTORY GALLERY

Floor Plans ...164,959 gsf
Basement Plan (33,315 gsf)
New Courts Building (NCB)

First Floor Plan (36,108 gsf)
New Courts Building (NCB)
Phase 2

LEGEND
1) COURTROOM
2) JUDGE CHAMBER
3) TRAINING/ CLASS ROOM
4) ATRIUM
5) ATTORNEY
6) MONUMENTAL STAIR

Floor Plans ...164,959 gsf
Second Floor Plan (33,667 gsf)
New Courts Building (NCB)

Third Floor Plan (30,610 gsf)
New Courts Building (NCB)
Phase 2

LEGEND
1) COURTROOM
2) JUDGE CHAMBER
3) ADMINISTRATION
4) ATRIUM
5) TERRACE
6) MONUMENTAL STAIR

Floor Plans ...164,959 gsf
Fourth Floor Plan (31,259 gsf)
New Courts Building (NCB)
south elevation
elevation

west elevation
elevation

north elevation
rendered image

view from the southwest
courtroom mock-up

STAGE 1

STAGE 2

STAGE 3

STAGE 4
Phase 3

Basement Floor Plan
Interior/exterior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)

First Floor Plan
Interior/exterior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)
Phase 3

Second Floor Plan
Interior/ exterior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)

Third Floor Plan
Interior/ exterior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)
Phase 3

Fourth Floor Plan
Interior/ exterior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)

Fifth Floor Plan
Interior/ exterior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)
Phase 3

Sixth Floor Plan
Interior/ exterior Renovations of Existing Courts Building (ECB)
rendered image

view looking north on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
rendered image

view looking south on Montgomery
VISIONING FINISHES

EXISTING COURT ROOM DESIGN
Phoenix

Augusta

COURT ROOM VISIT
EXAMPLES OF COURT ROOM DESIGN
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COURT ROOM DESIGN OPTIONS
PUBLIC LOBBY

architectural ceramic floor

wood ceiling

limestone walls
PUBLIC SPACES – HALLWAYS & ENTRIES
ADMINISTRATION SPACES

MOVEABLE WALL SYSTEM

PUBLIC WINDOWS

PRIVATE OFFICES

CONFERENCE ROOM
ADMINISTRATION SPACES
Chatham County Courthouse