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Community Design Solutions

On The Boards

Above: MLK Interior office space

What are we up to?

Our "On the Boards" newsletter features a quick overview of CDS projects, events, and how we are impacting neighborhoods.

What is CDS?

Community Design Solutions (CDS) is a funded design center in SARUP that assists communities, agencies, civic groups, and campuses throughout Wisconsin. CDS provides preliminary design and planning services to underserved communities and agencies. Students from SARUP work with Director, Carolyn Esswein, clients and faculty to develop concepts that promote positive change, stimulate funding opportunities, and serve as a catalyst for continued investment.

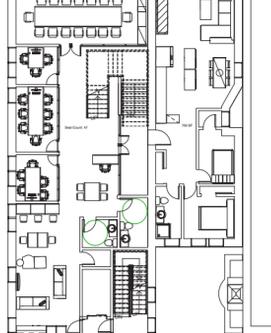
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MLK and Center Rehab | Client: Historic King Drive Bid #8

Redeveloping the vacant iconic corner building, 2673 N MLK Drive, to continue the investment along Martin Luther King Drive (MLK) is the primary goal of the visioning proposal. The BID wants to create a destination for residents and visitors that will activate the busy corner of MLK Drive and Center Street. Two concepts were

presented to the BID board for review and discussion of market impacts, reuse options, and the best alternative for investment. Option 2, the office and podcast space on the ground floors, with residential on the upper floors, was selected. Option 1 included a restaurant and cafe on the ground floor and offices and housing on the upper floors. Renderings illustrate how the building could be redeveloped and become an asset for the area.

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Option 2 Ground floor corner office and podcast studio



Existing interior condition



Design Option 2 Podcast studio is visible from the street



Rendering of office and podcast studio with housing above

West facade includes outdoor patios, mural, and tenant parking



Outdoor classroom and stage area

Victory Gardens | Client: Victory Gardens Initiative

Victory Gardens envisions how to improve their outdoor classroom and work areas to better support their programming. Elements include additional seating, a stage, enhanced planting areas and water collection, expanded covered structure, public art, and a storage for gardening equipment. Movable seating allows for flexible use of the garden and play area. The garden entrance was enhanced with new stepping logs, a gate feature, and a variety of colorful, seasonal plantings.

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Enhanced entrance



Victory Garden site plan

CONGRATULATIONS SARUP 50



The School of Architecture and Urban Planning is celebrating 50 years. As the only accredited SARUP in Wisconsin, SARUP takes pride in its many graduates pursuing architecture and urban planning and ever changing the discipline of architecture.

There are a variety of events occurring throughout the year. uwm.edu/sarup/50th/

Hopkins Interior | Client: Devonta's Helping

The building owner would like to renovate the vacant building into a flexible meeting space for the neighborhood, a community kitchen, and apartments on the upper floors. A variety of seating

and table layouts were explored, including a movable counter element. The garage door opens to an outdoor patio for additional seating. The front elevation is enhanced with windows, fencing, and lighting.

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Restaurant and community gathering concept



White box concept of a community meeting space



Garage door connection to the patio



Interior concept for a restaurant layout

Burleigh Corridor Charette | Client: City of Milwaukee and Ascension St. Joseph Hospital

CDS facilitated their 12th Community Design and Development Charette focused on how to transform the Burleigh corridor. CDS staff researched various strategic plan recommendations, researched neighborhood demographics and history, examined business diversity, and conducted focus groups to gather input from various stakeholders. The day long charette, held at UW-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning in September 2019, included five local architectural firms: Engberg Anderson, Galbraith Carnahan, Korb & Associates, Kahler Slater, and Quorum. The teams generated ideas for the various sites based on stakeholder input, including: a grocery market, Sherman Theater, a grocery store, activating the ground floor and rooftop of the St. Joseph Hospital, activating garage, and housing in the St. Joseph Hospital Marquette building.

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Charette Day Visioning with stakeholders



Engberg Anderson - Kosher Market transformed to a cafe, restaurant, and outdoor gathering spaces



Galbraith Carnahan Architects - screening and ground floor retail activates the St. Joseph parking garage



Quorum Architects - enhanced Sherman Theater, restaurant, offices, community spaces, and streetscaping



Korb & Associates - St. Joseph Hospital's Marquette building as multi-family housing and community space



Kahler Slater - former Lena's redeveloped as a grocery store with a commercial kitchen and greenhouse gathering area over the parking lot