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Community Design Solutions

On The Boards

Above: VOV South entry and gardens

What are we up to?

Welcome to our "On the Boards" newsletter featuring a quick overview of CDS projects, events, and how we are working with local residents, leaders, and neighborhoods.

What is CDS?

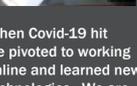
Community Design Solutions (CDS) is a funded design center in SARUP that assists communities, agencies, civic groups, and campuses throughout Wisconsin. CDS provides preliminary design and planning services to underserved communities and agencies. Students from SARUP work with Director, Carolyn Esswein, 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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Working Online

Navigating online work during Covid



When Covid-19 hit we pivoted to working online and learned new technologies. We are taking advantage of the software we have and learning new tricks. From Zoom meetings with clients and the public, to organizing an online charette, we can accomplish many things while keeping a safe distance.

Victory Over Violence Park Client: Historic King Drive BID

Originally created in the 1990s, the Victory Over Violence Park is being transformed into a healing place for urban trauma victims, as well as a gathering place for residents and community events. The park is a tribute to the work of Jenetta Simpson-Robinson, an impactful citizen and leader. Based on community input, the proposed design includes a variety of perennial gardens, walkways, and seating areas at the south end, showcasing the Victory Over Violence sculpture, mural and future murals. The northern section provides a space for community events, food vendors, or relaxing and enjoying the game tables. Construction of the park this summer comes at a critical time of healing and bringing the community together. Deshea Agee, Executive Director of the BID, is passionate about creating a place to make lives better for people living in the neighborhood and throughout the city. We look forward to seeing the vision become a restorative place for healing.

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Perennial gardens



Open lawn, game tables, and vendor area

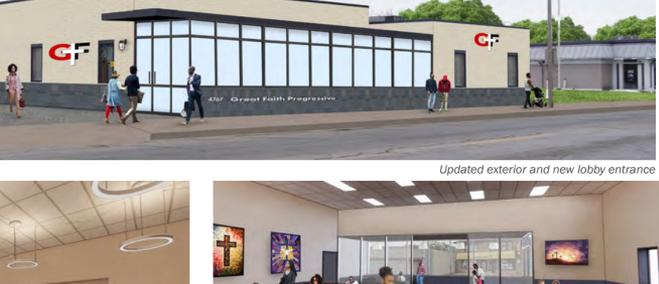


Open lawn and stage for performances, events, or various vendors

Great Faith Church Addition and Renovation Client: Great Faith Progressive

Great Faith, located on Hopkins Street on the northwest side of Milwaukee, wants to update their facility and expand their ability to serve both the neighborhood, youth, and their members. A new entrance and lobby provides a space for gathering prior to church or viewing during the service, and creates an improved street presence. The new kitchen and cafeteria will allow them to serve meals and host additional church functions and events. New seating and an updated sanctuary layout provides more flexibility as their membership continues to grow. The concept renderings will assist the church in fundraising and further dialogue.

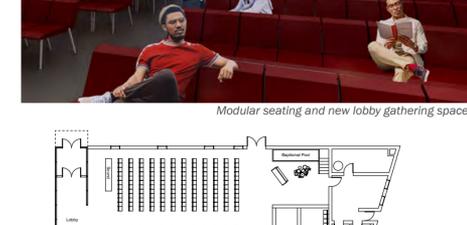
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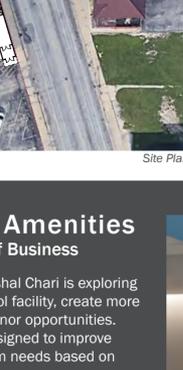
Updated exterior and new lobby entrance



New addition with a kitchen and cafeteria



Modular seating and new lobby gathering space



Site Plan



Detailed Floor Plan

Updated Student Amenities Client: UWM Lubar School of Business

Lubar Business School Dean Kaushal Chari is exploring ways to update the business school facility, create more student amenities, and identify donor opportunities. Three high traffic areas were redesigned to improve services and respond to curriculum needs based on faculty and staff input.

First floor hallway is a major connector on campus as well as gathering place for business students. High top seating, lounge chairs, and side hallway tables provide more spaces to study and gather. A Business School Hall of Fame wall will highlight significant alumni and their contributions to the profession. The second floor Career Center is expanded to include more interview rooms and a more visible waiting area. A new Tutoring Center with flexible seating and technology will accommodate more students and group teaching activities.

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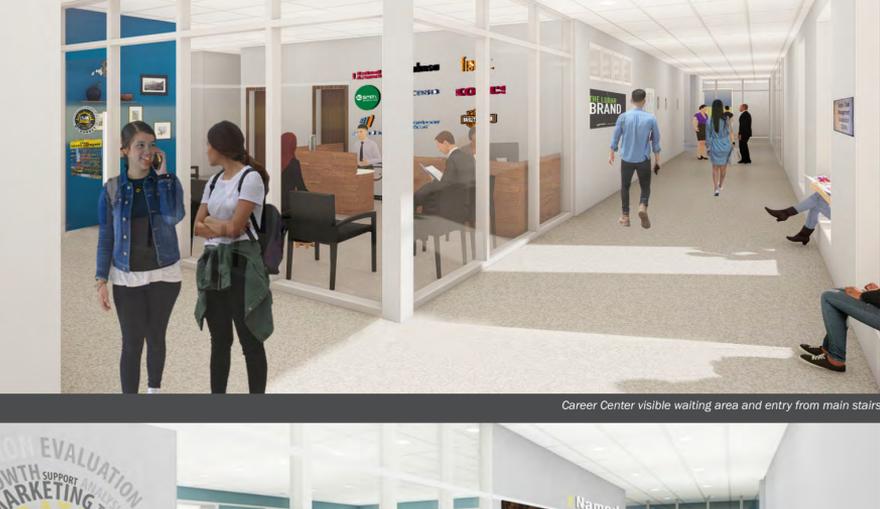
Career Center waiting area and additional interview rooms



First floor Hall of Fame and more seating opportunities



First floor lounge



Career Center visible waiting area and entry from main stairs



New tutoring center on the second floor



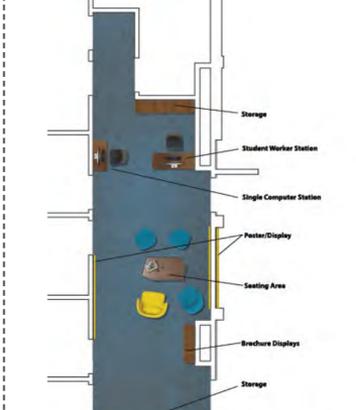
Tutoring Center

Pathway Advising Client: UW-Milwaukee

The UWM Pathway Advising office is dated and needs a fresh update to welcome students looking at attending college and prospective majors. We worked with staff to envision a waiting space, workstation, and exterior hallway entrance. The new layout provides an updated area for students and families to wait for their advisor.

The renderings illustrate a vibrant update with pops of color, inspiring messaging, and available university materials. The walls are given a gray tone to keep the space calm and modern, with an accent wall to add color and school spirit. With the restrictions of budget and the need for more storage, plans identify new furniture and storage based on approved UWM vendors. The updates will provide a modern, welcoming first impression.

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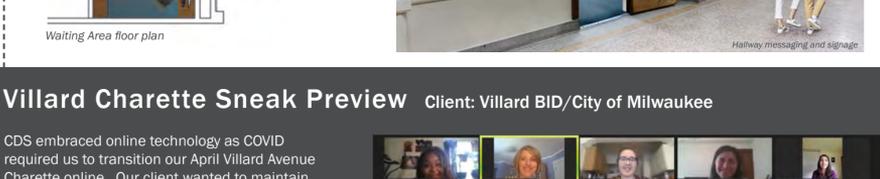
Waiting Area floor plan



Waiting Area



Hallway messaging and signage



Villard Charette Sneak Preview Client: Villard BID/City of Milwaukee

CDS embraced online technology as COVID required us to transition our April Villard Avenue Charette online. Our client wanted to maintain the momentum of our spring focus groups as we realized a large group gathering was not possible in the foreseeable future. Using Zoom, IdeaFlip, and Survey Monkey we had a great dialogue and provided various ways for stakeholders, residents, and business owners to provide feedback. We look forward to sharing the final redevelopment proposals later this summer, including an open air theater, bike lanes, co-working space, pet store, housing, and more!

Participating architects: Dan Beyer Architects, Engberg Anderson, Galbraith Carnahan, Quorum Architects, and SmithGroup.



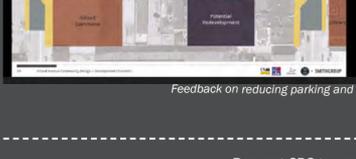
Two interactive days of Zoom sessions discussing ideas for the five Opportunity Sites



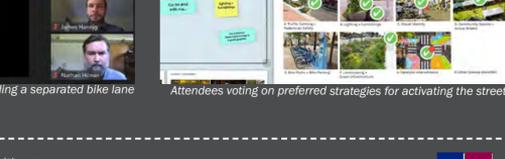
Session discussing co-working and a food hall to activate the street



Posting ideas and reactions on an interactive comment site



Feedback on reducing parking and adding a separated bike lane



Attendees voting on preferred strategies for activating the street