

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
201 WEST GRAY, NORMAN, OK**

APRIL 2, 2015

5:00 P.M.

**1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING
COMPONENTS OF A CITIZENS' QUALITY OF LIFE
INITIATIVE ENTITLED "NORMAN FORWARD":**

- THE EXTENSION OF JAMES GARNER BOULEVARD
FROM ACRES STREET TO NORTH FLOOD AVENUE**
- CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY
AND AN EAST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY**
- CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SENIOR CITIZENS
CENTER**

JAMES GARNER BOULEVARD EXTENSION



DATE: March 27, 2015
TO: Steve Lewis, City Manager
FROM: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Norman Forward Program - Council Conference #1
Front Street Project (James Garner Avenue)

Please find the following information and attachments in reference to the "Front Street" element of the currently proposed Norman Forward Program. Most of this information is taken from the City's Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP) which was adopted by City Council on May 13, 2014. For many years in Norman, this proposed corridor project has been referred to as "Front Street". However, on April 11, 2006 at the request of a citizen group in Norman, Front Street was renamed by the City Council to James Garner Avenue in recognition of the famous (recently deceased) actor James Garner who was born and raised in Norman.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

On September 14, 1999, a Special Election was held in Norman including six (6) propositions. City Council approved Ordinance No. 0-9899-51 on July 14, 1999 calling for the Special Election and designating the ballot language. Proposition No. 4 involved street and road projects including a 2-lane Front Street Project between Robinson Street and Eufaula Street in the amount of \$7,108,500. Proposition No. 4 also included \$3,100,000 for rural road improvements on East Rock Creek Road and 36th Avenue NE in Ward 5. The other five (5) propositions in this election included park improvements, library upgrades, emergency communication systems, cultural facilities and public parking lots in the total amount of \$18,890,000. Combined with Proposition No. 4 for street and road improvements, this Special Election included \$30,120,000 in proposed improvements in Norman.

Norman voters approved Proposition No. 2 at the September 14, 1999 Special Election in the amount of \$290,000 for equipment, furniture and floor covering for the Main Public Library. However, Propositions 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 failed to gain approval by the voters, including the Front Street Project.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS:

As stated in the CTP under the category of Short Range Projects, the purpose of the James Garner Avenue Project between Acres Street and Flood Avenue is to create a more direct access way between Downtown Norman and I-35/US Highway 77/Flood Avenue to the north. The cost estimate for this project, in 2014 dollars, is \$6 million.

The CTP also includes categories for Medium Range and Long Range Projects. In the Medium Range category, James Garner Avenue is extended from Acres Street to Boyd Street for access to the campus of the University of Oklahoma. A cost estimate is not currently available for the latter project

office memorandum

The James Garner Avenue Project included in the current Norman Forward Program proposes to extend the existing James Garner Avenue as a two-lane roadway from Acres Street northward to a crossing over the depressed Robinson Street (underpass), using the already provided abutments created for the Robinson Street underpass for the railroad crossing. The project will create a connection to Flood Avenue north of Robinson Street. The project proposes to truncate the local streets north of Acres Street to eliminate the connection to the James Garner Avenue extension.

In conjunction with, and due to, the extension of James Garner Avenue north of Acres Street, the project will realign the existing Legacy Trail north of Acres Street. It is recommended that cul-de-sacs be constructed at the east end of the side streets to not connect to the James Garner Avenue extension to enhance the safety of the Legacy Trail and to improve the safety and flow of traffic on James Garner Avenue. Legacy Trail will be extended over the grade separated Robinson Street to eliminate the potential safety hazards of the existing at-grade trail crossing of Robinson Street and Flood Avenue. The project should be designed to include the trail in conjunction with a potential bridge over Robinson Street for the James Garner Avenue extension.

The proposed extension of James Garner Avenue northward to tie directly to Flood Avenue will bring a component of through traffic to the segment of James Garner Avenue south of Acres Street. This section of James Garner Avenue is currently a meandering two lane roadway with on-street parking to Eufaula Street. A concept is proposed for modifications to the roadway to:

- add pockets of left turn lanes to facilitate traffic movement while retaining essentially a two-lane roadway through downtown
- remove various areas of curbside parking and create pockets of off-street parking in the public right-of-way
- enhance the intersections of James Garner Avenue at Acres Street, Gray Street and Main Street to facilitate north-south movement along James Garner Avenue while blending its movements into the fabric of Downtown Norman.

In the future, potential densification of development along James Garner/Jenkins Avenue, between Main Street and Boyd Street, will increase the significance of the need for good access and circulation, off-street parking, and increased accommodations for bicycle and pedestrian mobility. Design of the travel lanes, bike lanes, bus accommodations, sidewalks and corridor parking provisions will need to support higher density development and transit oriented development.

Public Works staff will be available at the Council Conference on Thursday, April 2, 2015 to present this material and to answer any further questions. Thank you for this opportunity.

Encl. Proposed Front Street Concept Plans (CTP)

cc: Scott Sturtz, City Engineer
Angelo Lombardo, City Transportation Engineer

Action S3c: Context Sensitive Improvements on James Garner/Jenkins Ave, Acres St. to Boyd St.

The proposed extension of James Garner Avenue to the north, across Robinson Street to tie to N. Flood Avenue, will displace the Legacy Trail, pass close to existing neighborhood, and allow various potential connections to Flood Avenue and Robinson Street. An initial concept for this treatment is included in Appendix E. The connection to Flood Avenue to the north will bring a component of through traffic to the segment of James Garner Avenue south of Acres Street which currently is a meandering two lane roadway with on-street parking to Boyd Street. Potential densification of development along James Garner/Jenkins Avenue, between Main Street and Boyd Street, will increase the significance of the need for good access and circulation, off-street parking, and increased accommodations for bicycle and pedestrian mobility. Design the travel lanes, bike lanes, bus accommodations, sidewalks and corridor parking provisions to support higher density development and transit oriented development. Develop the context sensitive design with considerations for future development, and arrange funding and schedule for implementation.

Action M3a: James Garner Avenue Extension, from Acres Street to Flood Avenue

Realign the Legacy trail and extend James Garner Avenue as a two-lane roadway from Acres Street northward to a crossing over the depressed Robinson Street, using the already provided abutments, and create a connection to Flood Avenue north of Robinson Street. An initial concept of the improvement is included in Appendix E. Consider options to tie or truncate the local streets north of Acres Street to connect or to not connect with the James Garner Avenue extension. Allocate funding and design and construct the corridor improvements.

Short Range Thoroughfare Improvements

- Action S3a: Context Sensitive Roadway Improvements on Lindsey Street, Berry Road to Jenkins Avenue
- Action S3f: Implement the Transportation Enhancements Recommended in Core Norman Neighborhood Plans (partial)
- Action M2h: Improve the West Side of the Interchange of Robinson Street at I-35
- Action M2i: Improve Rock Creek Road, 48th Avenue W. to 36th Avenue W.
- Action M3a: James Garner Avenue Extension, Flood Avenue to Acres Street

Table 4.1 Recommended Short Range Projects and Programs

| Project | | Encompass 2035 Status | Lead Agency | MAP-21 Funding Opportunity | Est'd Project Cost, \$ Million (2014 Dollars) |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---|
| ID# | Description | | | | |
| Thoroughfare Improvements | | | | | |
| S3a | Lindsey, Berry to Jenkins | Long Range | Norman, OU | (Bike/Ped) | \$6.50 |
| S3f | Neighborhood Plans (part) | n/a | Norman | Some CDBG | \$5.50 |
| M2h | Robinson, west of I-35 | To Be Added | Norman, ODOT | (Safety) | \$4.10 |
| M2i | Rock Creek, 48 th W to 36 th W | Med. Range | Norman | (Widening) | \$2.40 |
| M3a | James Garner Ext'n to Flood | Long Range | Norman | (Congestion) | \$6.00 |
| M3b | Main/Gray east of Porter | To Be Added | Norman | (Congestion) | \$0.40 |
| M3c | Peters/Crawford one-way pair | To Be Added | Norman | (congestion) | \$0.30 |
| P4e | Traffic Mgmt Center | To Be Added | Norman | (Safety) | TBD |
| F6a | Fund Bridges and Culverts | n/a | Norman | n/a | TBD |
| F6b | Fund Rail Sta. Property & Enh. | To Be Added | Norman, ACOG | (Transit) | TBD |
| E1a | Manage on-street parking | n/a | Norman | n/a | n/a |
| E1b | Parking Management District | n/a | Norman | n/a | n/a |
| E4a | Mobility and Aesthetic Dist's | n/a | Norman | n/a | n/a |

Medium Range Thoroughfare Improvements

- Action S3b: Context Sensitive Roadway Improvements on Porter Avenue, Acres Street to Alameda Street
- Action S3c: Context Sensitive Improvements on James Garner/Jenkins Avenue, Acres Street to Boyd Street

| Table 4.2 Recommended Medium Range Projects | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------|
| Project | | Encompass 2035 Status | Lead Agency | Funding Opportunity | Notes |
| ID# | Description | | | | |
| Thoroughfare Improvements | | | | | |
| S3b | Porter, Acres to Alameda | Long Range | Norman | (Multimodal) | |
| S3c | Garner/Jenkins Acres to Boyd | Med. Range | Norman | (Multimodal) | |

James Garner

James Garner extension, between Robinson Street and Acres Street
(Implementation Action M3a)

Bridge the Legacy Trail Over Robinson Street
(Implementation Action M6b)

James Garner/Jenkins Avenue, between Acres Street to Boyd Street
(Implementation Action S3c)

Purpose: Create a more direct access way between Downtown Norman and I-35/US 77 to the north.

Extend the existing James Garner Avenue as a two-lane roadway from Acres Street northward to a crossing over the depressed Robinson Street, using the already provided abutments created for the Robinson Street underpass of the Railroad. Create a connection to Flood Avenue north of Robinson Street. Truncate the local streets north of Acres Street to not intersect with James Garner Avenue extension.

In conjunction with, and due to, the extension of James Garner Avenue north of Acres Street, realign the existing legacy trail north of Acres Street. Consider whether to cul-de-sac the side streets to not connect to the James Garner extension to enhance the safety of the Legacy Trail. Extend the Legacy Trail over the grade separated Robinson Street to eliminate the potential safety hazards of the existing at-grade trail crossing of Robinson Street. Develop design plans for the trail in conjunction with a potential bridge over Robinson Street for the James Garner Avenue extension. Consider the costs and potential safety and utility benefits of including a grade-separated crossing of the Legacy Trail over Flood Avenue just north of Robinson to eliminate the need for the majority of trail users to cross through the busy intersection of Robinson Street at Flood Avenue.

The proposed extension of James Garner Avenue northward to tie directly to Flood Avenue will bring a component of through traffic to the segment of James Garner Avenue south of Acres Street. This section of James Garner Avenue is currently a meandering two lane roadway with on-street parking to Boyd Street. A concept is proposed for modifications to the roadway to:

- add pockets of left turn lanes to facilitate traffic movement while retaining essentially a two-lane roadway through downtown
- remove various areas of curbside parking and create pockets of off-street parking in the public right-of-way

- enhance the intersections of James Garner at Acres, Gray and Main Street to facilitate north south movement along James Garner while blending its movements into the fabric of the Downtown Streets

Potential densification of development along James Garner/Jenkins Avenue, between Main Street and Boyd Street, will increase the significance of the need for good access and circulation, off-street parking, and increased accommodations for bicycle and pedestrian mobility. Design the travel lanes, bike lanes, bus accommodations, sidewalks and corridor parking provisions will need to support higher density development and transit oriented development.

James Garner Ave Extension Robinson to Acres



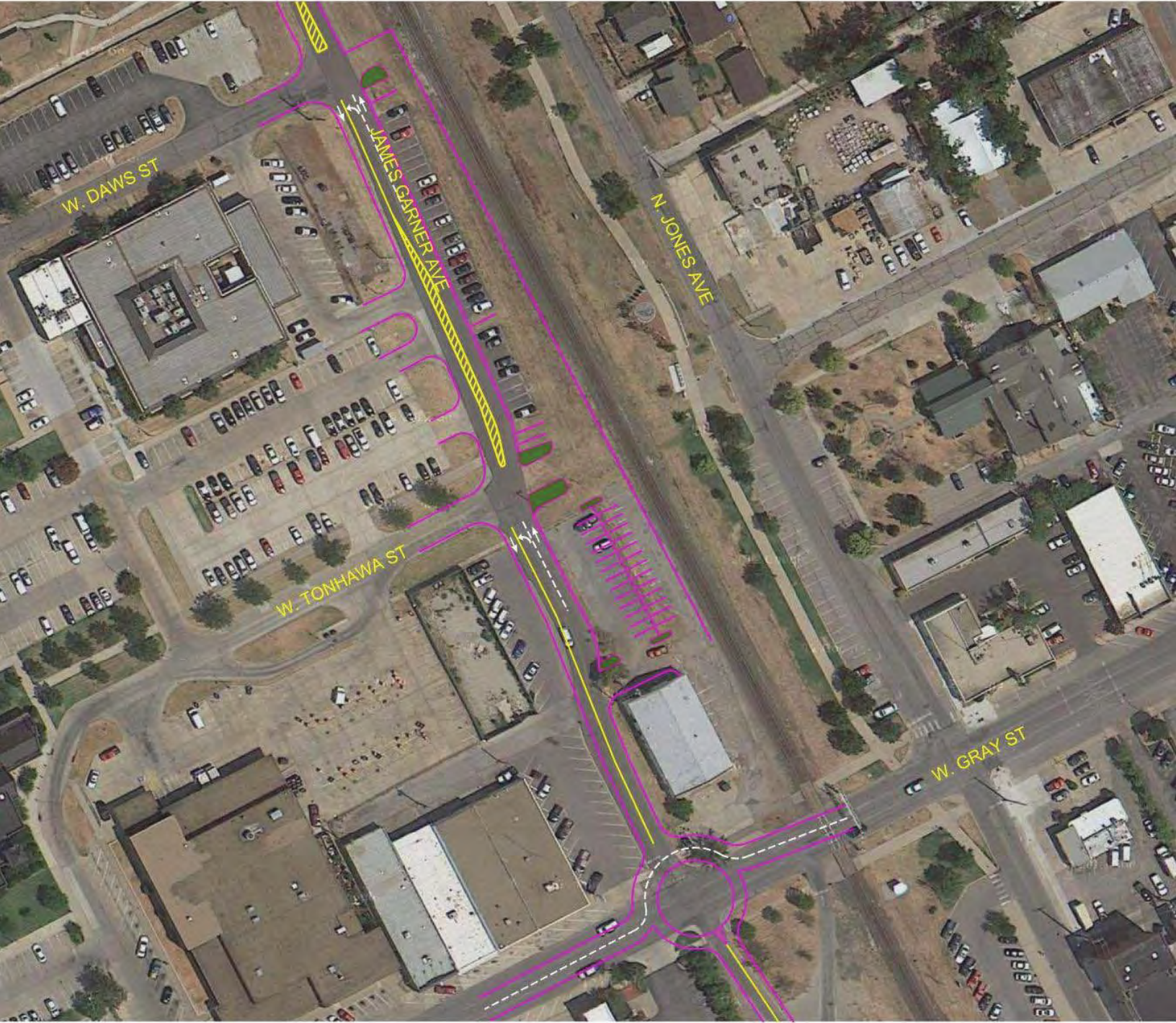
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James Garner Ave Extension Acres to Eufalia



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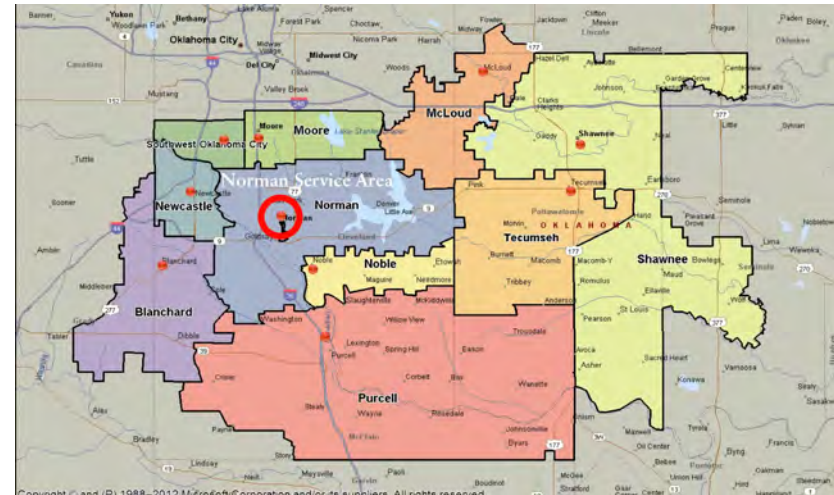


James Garner Ave Extension Acres to Eufalia

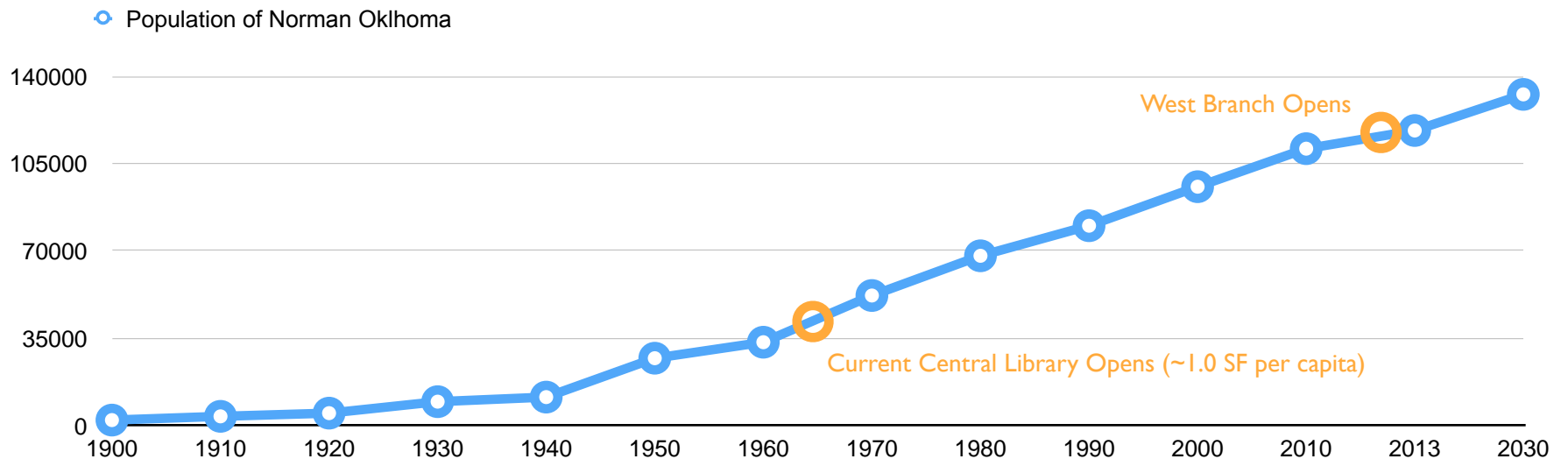


**NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY AND
EAST SIDE LIBRARY**

The Norman Public Library is part of the Pioneer Library System. It is one of eleven libraries serving communities in the counties of Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie. The Norman library served 118,197 residents in 2013. For the purpose of determining the service population through the year 2030, this study recommends a city population of 132,665. It is expected that the growth will continue at about 3%. The recommendations in this report will enable the library to serve not only a larger population, but a larger percentage of that population, providing to provide services, materials and spaces to meet the demands of increased in usage, check-outs and visitation. By providing buildings in the east, central and west areas of Norman, the library will increase convenience and expand services to more citizens.



Pioneer Library System Service Area (Norman in Blue)



| Library Statistics for FY 2013-2014 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Population | Pioneer | Norman | % |
| Pioneer and Norman Service Population | 359,703 | 118,197 | 32.86% |
| Active Card Holders | 239,139 | 87,146 | 36.44% |
| % of Card Holders | 66.48% | 73.73% | |
| Service Benchmarks | | | |
| Visitors | 1,737,517 | 447,064 | 25.73% |
| Visit per card holder | 7.27 | 5.13 | |
| Transactions | 3,061,728 | 1,159,613 | 37.87% |
| Physical Items Checked Out | 2,800,657 | 1,109,620 | 39.62% |
| Check-outs per card holder | 11.7 | 12.7 | |
| Check-outs per resident served | 7.8 | 9.4 | |
| Digital Items Downloaded | 254,249 | 49,993 | 19.66% |
| Computer Log-in Sessions | 451,580 | 111,057 | 24.59% |

| FY 2013-2014 Population | 359,700 | 118,197 |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------|
| | Pioneer | Per Capita |
| Volumes PLS | 610,087 | 1.70 |
| Volumes Norman | 202,346 | 1.71 |
| Non-Print PLS | 105,608 | 0.29 |
| Non-Print Norman | 38,620 | 0.33 |
| PCs PLS | 429 | |
| PCs Norman | 115 | |
| Proposed Thru 2030 Population | 414,500 | 132,665 |
| Volumes PLS | 870,000 | 2.10 |
| Volumes Norman | 270,000 | 2.04 |
| Non-Print PLS | 153,500 | 0.37 |
| Non-Print Norman | 40,000 | 0.30 |
| PCs PLS | 644 | |
| PCs Norman | 172 | |

Area Requirement Norman Central

| Space | Area | % of Total |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|
| Collection | 27,275 | 33.26% |
| Electronic Work Stations | 4,033 | 4.92% |
| User Seating | 9,750 | 11.89% |
| Space for Staff | 4,795 | 5.85% |
| Meeting Rooms | 6,742 | 8.22% |
| Special Use Space | 12,963 | 15.81% |
| Subtotal | 65,558 | 79.95% |
| Non-assignable | 16,442 | 20.05% |
| Total | 82,000 | 100.00% |

Program Notes

- Collection (physical books): 234,000 volumes
This is the collection of books that will be assigned to Norman by the Pioneer Library System (PLS). However, patrons will have access to any materials in the PLS. The actual number of volumes shelved will vary depending on the circulation rate. It is expected, based FY 2013-14 circulation rate, that 10% of the collection will be checked out at any one time.
- Non-print Items (DVD and CD) and Periodicals
The collection will, over time, be replaced by on-line download. At the point where the physical media vanishes from the market place, the space allocated will be reassigned. Space for 825 magazine titles + 1 year of back files will be provided.

- Electronic Work Stations
The library will provide space for 113 seats that will be provided with fixed computers and monitors. However, all table seating will include power for use by patrons to plug in their own devices,
- Special Use Space
This area contains space for display, photocopiers, friends of the library, collection (holds), book drop, automated materials handling room and IT equipment.
- Non-assignable Space
This includes space for mechanical and electrical equipment, building structure, general toilets, corridors, etc.

Detail of Capacity

| Space | Capacity |
|--|-----------|
| Collection: Number of print volumes on the shelf | 234,000 |
| Electronic Work Stations | 113 seats |
| General Seating (mix of table, lounge and study) | 300 |
| Space for Staff (space for Full Time Equivalents) | 38 FTE |
| Meeting Rooms | |
| 1 General Meeting Room with a seating capacity of 350 | |
| 1 Conference Room seating 24 persons | |
| 4 Study Rooms each with a capacity of up to 8 persons | |
| 1 Children's Program Room seating up to 125 persons | |
| 1 Tech Training and Classroom with space 25 persons at training tables | |

Area Requirement Norman East Branch

| Space | Area | % of Total |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|
| Collection | 2,505 | 20.04% |
| Electronic Work Stations | 1,280 | 10.24% |
| User Seating | 900 | 7.20% |
| Space for Staff | 1,043 | 8.34% |
| Meeting Rooms | 2,355 | 18.84% |
| Special Use Space | 1,566 | 12.53% |
| Subtotal | 9,649 | 77.19% |
| Non-assignable | 2,851 | 22.81% |
| Total | 12,500 | 100.00% |

Program Notes

- Collection (physical books): 20,000 volumes
This is the collection of books that will be assigned to Norman by the Pioneer Library System (PLS). However, patrons will have access to any materials in the PLS. The actual number of volumes shelved will vary depending on the circulation rate. It is expected, based FY 2013-14 circulation rate, that 10% of the collection will be checked out at any one time.
- Non-print Items (DVD and CD) and Periodicals
The collection will, over time, be replaced by on-line download. At the point where the physical media vanishes from the market place, the space allocated will be reassigned. Space for 25 magazine titles + 1 year of back files will be provided.

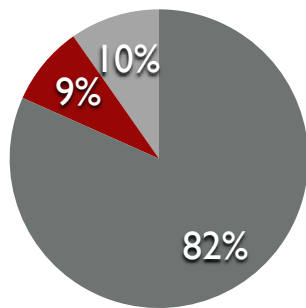
- Electronic Work Stations
The library will provide space for 28 seats that will be provided with fixed computers and monitors. However, all table seating will include power for use by patrons to plug in their own devices,
- Special Use Space
This area contains space for display, photocopiers, collection (holds), book drop, automated materials handling room and IT equipment.
- Non-assignable Space
This includes space for mechanical and electrical equipment, building structure, general toilets, corridors, etc.

| Space | Capacity/Count |
|--------------------------|---|
| Collection | 20,000 |
| Electronic Work Stations | 28 |
| User Seating | 30 |
| Space for Staff | 4.5 FTE |
| Meeting Rooms | 2,355 |
| 1 | General Meeting Room with a seating capacity of 125 |
| 2 | Study Rooms each with a capacity of up to 6 persons |

Summary of Probable Costs for Norman East Branch

| | Summary | | Subtotal |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| A | Construction | | \$ 4,174,327 |
| B | Furnishings and Equipment | | \$ 440,000 |
| C | Soft Costs | | \$ 496,968 |
| Total | | | \$ 5,111,294 |
| | | | Running Total |
| | Inflation Year 1 (15 months) | \$255,565 | \$ 5,366,859 |
| | Inflation Year 2 | \$214,674 | \$ 5,581,533 |
| | Inflation Year 3 | \$223,261 | \$ 5,804,795 |
| | Inflation Year 4 | \$232,192 | \$ 6,036,987 |

- Construction
- Furnishings
- Soft Costs



Summary of Probable Costs for East and Central Branches

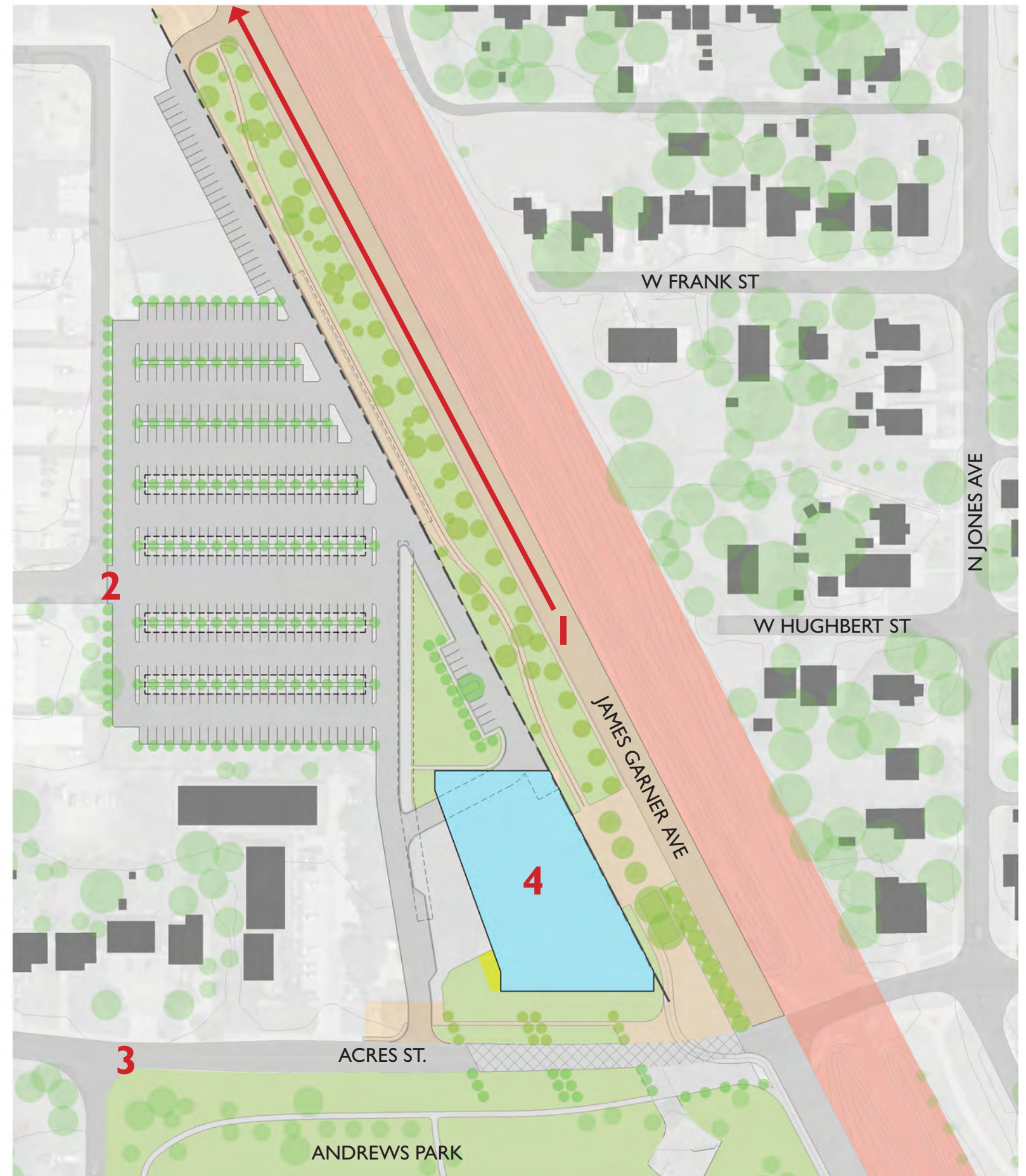
| | Summary | East | Central | Combined |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| A | Construction | \$4,174,327 | \$32,416,109 | \$36,590,436 |
| B | Furnishings and Equipment | \$440,000 | \$2,976,600 | \$3,416,600 |
| C | Soft Costs | \$496,968 | \$3,784,719 | \$4,281,687 |
| Total for Central + East | | \$5,111,294 | \$39,177,428 | \$44,288,723 |
| | | Running Total | Running Total | Total |
| | Inflation Year 1 | \$5,366,859 | \$42,404,611 | \$47,771,470 |
| | Inflation Year 2 | \$5,581,533 | \$44,100,795 | \$49,682,329 |
| | Inflation Year 3 | \$5,804,795 | \$45,864,827 | \$51,669,622 |
| | Inflation Year 4 | \$6,036,987 | \$47,699,420 | \$53,736,407 |

If the referendum is held in 2015, the recommended total budget is \$47,771,470. This amount is based on the assumption of an allocation of \$1,500,000 for real estate acquisition and does not include a parking garage.

Note: Pioneer Library System will be providing all technology as part of their commitment.

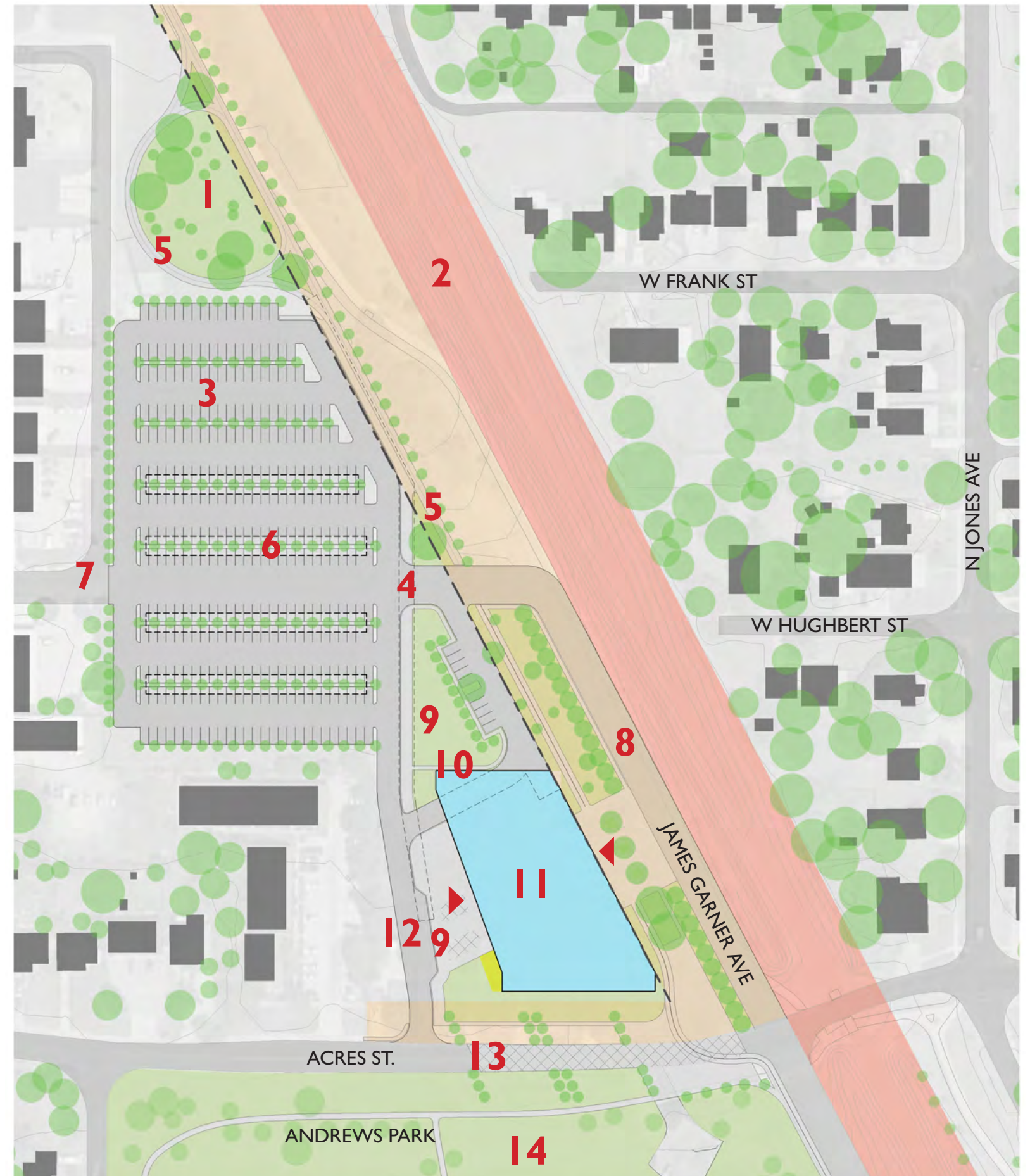
NORMAN CENTRAL SITE CONCEPT - AFTER EXTENSION OF JAMES GARNER AVE

- 1** PHASE TWO
EXTENSION OF JAMES GARNER AVE
TO NORTH
- 2** W HUGHBERT STREET
- 3** W ACRES RD
- 4** PROPOSED LIBRARY



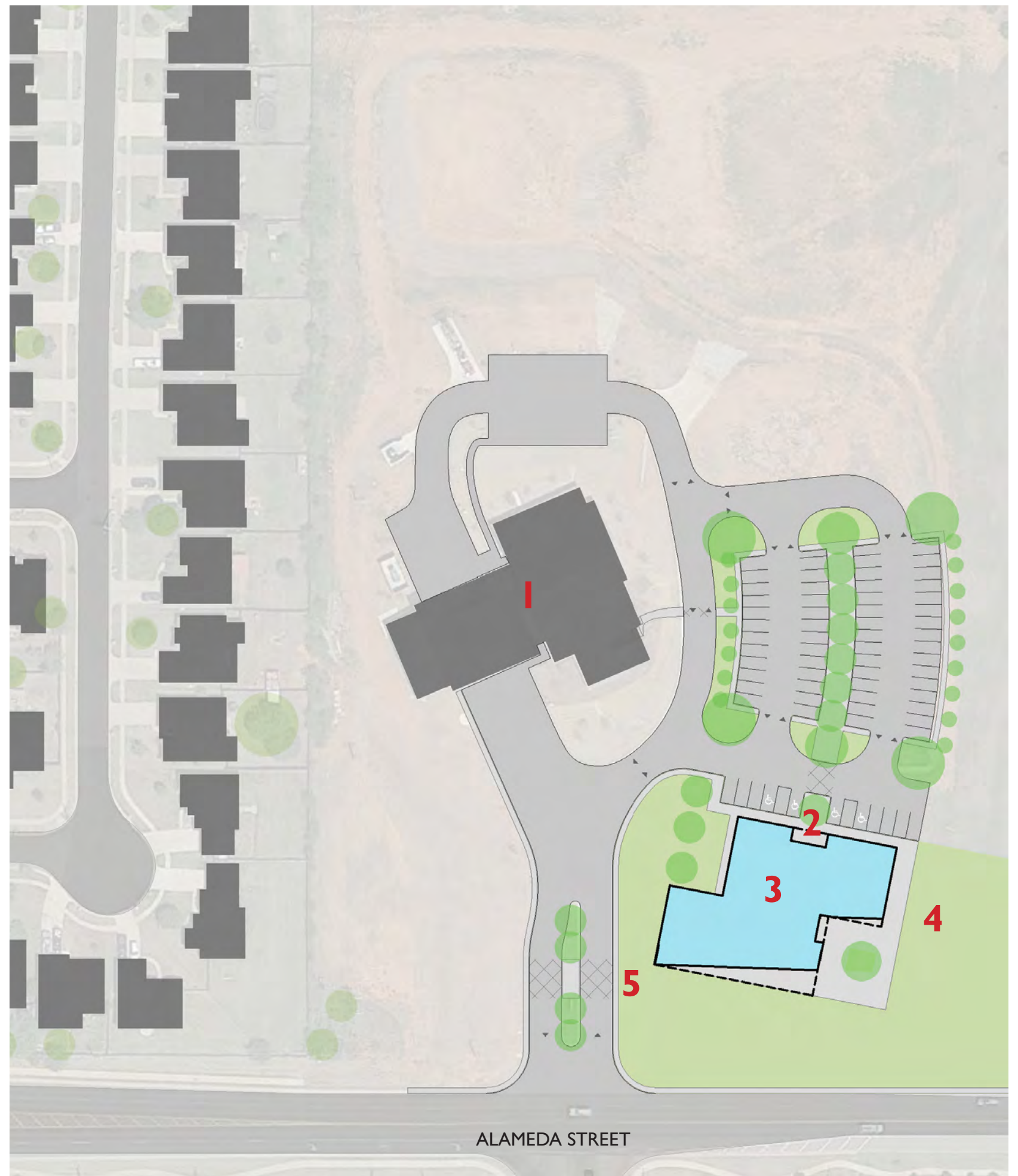
NORMAN CENTRAL SITE CONCEPT

- 1** GREEN SPACE
- 2** RAIL LINE
- 3** PARKING (349 SITE TOTAL)
- 4** COVERED WALK
- 5** LEGACY TRAIL
- 6** RAIN GARDENS (WATER MGMT)
- 7** HUGHBERT ST
- 8** JAMES GARNER AVE EXTENSION
- 9** PLAZA/GREEN SPACE
- 10** BOOK DROP AND RECEIVING
- 11** LIBRARY MAIN LEVEL
- 12** DROP OFF
- 13** ACRES ST. SLOW ZONE
- 14** ANDREWS PARK



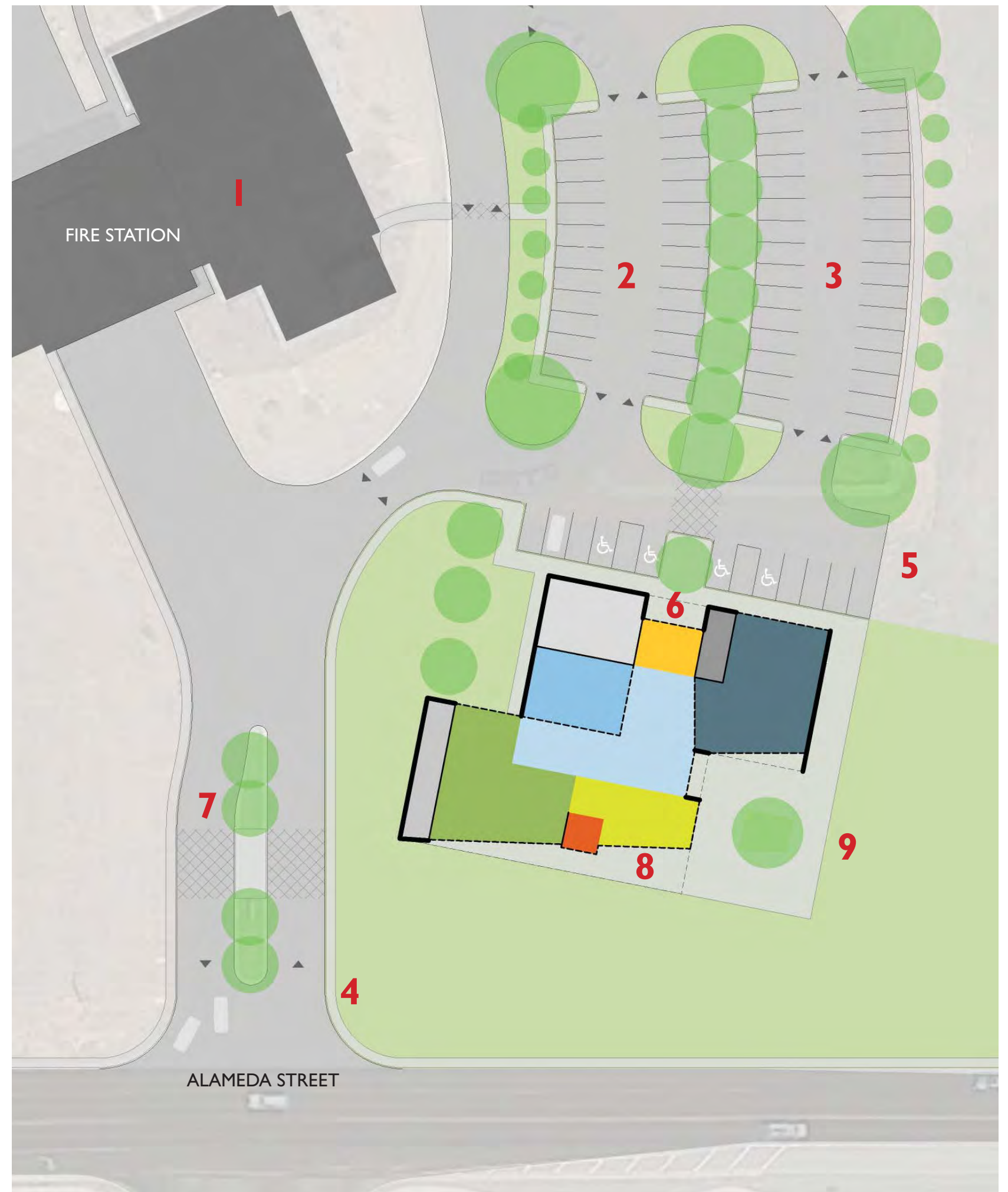
NORMAN EAST SITE CONCEPT

- 1** FIRE STATION
- 2** MAIN ENTRY
- 3** 12,543 SF LIBRARY
- 4** GREEN SPACE
- 5** PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS



NORMAN EAST SITE CONCEPT

- 1** FIRE STATION
- 2** EXISTING PARKING AND ENGINEERING
- 3** NEW PARKING
(63 TOTAL PARKING STALLS)
- 4** PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS
- 5** WATER MANAGEMENT
- 6** MAIN ENTRY
- 7** 2 LANES FOR FIRE TRUCK EXITING
- 8** SCREEN PORCH
(EXPANSION SPACE)
- 9** GREEN SPACE



NEW SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Norman Forward

Senior Citizens Center Information

Current Use

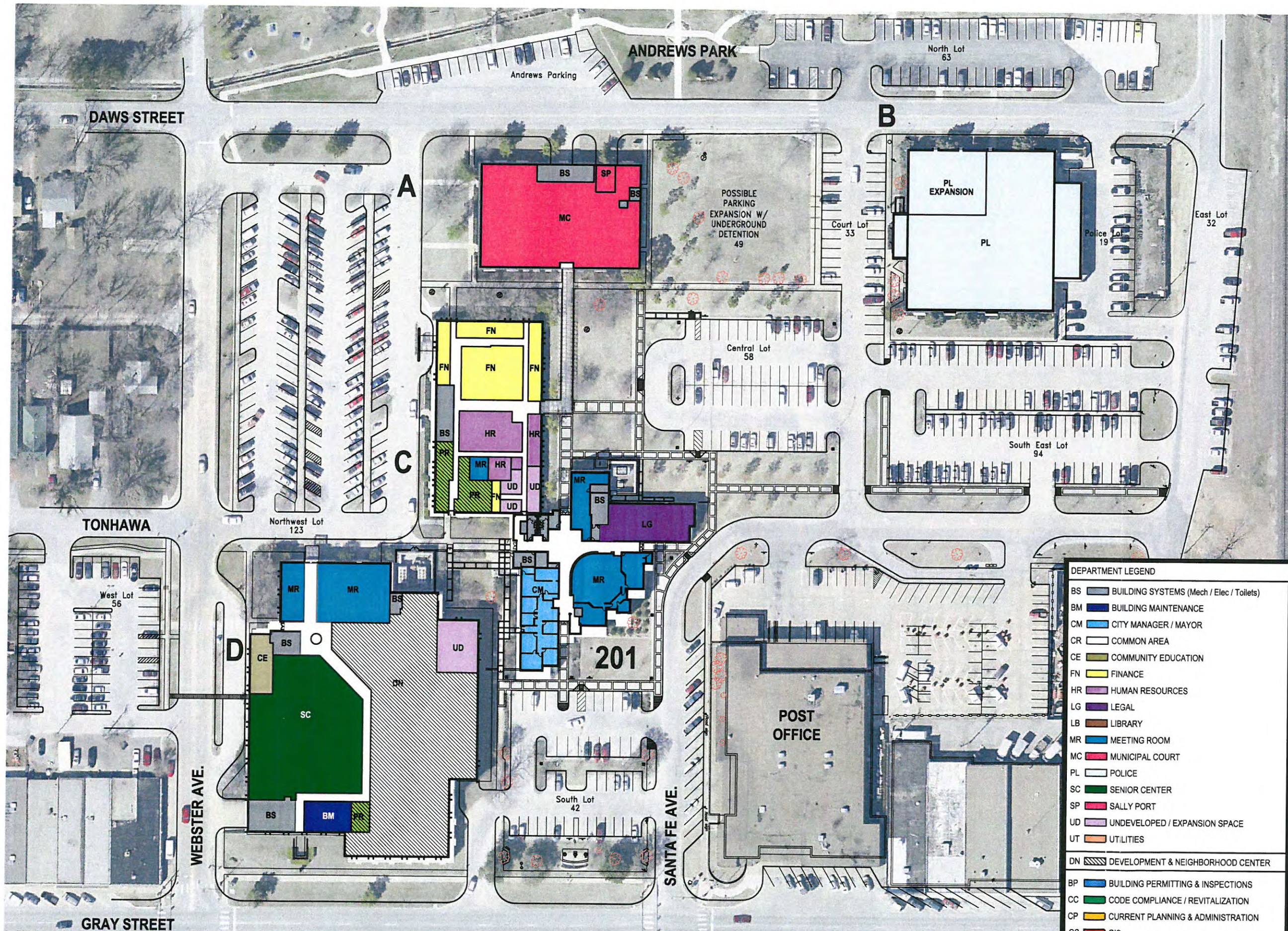
- Average participants/day 100
- Average participants /year 26,000
- Current activities: ceramics; classes in cardio exercise, western line dance, yoga, creative writing, bridge and Pilates; dominos; bridge; canasta; special events including pot luck luncheons, valentines dance, July 4th, Christmas luncheon; day trips.

Meal Site Serving Information

| | | |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| Total Meals Prepared at Meal Site | 362/day | 94,120/year |
| Meals Served at Senior Center Meal Site | 37/day | 9,620/year |
| Meals Served to Norman Residents* | 115/day | 29,900/year (32%) |
| Meals Served to Other Residents (Moore, Noble)** | 247/day | 64,220/year (68%) |

*Includes meal site, home bound, Rose Rock, Among Friends, Little Axe

**Includes Moore Senior Citizens Center, East Lake Church, Noble Senior Citizens Center



OPTION B - MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PLAN
1:40

| DEPARTMENT LEGEND | |
|-------------------|--|
| BS | BUILDING SYSTEMS (Mech / Elec / Toilets) |
| BM | BUILDING MAINTENANCE |
| CM | CITY MANAGER / MAYOR |
| CR | COMMON AREA |
| CE | COMMUNITY EDUCATION |
| FN | FINANCE |
| HR | HUMAN RESOURCES |
| LG | LEGAL |
| LB | LIBRARY |
| MR | MEETING ROOM |
| MC | MUNICIPAL COURT |
| PL | POLICE |
| SC | SENIOR CENTER |
| SP | SALLY PORT |
| UD | UNDEVELOPED / EXPANSION SPACE |
| UT | UTILITIES |
| DN | DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER |
| BP | BUILDING PERMITTING & INSPECTIONS |
| CC | CODE COMPLIANCE / REVITALIZATION |
| CP | CURRENT PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION |
| GS | GIS |
| PR | PARKS & RECREATION |
| PW | PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING |

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 Phased Master Plan

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 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PLAN

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Norman Forward
Senior Citizens Center/Library
Building Comparisons

| | <u>Senior Citizens Center</u> | <u>Library</u> |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Sq Ft. (Building) | Senior Citizens Center 7,842 Sq Ft | 12,000 Sq Ft (McKinney Space Study) |
| | Meal Site (Kitchen/Dining): <u>5,018 Sq Ft</u> | |
| | Total Square Feet: 12,860 Sq Ft | |
| | | |
| Parking | 34 Parking Spaces (Owned) | 110 parking Spaces, 10 HC Spaces |
| | 23 Parking Spaces (Leased) | <i>Does not include city of Norman reserved spaces north of the Library.</i> |
| | | |
| Elevation | Three elevations, split floor plan | One Level, no stairs, no elevator |
| | Small Elevator, Stairs | |
| | | |
| Age | 1929 (86 years old) | 1966 (49 years old) |
| | Elevator Addition 1977 | Addition 1986 |
| | Kitchen/Dining room 1980 | |
| | | |
| Rooms | Office, Multipurpose Room, Ceramics | Space For: |
| | Room, Kiln Room, 2 Classrooms, Small | Office, HC Bathrooms, Multipurpose |
| | Kitchen, Dining Room, Commercial | Room, Game Room (cards, dominos), |
| | Kitchen. | Game Room (pool tables, etc), Fitness |
| | | Room, Computer Lab/Classroom, |
| | | Ceramics Room, Reading/TV Room, Arts |
| | | and Craft Room, Small Kitchen. |
| | | |
| Lot Size | .97 Acres | 3.2 Acres |

Norman Forward

Current Library Building Information

Work Completed on Existing Library Building

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| • Roof Replacement | 2009 | \$745,000 |
| • Security/Fire Alarm system replaced | 2009 | \$30,000 |
| • HVAC Mechanical System Replaced | 2011 | \$1,250,000 |
| • Interior Lighting Replaced | 2012 | \$485,000 |
| • Flooring Replaced | 2013 | \$290,000 |

Senior Citizen Center/Library - Cleveland Area Rapid Transit

Parks and Recreation staff met with representatives at CART to discuss bus service for the proposed Senior Citizens Center and new Library sites. We are advised that CART will most likely keep the existing stop at the current Library (proposed Senior Center) and add a new stop at the proposed new Library site. CART will need to be involved in the final planning details for both facilities to determine future stops/routes.

Norman Forward

Senior Citizens Center - Comments

Following is a summary of the comments made during a public meeting at the Senior Citizens Center on September 24, 2014 as part of a discussion on the Norman Forward initiative. There were approximately 50 people present at the meeting. Parks and Recreation staff and a four member sub-committee of the Park Board Commissioners were also present.

Facility/ Building Comments-Suggestions

- Central location in Norman – locate next to new Library
- Opposition to proposed north base site
- Convenient to city bus route
- Single story building with Wi-Fi
- Covered drop off/pick up area for bus service with bicycle storage area
- More handicap facilities in restrooms
- More parking available adjacent to building
- Kitchen and meal site within facility
- Storm shelter
- Game room
 - Board game tables (cards, dominos, puzzles, etc.)
 - Pool tables
- Computer room
- Ceramics classroom
- TV lounge area
- Quiet area (area to sit and talk)
- Exercise room for classes and equipment
- Two large rooms – multi-purpose use and dances
- Indoor walking track
- Heated exercise pool
- Outdoor garden area
- Outdoor walking paths
- Consider more than one facility (east side and west side, for example)
- Additional staffing
- Consider opening building during evening hours

Programs

- Activities dedicated for Seniors – not mixed use of exercise and walking facilities
- Games – cards, dominos, etc.
- Walking and fitness classes
- Tax preparation program
- Quilting and knitting classes
- Ceramics classes
- Computer classes
- Water aerobics

- Seasonal events (Fall Festival, for example)

The comments stressed the most at this meeting were:

- A new senior citizens facility should be located in central Norman, perhaps adjacent to the new proposed library building
- The same types of activities that are currently being offered should be continued
- Additional activities should be added within a new facility that is a larger, single story structure
- The new facility should be designed specifically to accommodate senior citizen activities and use

Memorandum

Date: March 25, 2015
To: Steve Lewis, City Manager
City of Norman OK
From: Jeffrey A Scherer, FAIA
Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.
Re: Norman Central Library Connection to Andrews Park and Senior Center
Copy: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation
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This memorandum conveys our thoughts about the importance of the relationship between the proposed central library, Andrews Park to the south and the proposed Senior Center to be located within a newly renovated Norman Public Library.

We understand that the citizens of Norman passed a referendum to renovate the Public Library into a Senior's Center. We understand that the funds available for the renovation will ensure that the completed building will be "like new." We applaud the citizens for their foresight in approving the funds and for endorsing the sustainable reuse of an existing building into a purpose built facility for older persons. The location of the library, in relationship to the existing city government, the proposed new library and Andrews Park is ideal. It will ensure synergies between the library's resources and programming.

One important aspect of this new tripartite will be how the seniors will not only reach their new facility but also easily access the programming at the new library. As you know from the Master Plan, the library will have an expanded local history and genealogy department, study rooms, program and meeting rooms. The library will continue and strengthen its commitment to life-long learning which research shows is an important component of healthy living into one's senior years. Of course, physical exercise is also a key component. Additionally, we know that the users of the Senior's Center will vary in their physical abilities. Some will, no doubt, choose to walk from the Center to the Park and the Library. Others may not be able to make the walk.

To this end, we fully support the ideas of the Department of Parks and Recreation to make access from the Center to the Library convenient, safe and pleasant. As discussed during the public listening sessions during the Library Master Plan process, the library will be designed to be fully integrated into the parks and recreation opportunities of the citizens. To the east, the library will have an entry facing the Legacy Trail and provide access from James Garner Avenue. This entrance will include a cafe and place for walkers and cyclists to rest and meet. To the south, the section of West Acres Road that faces the library property will be redesigned to ensure safety (slow-zone), beauty (landscaping) and pedestrian access (designated cross-walk.) As shown on the attached sketch, we propose that the exiting mid-point north-south sidewalk in Andrews park be aligned with the main entry sidewalk to the library. Much of this path is covered (by the overhanging second floor). Besides these urban design recommendations, we also support the following considerations that will enhance and support the access to the library by its senior citizens:

- Widen the sidewalks to 8'0"
- Provide a "rest stop" at about every 300 feet with shade
- Consider having an electric shuttle between the library and the Senior Center at regularly scheduled times and on-demand during important programs. We can provide a "docking station" for this vehicle at the new library.
- Improve the Daws Street crossing

- Rebuilding of the Legacy Trail Sidewalk along North Webster Avenue running from the proposed Senior Center to the Park.
- Enhanced lighting and security features.

We believe these important improvements will be important to those citizens who chose to walk between the facility and to support those who chose to participate but are unable to because of their physical limitations. While these improvements may not fully address the concerns of citizens who wish the Library and the Senior Center to be "co-located" they do fully support the decision of the voters to renew the library through a first-class renovation for the city's senior population.



- 1** NEW 8' WIDE PATH
- 2** PLAZA AND SLOW ZONE
- 3** MAIN ENTRY
- 4** RAIN GARDEN
- 5** LIBRARY



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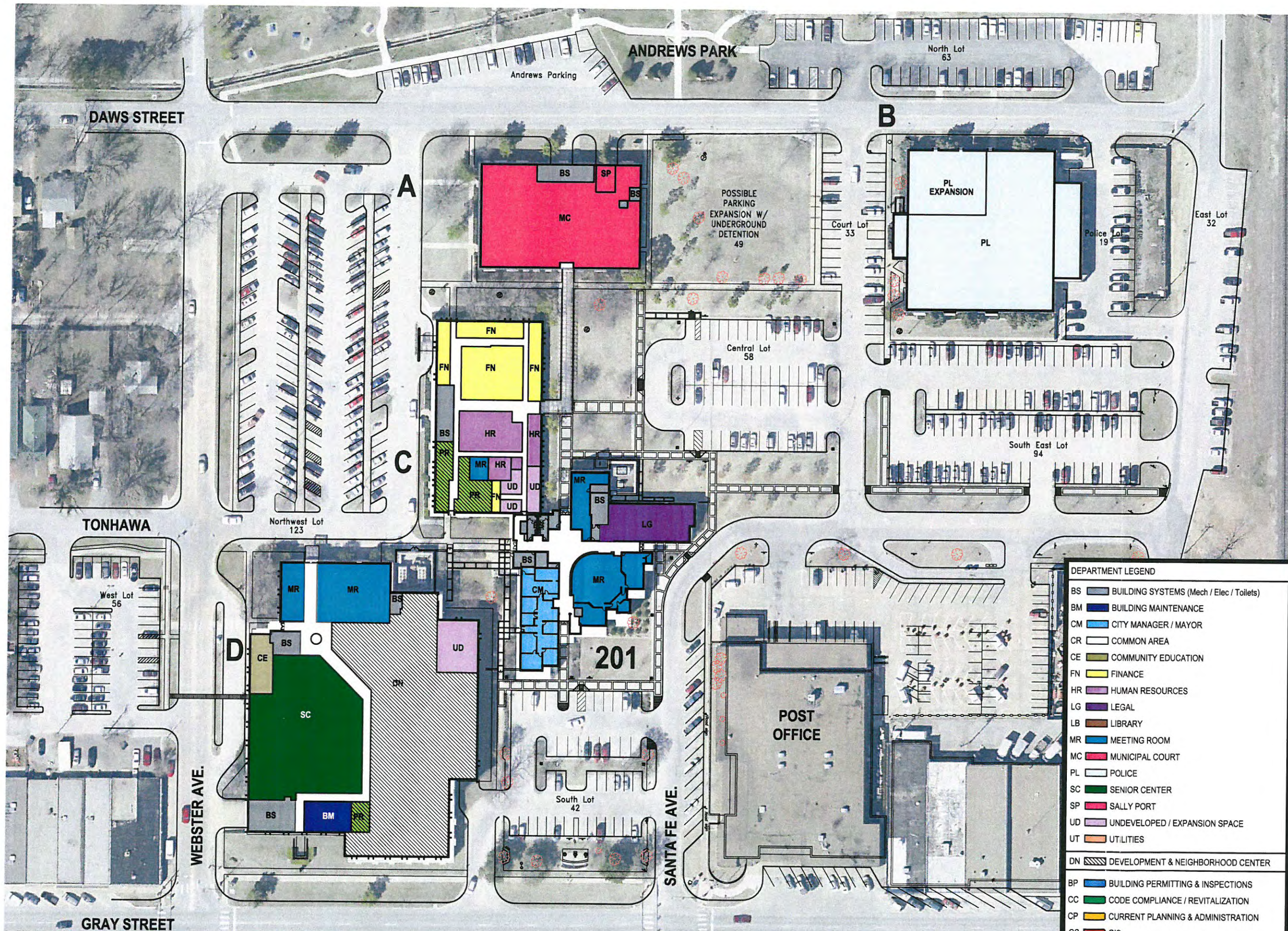
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CHURCH INTERIOR BEFORE RENOVATION

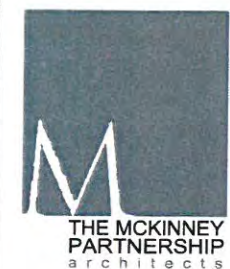




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| BM | BUILDING MAINTENANCE |
| CM | CITY MANAGER / MAYOR |
| CR | COMMON AREA |
| CE | COMMUNITY EDUCATION |
| FN | FINANCE |
| HR | HUMAN RESOURCES |
| LG | LEGAL |
| LB | LIBRARY |
| MR | MEETING ROOM |
| MC | MUNICIPAL COURT |
| PL | POLICE |
| SC | SENIOR CENTER |
| SP | SALLY PORT |
| UD | UNDEVELOPED / EXPANSION SPACE |
| UT | UTILITIES |
| DN | DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER |
| BP | BUILDING PERMITTING & INSPECTIONS |
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