

# THE ARTS HEADQUARTERS



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# Presentation Overview



- The Vision
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# Arts HQ- The Vision



Repurpose the current Police Headquarters Building into the “Arts Headquarters”, a community arts center that would offer studio space, classrooms, a gallery and art “maker’s” space.



# Arts HQ- Concept



A Community Arts Center that would offer:

- Artists studios
- Classroom space
- Gallery space
- “Maker’s space” (might include ceramics, jewelry making, woodworking, glasswork, weaving, etc.)

There are numerous models for this type of facility

# Arts HQ- Project Benefits



- A publically-owned art center can provide programming that engages the entire community;
- Fills the need for affordable studio space;
- Provides an opportunity for artists to actively engage with the public;
- Enhances other activities at the Historic Reserve;
- Provides an anchor for the creative movement in Vancouver

# Arts HQ- Progress to Date



- Assemble Project Team
- Contract with Opsis Architects:
  - Building walk through completed
  - First draft of conceptual plans completed
- Draft of operating proforma
- Identify Mission, Vision and Values for the HQ

***“Vancouver’s headquarters for connecting arts and community”***

# Arts HQ- Building Specs



Vancouver Police moving to new headquarters in fall 2021

- 14,000 sq. ft. building, constructed in 1978
- 2.4 acres on E. Evergreen Blvd.
- Two level building, ADA accessible:
  - Office and meeting space on the upper level
  - Daylight basement on lower level with three roll up garage doors
- 52 parking spaces

# Arts HQ- Site Plan





# Arts HQ- Upper Level



Building is generally in good shape, HVAC is five years old, new roof, etc.

- Offices converted to - Individual Artists Studios
- Conference Room converted to - Classrooms
- Administrative space converted to - Gallery
- Retain existing restrooms, janitorial kitchen and locker room



# Arts HQ- Upper Level



# Arts HQ- Lower Level



This floor requires more renovations including ADA accessible entrance/hallways/restrooms and sprinklers

- Maker's space – use TBD but could include ceramics, jewelry making, weaving, printmaking, woodworking, media studio, etc.
- Classroom space
- Retain existing cement floors, roll-up doors, IT and electrical spaces and storage

# Arts HQ- Lower Level



# Arts HQ- Project Feasibility



- Council appropriated \$900,000 (Columbia Art Center fund) for capital improvements
- Included in the master lease with the Trust:
  - Grounds and building maintenance
  - Utilities and other building expenses
- Trust is interested in operating the Arts HQ:
  - Non-profit with proven track record
  - Familiar operational model
- Part of the Historic Reserve- almost 1 million visitors per year

# Arts HQ- Next Steps

- Research on programming gaps for maker's space
  - User survey in partnership with Artstra
- Finalize conceptual plans
- Business Plan
- City Council Approval

