



PROJECT UPDATE

December 2018



Library/Community Center/Parking

Mount Vernon Library Foundation

The Mount Vernon Library Foundation is providing an opportunity for local residents and philanthropists to directly support the project.

The Foundation is launching a fundraising campaign that is set to begin in January of 2019, however supporters who are looking to jump-start the campaign are discovering that making a 2018 year-end contribution is easy and convenient, by visiting:

www.mvlibraryfoundation.org/support

Realizing this vision of creating a vibrant, flourishing public library, senior services and community center will truly be the result of collaboration across a number of platforms—not the least of which will be community advocacy.

This center of learning and gathering will genuinely belong to the residents of this growing Skagit community.

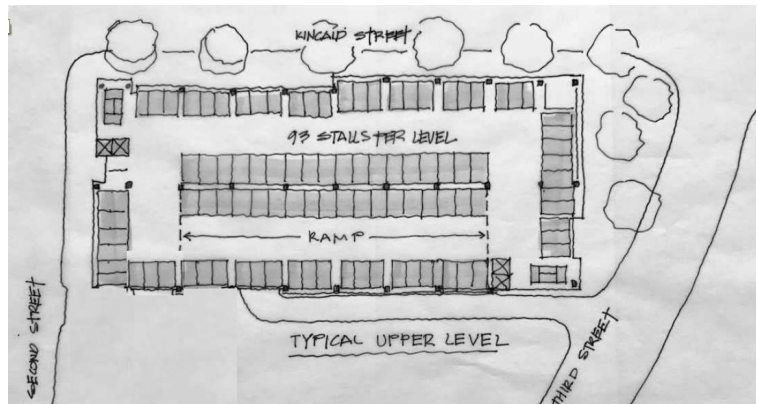
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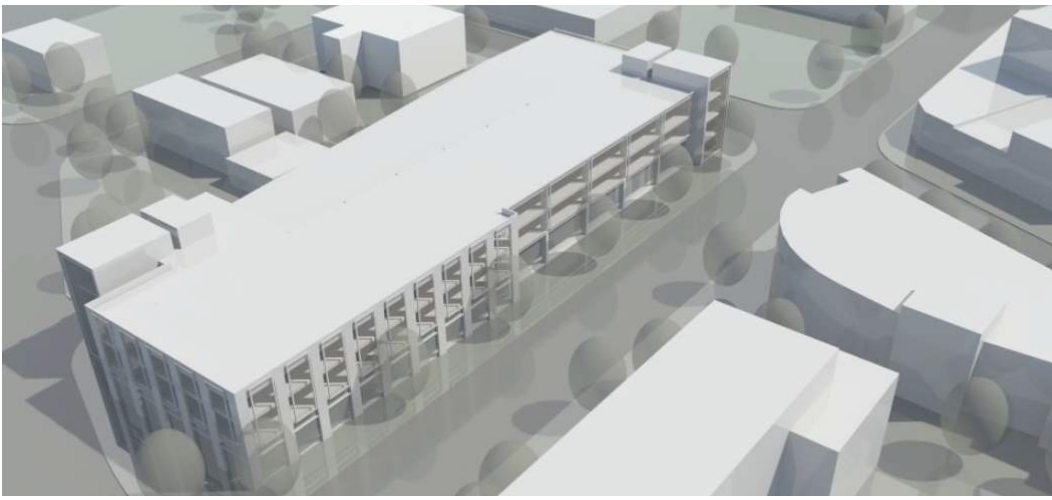
The joint project between the City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County is advancing to the next stage of development with the recent decision to hire OAC Services as the Library/Community Center/ Parking Garage project manager. The funding commitment passed at the November 28 Mount Vernon City Council meeting in a unanimous vote.

OAC Services has worked on a number of great community centers and truly understands the needs of Mount Vernon, seniors and Skagit community. From community building to a center of learning, the new facility will be utilized by a wide range of guests, for a host of uses, while always adhering to the needs of its core participants.

OAC has developed a reputation of reliability and strong communication skills with a commitment to identifying and addressing the unique demands of each community with which they partner.

The Mount Vernon City Library has been steadily evolving in recent years. With the partnership of Skagit County to add senior services into a community center model, the project has gained traction! The spirit of innovation cultivated by the current library staff will be evident throughout this next design and construction phase. OAC is an Everett and Seattle-based project management company that will work with various local architectural partners and Lydig Construction. They will continue to build on work already accomplished and develop a phasing plan and an accurate estimate for the library community center project.



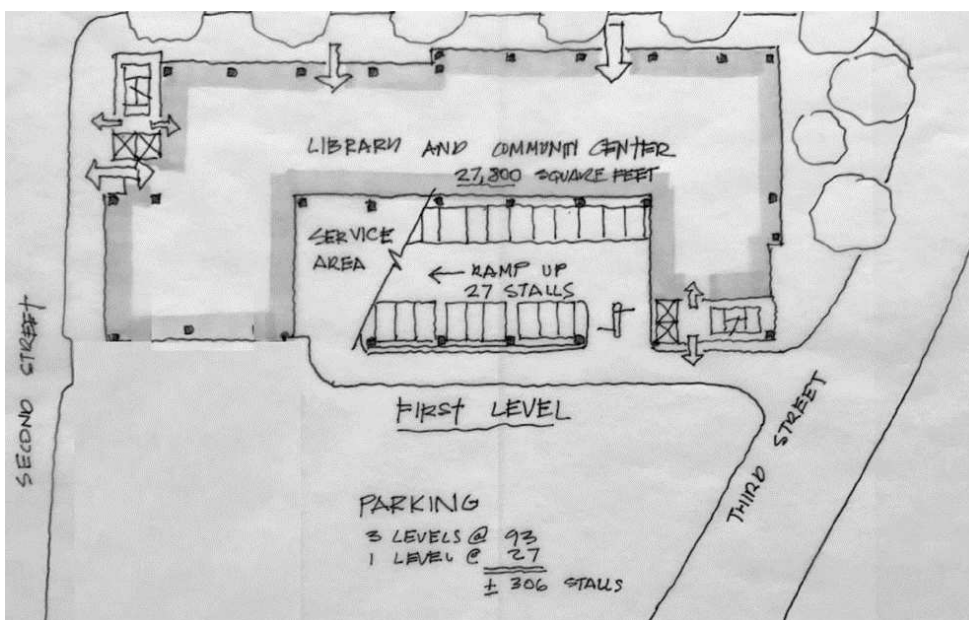


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OAC will be responsible for evaluating the method of delivery for the project. Traditionally government projects follow a “design, bid, build” format, but in recent years alternative methods have been used that have saved money and time.

The strategy of hiring a project manager ahead of conceptual design typically translates into higher efficiency and more thoughtful utilization of resources. This ensures the needs of seniors and other users will be met. OAC will also evaluate the options of phasing the project and present these options to Mount Vernon decision-makers. The contract commences immediately, and OAC expects to finish the work of this preliminary phase by February 28, 2019.

This new project manager contract with OAC marks the second major milestone completed in November 2018. Earlier in the month, a call for State funding for the project went out to Governor Inslee and state legislators.



Proponents of this vital project are also encouraged to give a call to your State legislators to advocate for the inclusion of this project in the State budget.

Thank you to the Port of Skagit, Mount Vernon School District, Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, Skagit Valley College & the Mount Vernon Downtown Association for support letters!