Manassas Museum Expansion Study

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Introduction

Intent

The City of Manassas commissioned John F. Heltzel AIA, PC Architects to study the potential for expanding the Museum building, to meet current space requirements. The services included in this service were as follows:

1. Review existing building plans provided by Client, to understand overall structural system, mechanical system, rooflines and drainage, egress and restroom capacities.
2. Lead an approximately 3-4 hour project startup meeting “charrette” with Client and other stakeholders, to accomplish the following:
   a. Derive and articulate the project goals, design issues, constraints and opportunities, in order to accurately define the project program.
   b. Review existing building drawings to address structural components and utilities that would affect the design solutions.
3. Prepare diagrammatic design schemes in two-dimensional “bubble diagram” form to establish space sizes and adjacencies, egress and major building code considerations.
   a. Discuss design schemes and narrow down to one scheme.
   b. Prepare revised, more refined design scheme for review and approval.
4. Meet with staff to review design schemes.
5. Visit other public storage facilities currently housing Museum related storage, evaluate and quantify existing spaces to be incorporated into proposed design.
6. Prepare program space analysis to determine total space requirements of proposed expansion.

Qualifications

John F. Heltzel AIA, PC is a Manassas based architectural firm with 27 years of experience in commercial building design and construction, building rehabilitation, building code analysis, and building projects within the historic overlay district regulated by the Architectural Review Board of the City of Manassas.
Objectives

The Manassas Museum is an approximately 6,200 square foot, one-story building. The programmatic needs for the proposed expansion include a multi-purpose room with facilities to accommodate events, special exhibits and functions including additional restrooms, warm-up kitchen and storage. Multi-purpose room is to be accessible from the Museum as well as independently accessible for events not related to the Museum. Additional needs include additional administrative space, exhibit prep area, and collection storage.

Summary

Based on the services provided including meetings, research, schematic layouts and area tabulations, a building addition of approximately 6,000 would meet the objectives, but an addition of 6,500 is recommended to include minor space contingency.
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Schematic Plan, Enlarged