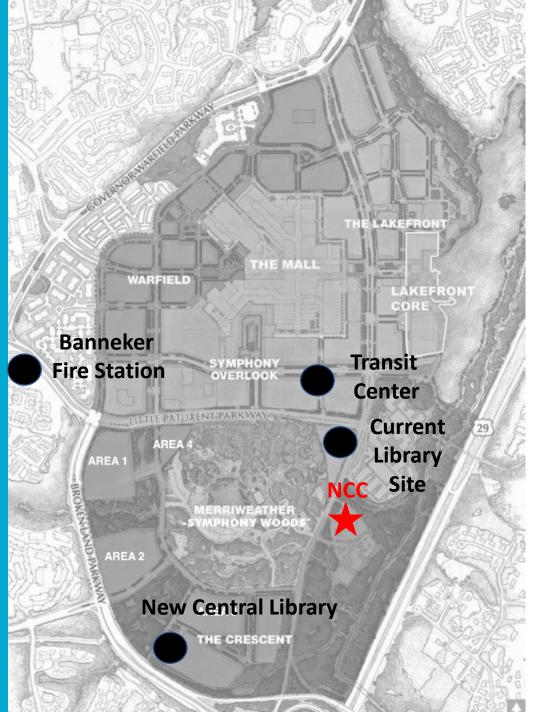


# Working Group Meeting #1 - Development Costs and Financing Agenda

- Introduction to Working Group & Purpose
- Overview of Development
  - Design
  - Cost Overview
  - Status of Development Approvals and Permitting / LIHTC Approvals & Timing
- New Cultural Center Cost Issues
  - NCC Development Budget
  - Bond Pricing and Payments
- Opportunity for Public Comments
- Future Meetings & Topics



#### **Downtown Columbia Plan**

**Approved plan includes:** 

- 6,244 residential units (~1,200 completed)
- 4.3 million square feet of office
- 1.25million square feet of retail
- 640 hotel rooms

Plan includes five public projects, with 417 affordable housing units in mixed-income buildings.

- New Cultural Center + Artists Flats
- New Central Library + Housing
- Housing on Current Library Site
- New Fire Station + Senior Housing
- New Transit Center + Housing

Affordable housing requirements are central to the Downtown Plan. Artists Flats is the first LIHTC project.

# **Overview of Development**



### **New Cultural Center**

# **Design Strategy and Goals**

- Create a first class arts and cultural center
- Provide anchor for Downtown Columbia
- Spur economic development through arts and theater
- Provide flexible spaces to support wide range of visual and performing arts
- Construct a new modern facility for Toby's Dinner Theater
- Provide a permanent home for Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts programs:



- Children's Theater
   (Broadway Prep, Kids on Broadway, Young Columbians)
- After school and summer camps
- Special needs theater classes



# NCC Program - 134,000 SF Basement, Floors 1 & 2, Floor 3 Plaza Shared

- Two-story entrance lobby rentable for events
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Public Terrace rentable for events
- Restrooms and back of house support spaces

#### **Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts ("CCTA")**

- 350-seat dinner theatre with kitchen
- 300-seat black box theater with support spaces
- One dance studio
- Three (3) Performing Arts Rooms
- Cafe/bar
- Box Office, Sales, Coat Check, and Office Suite

#### **Dept. of Recreation and Parks – Visual and Performing Arts Center**

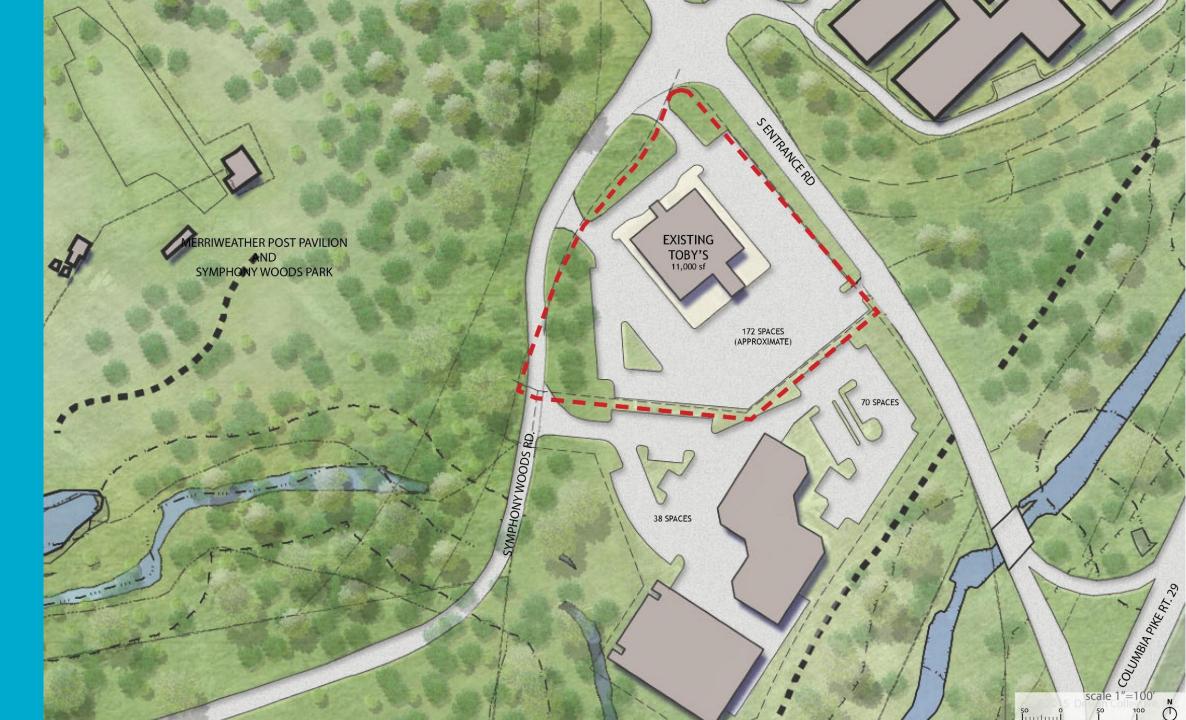
- 300-seat black box theater with support spaces
- Public Gallery for the visual arts can be rented for events & corporate functions
- One dance studio
- Seventeen (17) Arts Rooms and Studios including Multi-purpose, Vocals, Kiln, Sensory Play, and Demonstration Cooking Classroom. Five (5) rooms have moveable partitions for flexibility
- Information Desk and Office Suite



# NCC Program/Layout – Key Changes

Revisions Made in Consultation with Dept. of Recreation and Parks & CCTA

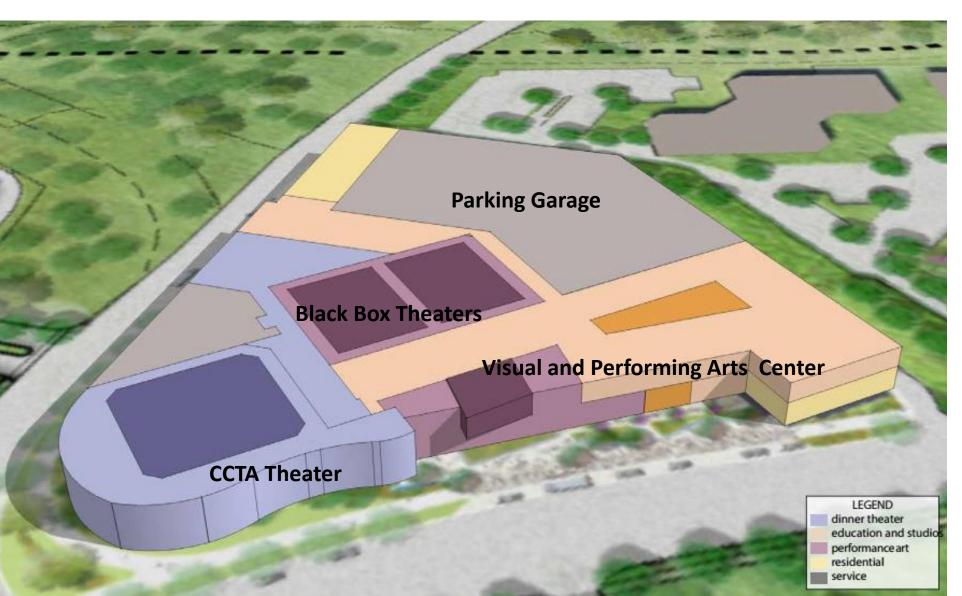
- Functional Redesign of Lobby/Entrance Areas
  - Relocate CCTA box office
  - Create Front Desk/Information Area for Recreation and Parks
  - Gift Shop eliminated
  - Create larger gallery, two studios merged together
- Include Modifications for Specific Arts Uses
  - Create Art Studio with a Kiln
  - Create Cooking Demonstration Classroom
  - Create soundproof rooms for vocal/music lesson space, and for video/audio production
- Modify Studio Spaces to Create Additional Rooms for More Users
- Include Flexibility in Rooms to Size up or Down





#### **Phase 1B – Construction of NCC and Parking Garage**

- Construct Visual and Performing Arts center and balance of CCTA space
- Continue construction of parking garage



## Phase 2 – Construction of Apartment Building (Artists Flats)

- Construct housing on top of completed NCC
- Complete construction of parking garage









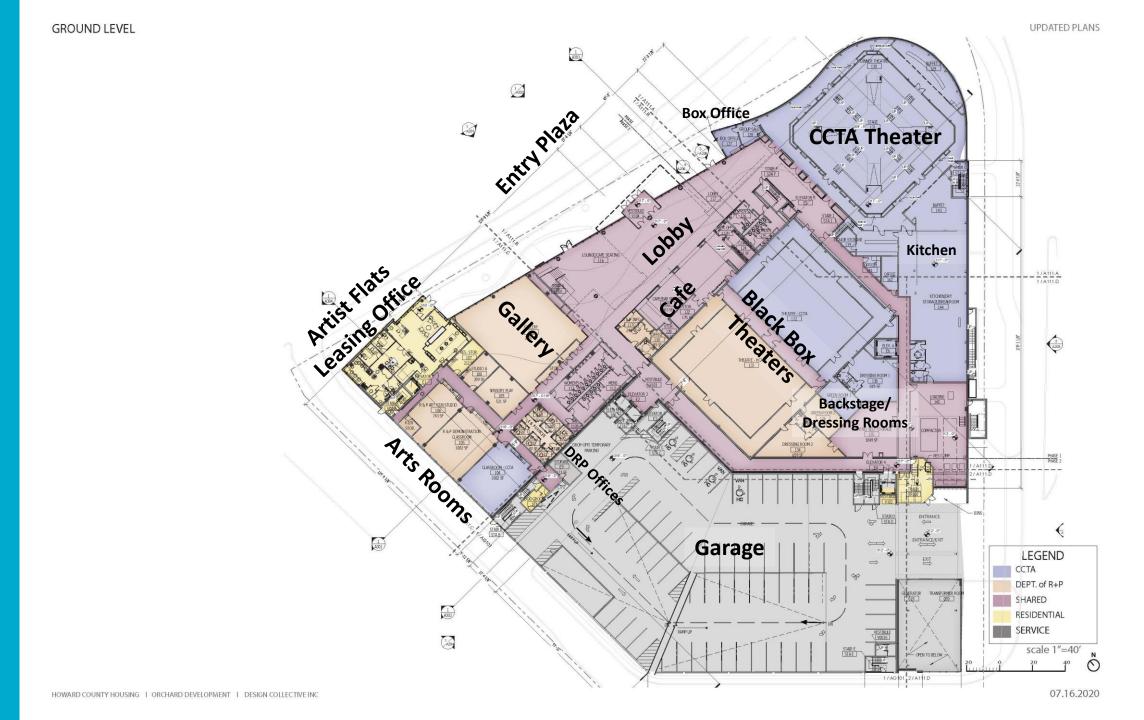


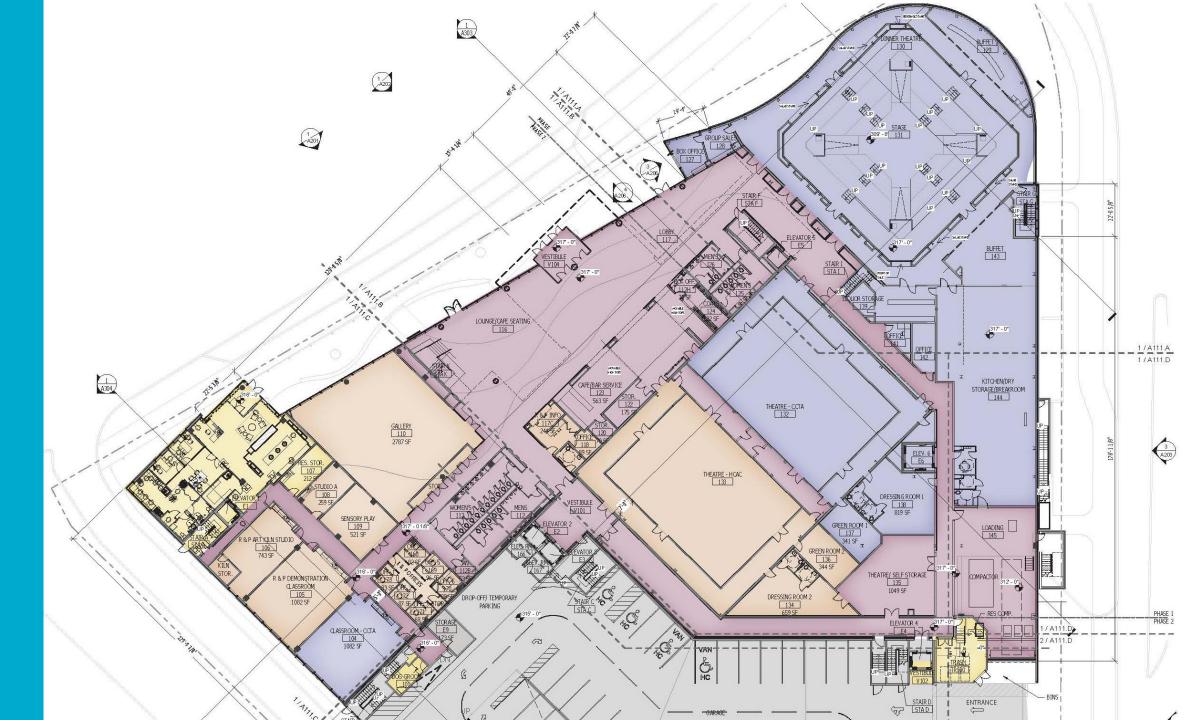




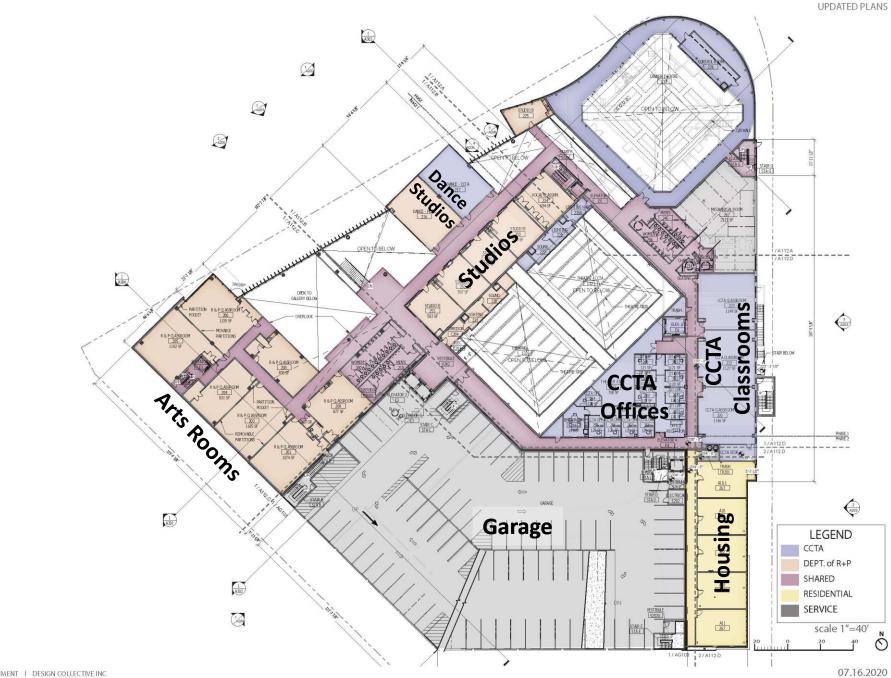


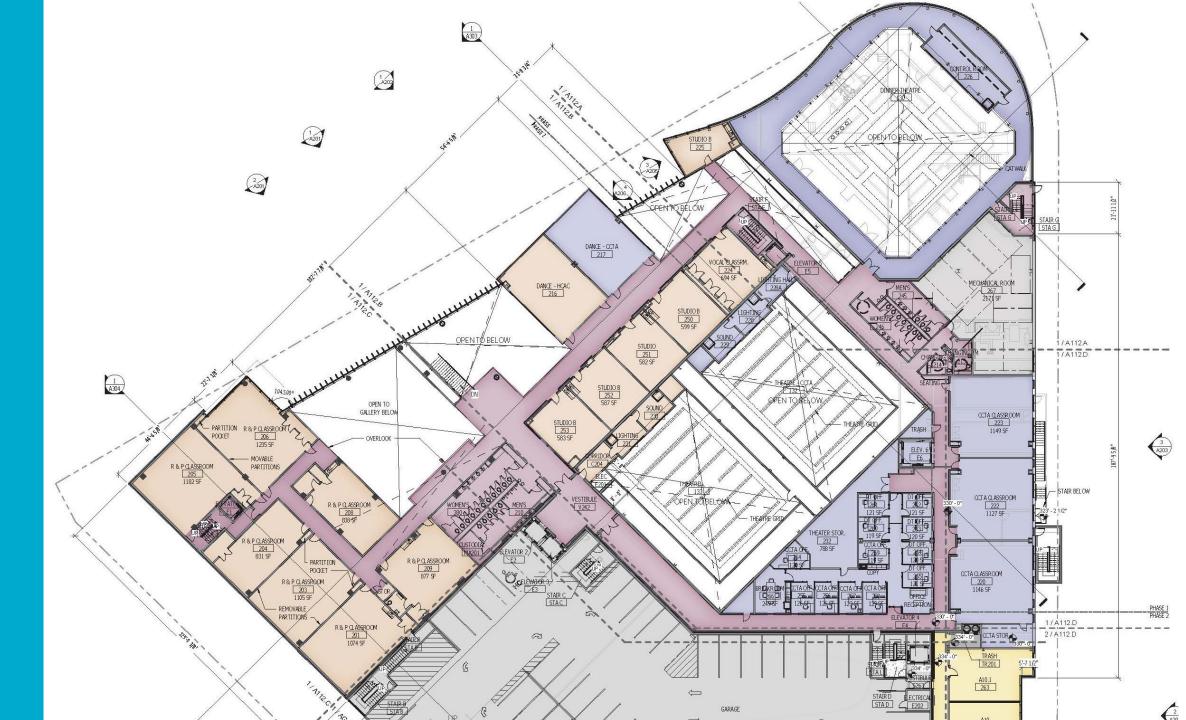


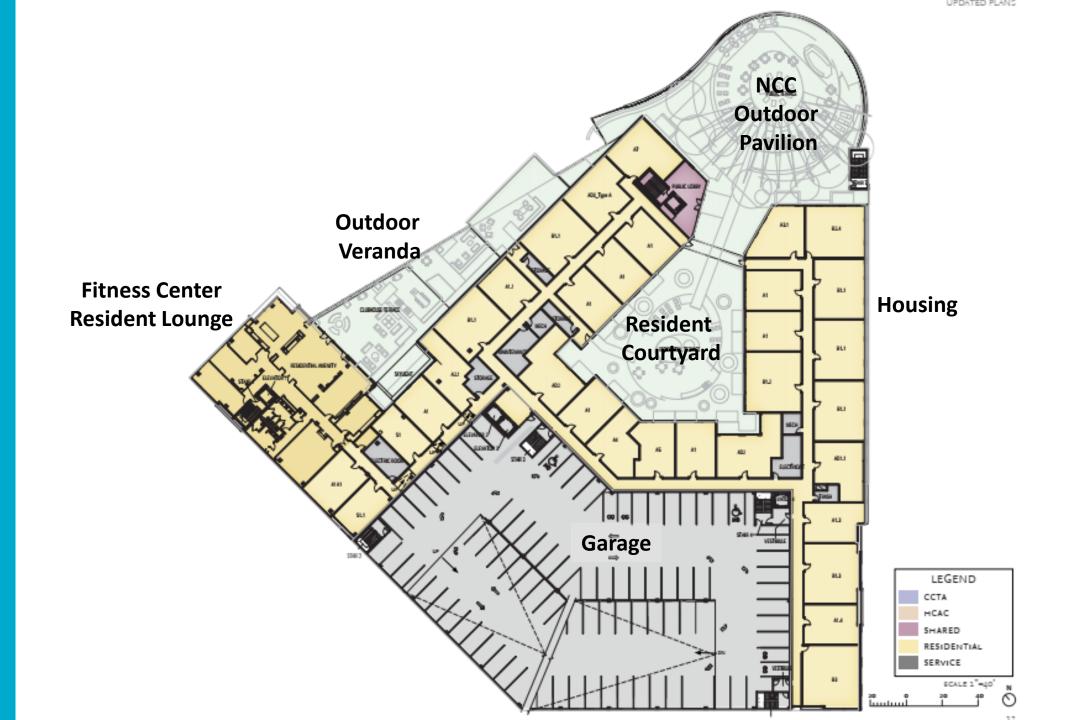




2ND LEVEL







# **Artists Flats Housing and Parking Program**

#### **Apartment Building – Part of Floor 1 and 2, Floors 3 to 7**

- 174 Units Some units in rear of building on Floor 2, most on Floors 3 to 7
- Mix of 1, 2, & 3 bedroom units
  - 87 affordable
  - 87 market rate
- Lobby & Leasing Office Floor 1
- Fitness Center / Resident Lounge Floor 3
- Veranda and Courtyard Floor 3

#### Parking Garage – Basement to Level 8

- 740 Parking Spaces
  - 452 spaces on lower levels New Cultural Center (61%)
  - 288 spaces on upper levels Residential (39%)

#### **New Cultural Center Cost Overview**

**Total Project Cost – \$138 million** 

- New Cultural Center \$72.8 million
   (includes portion of parking garage for NCC use)
- Artists Flats \$65.2 million
   (includes portion of parking garage for housing use)

# **Public Meetings**

#### List of public engagement, approval of public bodies

- Final Development Plan Community Meeting May 2016
- Final Development Plan Design Advisory Panel Meeting June 2016
- Final Development Plan Planning Board Hearing January 2017
- Site Development Plan Community Meeting February 2017
- Site Development Plan Design Advisory Panel Meeting February 2017
- Site Development Plan Planning Board Meeting March 2018

# **Process and Approvals – Current Status**

#### • Building Design:

- Building design and floorplans complete.
- Must prepare permit submission and construction drawings.

#### County Approvals:

- Passed APFO (housing, schools, and roads) August 2016
- Final Development Plan (FDP) approved April 2017
- Environmental Concept Plan (ECP) approved February 2017
- Public Water and Sewer Plans approved May 2018
- Project deemed Technically Complete in January 2018
- Site Development Plan approved by the Planning Board in March 2018
- Traffic study approved as part of the SDP review

#### Additional Environmental Approvals:

- Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Approval October 2017
- FEMA Approval April 2017

# **Process and Approvals – Next Steps**

#### Next steps to begin once project funding is authorized

- **Final Construction Drawings:** Complete construction and permit plans, 3 month process.
- Execute Developer Agreement with County: Agreement is ready to sign.
- Submit SDP and Plat Originals: To be submitted after developer agreement is executed.
- **Permit Submission:** 2 to 3 month process for County review and approval.

#### **Housing Funding Deadlines:**

- LIHTC and State funds awarded 2019.
- LIHTC Completion Deadline: Project must be completed before end of 2024.

#### **Construction Schedule**

#### **Assumes Approval of Funding in Early October 2020**

- **Spring 2021** Construction begins, CCTA Theater and parking garage
- Fall 2022 CCTA Theater complete, Toby's closes and moves into new building
- Late Fall 2022 Construction begins on balance of New Cultural Center
- Late Fall 2023 Shell of New Cultural completed, construction of housing begins
- **Summer 2024 –** Construction of New Cultural Center complete
- Fall 2024 Construction of housing complete. Project completed
- End of 2024 LIHTC Deadline met

# New Cultural Center Costs Development Budget and Bond Pricing



# **New Cultural Center – Capital Budget**

#### **Current Budget**

	NCC	Garage	Total
Hard Costs	\$47,445,481	\$12,994,664	\$60,440,145
Land	\$4,323,000	\$0	\$4,323,000
FF&E	\$1,164,250	\$0	\$1,164,250
Soft Costs	\$5,876,293	\$0	\$5,876,293
Financing Costs	\$957,372	\$111,559	\$1,068,931
Total	\$59,766,396	\$13,106,223	\$72,872,619

#### Measures to Reduce Cost by \$7 million

	NCC	Garage	Total	Cumulative Savings
Arcadis / Whiting-Turner Repricing	\$3,066,255	\$0	\$3,066,255	\$3,066,255
Eliminate 120 Parking Spaces	\$0	\$2,677,875	\$2,677,875	\$5,744,130
FF&E Paid through DRP Budget	\$569,000	\$0	\$569,000	\$6,313,130
Defer Portion of Developer Fee	\$686,870	\$0	\$686,870	\$7,000,000
Total	\$4,322,125	\$ 2,677,875	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000

# **Capital Budget – Key Elements / Questions**

- Can lobby cost be reduced? Would require a significant redesign with minimal savings. Lobby is sized to accommodate flow of patrons for Theater and New Cultural Center events. It can also be rented for functions to generate revenue.
- Who is paying for kitchen fit out? CCTA to pay for majority of fit out.
- Who is paying for theater fit out? Shared between CCTA and Capital Budget.
- What is CCTA contribution? CCTA to pay ~ \$1 million for final fit out.
- What are potential Covid impacts/adjustments? Team is exploring measures including:
  - Higher number of air changes on mechanical systems to improve air quality
  - Higher grade filtration of air in HVAC systems
  - Use of antimicrobial finish materials in public areas
  - Ensuring physical spaces are flexible to accommodate de-densification of populations – i.e. flexible room arrangements to accommodate social distancing

# **New Cultural Center Financing Overview**

#### Original Proposed Structure - Total Sources of \$73.3 million

- Howard County GO Bonds: \$62 million
  - \$28 million supported through CCTA Lease / DRP revenue
  - \$34 million supported through Downtown TIF revenue
- TIF Bonds for Parking Garage: \$9.8 million
- State grant: \$500,000
- Personal donation: \$1 million

#### **Revenue Projection from NCC**

- Annual Revenue: \$1,677,550 Total (Based on stabilized operations in 2027)
  - CCTA Lease: \$808,550, rises by 3% annually (\$785,000 rent in 2026 base year)
  - Recreation and Parks Revenue: \$869,000, no escalation in underwriting

GO Bonds	TIF Revenue	NCC Revenue	Total
Loan Amount	\$34,000,000	\$28,000,000	\$62,000,000
Rate	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Term of Loan (months)	240	240	240
Annual Debt Service	\$2,596,062	\$2,137,933	\$4,733,995
Annual Revenue	\$2,596,062	\$1,677,550	\$4,258,759

## **Bond Financing Options – Reduce Interest Rate & Project Cost**

#### **Reduce Interest Rate Assumptions**

- May 2020 County bond issuance averaged 2.42% interest rate.
- Rates have continued to fall and are near historic lows.

#### **Reduce Project Costs and Bond Amount**

- Project Cost may be reduced by up to \$7 million.
- Reduce Lease Revenue portion of bonds from \$28 to \$21 million.

# **Bond Financing Options – Reduce Interest Rate & Project Cost**

	4.5% Interest Rate	3.0% Interest Rate	2.0% Interest Rate
TIF Revenue			
Loan Amount	\$34,000,000	\$34,000,000	\$34,000,000
Interest Rate	4.50%	3.00%	2.00%
Annual Payment	\$2,596,062	\$2,262,758	\$2,064,004
Annual Revenue	\$2,596,062	\$2,596,062	\$2,596,062
Balance (Revenue - Payment)	\$0	\$333,304	\$532,058
Lease Revenue			
Loan Amount	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000
Interest Rate	4.50%	3.00%	2.00%
Annual Payment	\$1,594,276	\$1,397,586	\$1,274,826
Annual Revenue	\$1,677,550	\$1,677,550	\$1,677,550
Balance (Revenue - Payment)	\$83,274	\$279,964	\$402,724
Totals			
Total Bonds	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000
Total Payment	\$4,175,486	\$3,660,344	\$3,338,830
Total Revenue	\$4,273,612	\$4,273,612	\$4,273,612
Balance (Revenue - Payment)	\$83,274	\$613,268	\$934,782

# **Bond Financing Options – Allocate More Bond Debt to TIF Revenue**

#### **Reduce Amount of Bonds Supported by NCC Revenue**

- Underwrite using only CCTA lease revenue \$808,550 in 2027
- Dept. of Recreation and Parks Annual Revenue of \$869,000 can be used for a project reserve account or to offset operating expenses
- Amount of debt to be supported by NCC revenue varies by interest rate

#### **Increase Amount of Bonds Supported by TIF Revenue**

- Increase amount of bonds supported by TIF revenue to compensate for reduction of bonds supported by NCC revenue
- Amount of additional TIF revenue required for debt service varies by interest rate and bond amount

# **Bond Financing Options – Allocate More Bond Debt to TIF Revenue**

	4.5% Interest Rate	3.0% Interest Rate	2.0% Interest Rate
TIF Revenue			
Loan Amount	\$45,000,000	\$43,000,000	\$42,000,000
Interest Rate	4.50%	3.00%	2.00%
Annual Payment	\$3,416,307	\$2,861,724	\$2,549,652
Annual Revenue	\$3,416,307	\$2,861,724	\$2,549,652
<b>Additional TIF Revenue Needed</b>	\$820,245	\$265,662	\$(46,410)
Lease Revenue			
Loan Amount	\$10,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$13,000,000
Interest Rate	4.50%	3.00%	2.00%
Annual Payment	\$759,179	\$798,621	\$789,178
Annual Revenue	\$808,550	\$808,550	\$808,550
Balance (Revenue - Payment)	\$49,371	\$9,929	\$19,372
Totals			
Total Bonds	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000	\$55,000,000
Total Payment	\$4,175,486	\$3,660,344	\$3,338,830
Total Revenue	\$4,224,857	\$3,670,274	\$3,358,202
Balance (Revenue - Payment)	\$ 49,371	\$9,929	\$19,372

# **Bond Financing Options – Impact of Using Additional TIF Revenue**

- Amount of additional TIF Revenue that would be needed is dependent on interest rates:
  - 4.5% Requires \$820,245 additional revenue per year
  - 3.0% Requires \$265,662 additional revenue per year
  - 2.0% Requires no additional revenue per year
- Committing additional TIF Revenue to NCC will reduce amount available for future Downtown projects
- Projected Impact of Using Additional TIF Revenue at 3.0% Interest Rate:
  - Library construction delayed 1 year to 2026 or Banneker Fire Station construction delayed 1 year to 2029
  - Schedule is not impacted for other projects

# New Cultural Center Opportunity for Public Comment



# **Future Working Group Meetings and Topics**

- Meeting #2 NCC Programming & Operations
   July 30 3 to 5 pm
- Meeting #3 Housing Issues, Compliance Issues, and General
   Oversight

August 11 – 3 to 5 pm

Housing Affordability Public Forum

**September – Date and Time TBD** 

