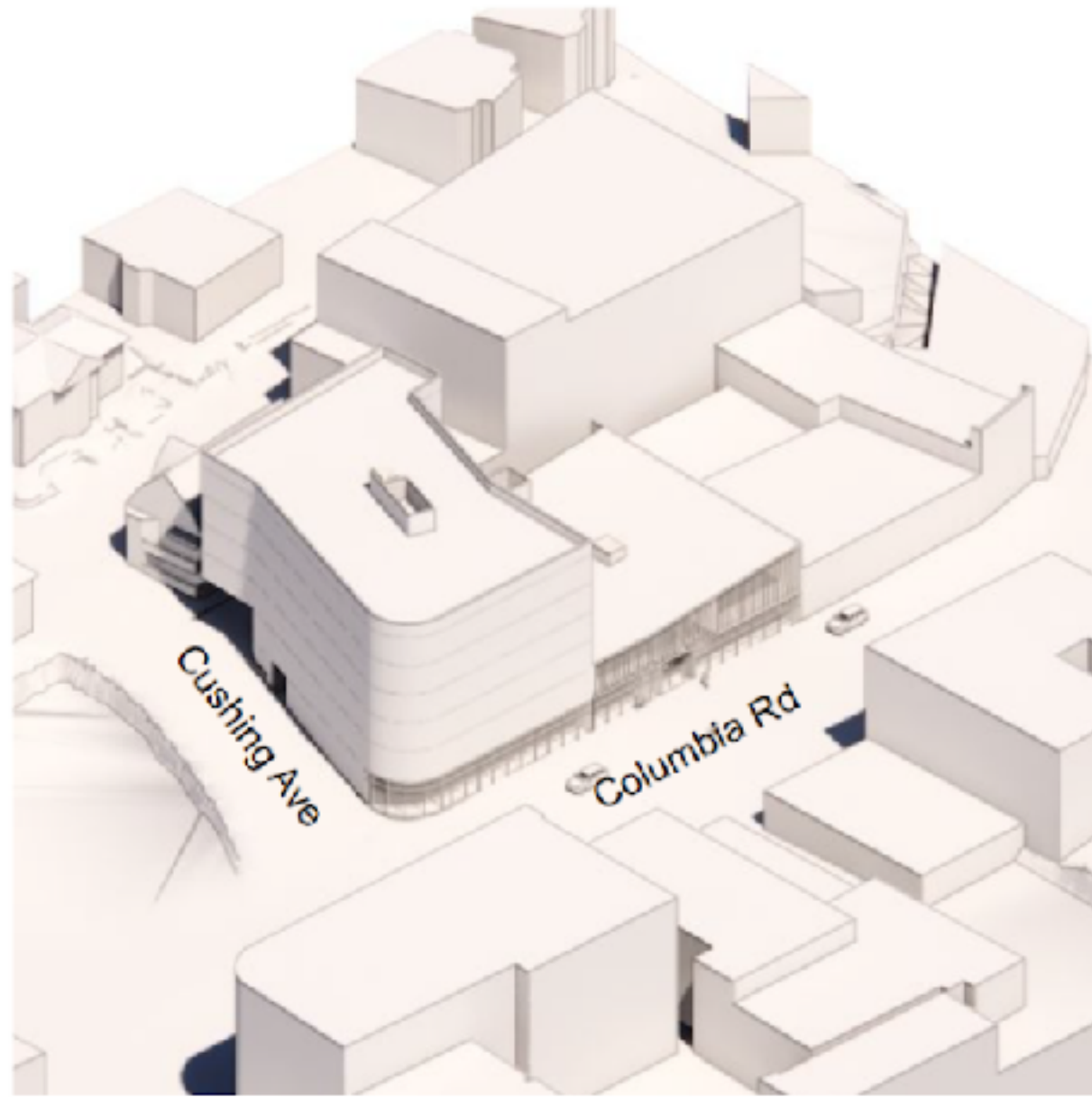
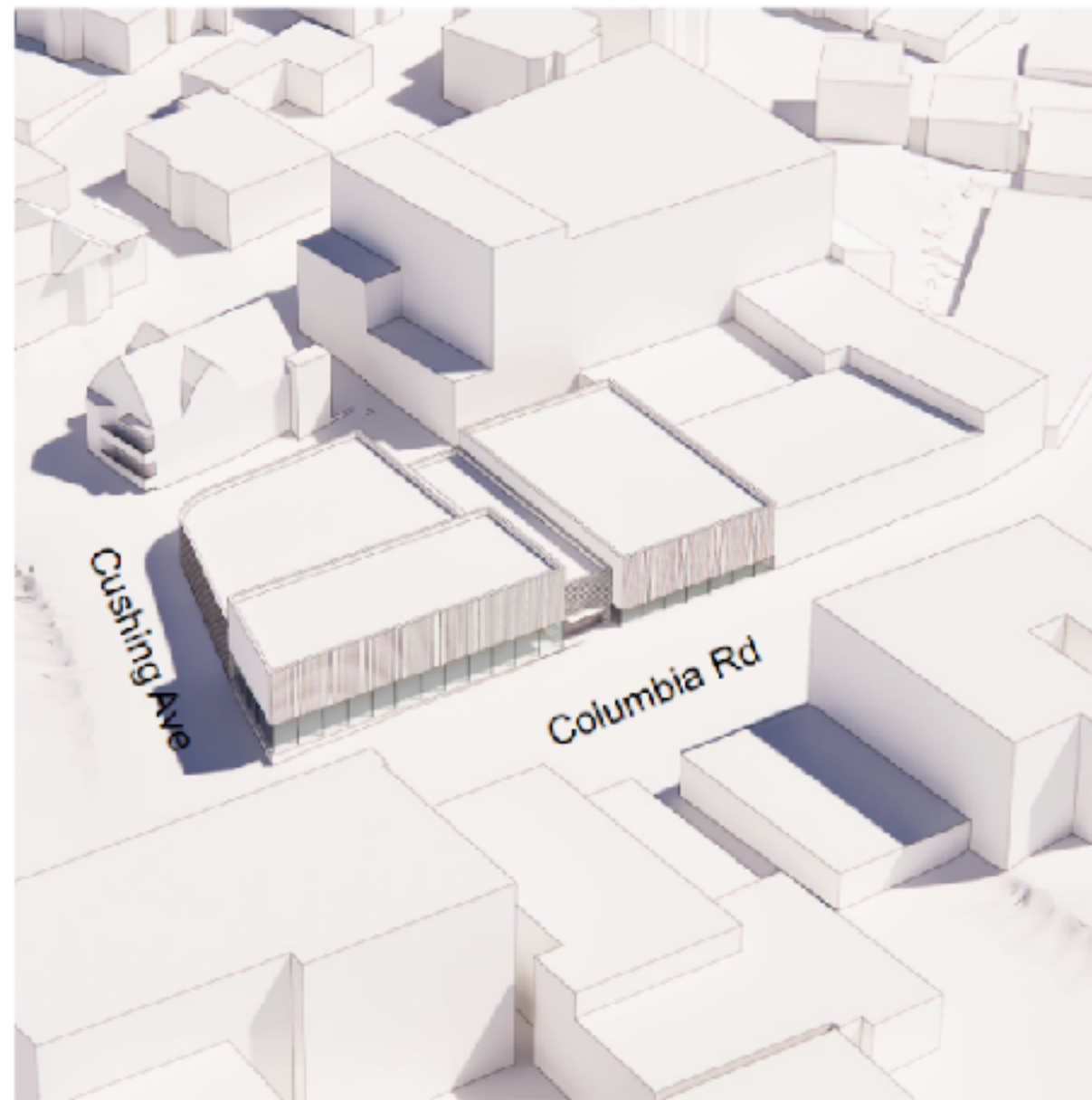


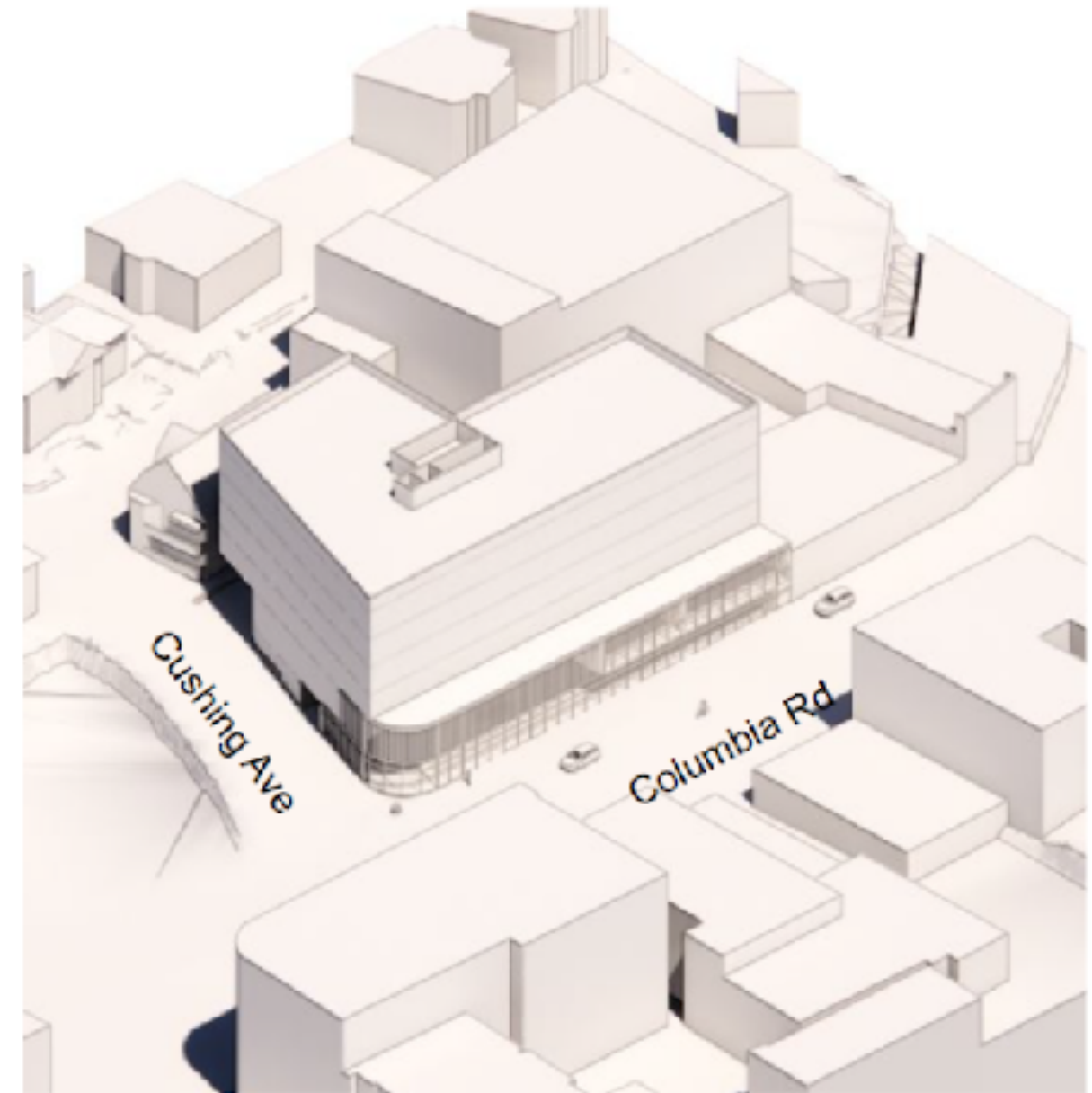
Group 1: Three Site Test Fit Options



Side-by-Side



Stand Alone



Tenant

Group 1: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the Needs/Concerns?

Glad to see new library- Needs for Strand are not being met. Dedicated space for classes, students, costume design etc. In lieu of apt- more space for youngsters.

Limited dressing room facilities. Limitation on Strand. Fiddlehead needed more- didn't stick around. Lets fix the limp.

Patron Access on street level would be wonderful. Accessibility is key, Label/visibility of Library is important. Parking access nearby possible? Green area for outside programming.

What questions are unanswered?

Want a clearer response to the space

Build a new library fast. EQUITY. ACCESS TO ALL easily. Why hasn't this happened sooner?

Architectural response didnt answer the question re space. Too architectural/programmatic. Want to know the size.

Approach Santander about donating the building to the City?

What questions do we have?

- How does housing get paid for in mixed-use?

We have waited a LONG time for a new library.

Don't harm the existing municipal building- LOVE it. But new library is long overdue

Group 2: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the benefits?

more affordable housing for the neighborhood

What are the concerns?

small business & community space not well represented in plan

Strand is critical to this. Strand needs should be considered.

Should include more uses at the library location, not just housing & library.

What questions do we have?

Where/when does the community get to give input on what will be inside?

Bird Street may need new space, will it take over old library space, or will there be space in the library/mixed use building?

Would like to see more of an artistic connection to the Strand and greater community. Strand needs to be "lit" 7 days a week, not just rented for 7 days a week. Can more of this space be used for ancillary Strand support? - Marti Glvnn

Time is a concern. What if it could just be library and Strand resources? Would that improve speed?

Needs other amenities such as office and small business space included in option 3. Things like we would find at the Main Library such as a cafe? - Ariana R

TIMING! I (we) want to live long enough to see the new library!

Why not flip it? The non library building next to the Strand with more space to share or use for community and Strand?

Group 3: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the benefits?

Side by Side - 2; Standalone - 1; Tenant - 3

What are the concerns?

What questions do we have?

Tenant Option: South End Technology Center is at the base of Tent City and it works really well. Families and kids can have greater access to the libra

Standalone: The lower height is preferable, creates a better streetscape. The scale of the other options are too small for the area.

Side-by-side and tenant, there is more SF available and so potentially more SF for community space and STRAND support, ex. rehearsal space

Not enough parking for library or residents. There is already a parking issue in Uphams Corner.

Will any of the options allow increased community space for the Strand within the library? None of the options provide as much for the Strand as might be hoped.

Straw Poll:
Side by Side - 2
Standalone - 1
Tenant - 3

Side by side and tenant may give more to the community than standalone because housing is so needed. More density will benefit the main streets.

Affordable housing is really important!

Another perspective on parking: We should be discouraging cars, not encourage more cars. Make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly. Dedicated pickup space on the curb?

Is it possible to create underground parking to help solve parking issue?

Group 4: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the benefits?

having a library that is less than 100+ years old is critical

Multi-use space that would bring community members and tenants

What are the concerns?

Mixing library with housing would take longer

sufficient housing

if community/art space is extension of Strand, will it be able to satisfy needs of Strand and community?

What questions do we have?

How would parking be addressed?

If housing is on top, how do you preserve distinction of the library?

Do the different options impact the types of jobs that would be created?

OTHER

preference: to include side by side housing but need to address parking

library should be distinct with unique purpose and feel

a lot of new information to absorb in one meeting

more concerned about quality than the timeline

housing should look different than library (not sterile)

housing have its own unique flair

housing have its own appeal to tenants, visitors etc.

Group 5: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the benefits?

Either option with housing would address needs. And housing close to transit station, so hopefully wouldn't add a lot of autos.

Standalone would mean a new library would get built quicker

Side by Side and Standalone would have same timeline.

Didn't see accommodation for public parking or residential parking for the 2 plans that include residential.

Need drop off space too

What are the concerns?

Standalone doesn't add housing. But perhaps other places with housing in this master plan.

2nd the housing comment. Even if other sites have housing. Those have had discussions for lower housing.

Strand's need for rehearsal space won't be addressed. Would like to see that addressed where the parking lot is. Don't want these ideas thrown out. These not addressed with DNI or Fox Hall.

One proposal did have significant space for the Strand with affordable commercial art space.

If library is closed, how do people who use Strand get into the space to use its auxiliary space.

Struggling to understand how library can facilitate reactivation of Strand. Is that one of the goals? How any of schemes would address that.

+1. If this is supposed to be arts and innov district, how does library help that. Where is the plan for the rehearsal rooms and space for artists.

Hope Library and Strand all activate each other.

What questions do we have?

How do all the sites and their plans fit together? (City space, DNI, Fox Hall, ...)

What will reactivate Strand? What will create usership and facilitate access (parking, small businesses)?

How will this all affect Upham's 5 years after it's done? What's in the best long term interest for this area?

For people who live in housing, would there be noise concerns from the Strand?

What types of housing could go on this site - sale or rental, affordable or market. Accessible to wide range of people and incomes?

Is it just having an active space or is it about benefits for the people who've been here? A question about displacement.

How to ward off displacement while having the most vibrant arts and innovation district that we can.

Is the side-by-side the only option with commercial?

What commercial can support arts and innovation and needs of neighborhood as a whole.

Need more mixed income development - not just low income affordable but also upper levels of income that can support a business district.

Does Boston have requirements for mixed income? How to ensure that to be the case?

Group 6: What do we think of the Library Options?

Side by side

Library with housing above could be difficult, could make it harder to support the Strand theatre.

Library attached to the Strand could form its own arts center, and housing separate could be a better option.

Additional smaller spaces in addition to Strand theatre would benefit smaller theatre companies. Community spaces that could support smaller productions than what would fill the entire Strand Theatre would be beneficial.

Flexible community spaces that could support an array of production sizes would benefit a broader array of production companies.

Would layout of performance or community spaces be impacted by constructing housing above (i.e. column grid etc.).

How will parking be addressed, both for library and housing (and Strand Theatre). How much parking will be available on Hamlet St. site, DSNi site, Library/Strand site? Having enough parking for both new residential development AND Strand/library is very important.

Important to include enough green space to make any future development more aesthetically appealing.

Stand alone

Tenant

Issue of noise bleed and whatever goes on in community performance space is a concern. Food/drink in community/event spaces, noise and other issues could be a factor.

Considerable need for housing in the area, for middle class housing and for units larger than just studios.

Luxury condos not helping the current market. 1 1/2 bedrooms becoming "luxury" condos is problematic.

Condos being built, sold, flipped not good for the neighborhood.

Development without displacement still critical; AOP program could help (more) with this.

Group 7: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the benefits?

Tenant version aesthetically pleasing

We need a showpiece, people should say OMG when they look at it. Would prefer the stand alone.

Help art community and community itself at the same time

Tenant version is best, even with a longer timeline.

What are the concerns?

Tie it in with the Strand

We need parking on columbia rd. DNI had a proposal that included parking and we're losing that. Municipal lot is too far away. Strand needs parking to survive.

No matter what we need to improve trust and safety for people to come to this area. Street lights.

Where is the commercial space in any of these options? Commercial space could improve local economy.

Strand used to be vibrant. We have to solve the parking problem.

What questions do we have?

How can we evolution without seeing full picture of how RFPs come together

This corner (parking lot) should be structured parking for Strand, maybe with retail facing the street.

Can there be green roof space? performance? glass enclosed?

This corner is a destination, it should be for the Strand and more arts uses and parking.

Maybe the Library should be somewhere else, more community facing. So that this corner can be a destination.

Group 8: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the benefits?

like #3 massing--- rather than look at back facade of the Strand, look at building

What are the concerns?

What questions do we have?

Tenant version preferred since it connects to the Strand. Visual draw to the back side of the strand. architecture wise it could be pleasing.

Tenant option the most resistance timeline wise.

of financing for all three options. Are we creating more hurdles doing this. Unpack the reality of that path. How big a deal is the extended timeline? Is there money for that so its worth the wait? Or do we go around looking for more money?

Difference in number of units? in all the options. tenant vs side by side. Timeframe? Are we willing to wait to get those units. what should we know about longer timeline issues?

large's input into this process, specifically around affordable housing and displacement of long term residents? How does this group of people represent and speak for the community? What modes of

Side by Side: Best of both worlds (housing+library). Traffic and parking could be an issue.

Stand Alone: Library programming could be maxed out. Con: No housing.

Tenant: Timeline is a con for this option.



Group 9: What do we think of the Library Options?

What are the benefits?

What are the concerns?

What questions do we have?

Notes box here

benefit of side by side is that library can be completed first, avoids dependence on legislative process, has preferable design that does not block Strand mural

housing in side by side and tenant option

preserving Strand Theater mural is a concern and priority

Is there anything that can be done with rooftops? I.e. green space or community garden

Notes box here

Space for commercial uses, space for "incubator spaces" of sorts, where community members can access economic development opportunities

Clarification about housing: is there a way to maximize affordability on site?

which design allows for commercial development?

Benefit

benefit

concern

what does parking look like for patrons of the library and local businesses, as well as tenants?

how much of strand theater sign will be blocked by tenant option?