

VAM Facility Expansion

A City with a Road Map, A Rich Past, A Vibrant Present and a Future Filled with Possibilities.





VAM Facility Expansion cont.

The idea of the new Venice Area Museum is the natural extension of the rich local heritage and is the expression of the John Nolen City Plan background, which started over 85 year ago.

Project Goals And Priorities:

- Provide a new home for the ever-growing museum collection and interpret the local heritage with the John Nolen Plan legacy.
- The purpose of the new facility, its Mission and activities is to offer engaging exhibit experiences, educational programs and workshops related to urban planning with substantive research material.
- A new facility will complement the very active Cultural Campus drawing from its 470,000 visitors annually (Community Center= 225,000 visitors; Venice Public Library= 230,000 visitors; Art Center= over 15,000 visitors).

The new facility will harmoniously integrate with the future Triangle Inn building functions. The outdoor gathering area and green space will functionally connect with the Community Center.

It is the intent of the building design and construction to incorporate as many sustainable features as possible leading towards an attainable LEED certification level and to include a "green roof" garden.

Venice Area Museum Building Complementing The Historic Triangle Inn

The existing "cultural site" occupies a series of city blocks, identified in the original city master plan as a central green space and civic center. The proposed museum structure will complete in a natural way the four street front sides and will complement the historic Triangle Inn to the West.

The Main Building Functions

Connectivity with the surroundings historic Triangle Inn, Cultural Center and Blalock Park

John Nolen Courtyard

Refer to proposed paving layout as a guide to the potential site improvments near the entrance.

First Floor Functions

Museum entrance, first floor lobby and functions
Main exhibit space, temporary exhibit space and new artifact receiving storage
Support services: circulation, elevator, restrooms, and break room

Second Floor Functions

The main collections storage
Office area, meeting room, curator/educational classroom
Support services: display, circulation, restrooms, mechanical/electrical services
Proposed green roof, covered roof terrace access







