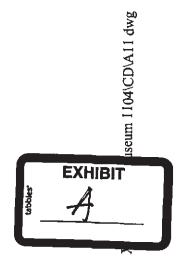
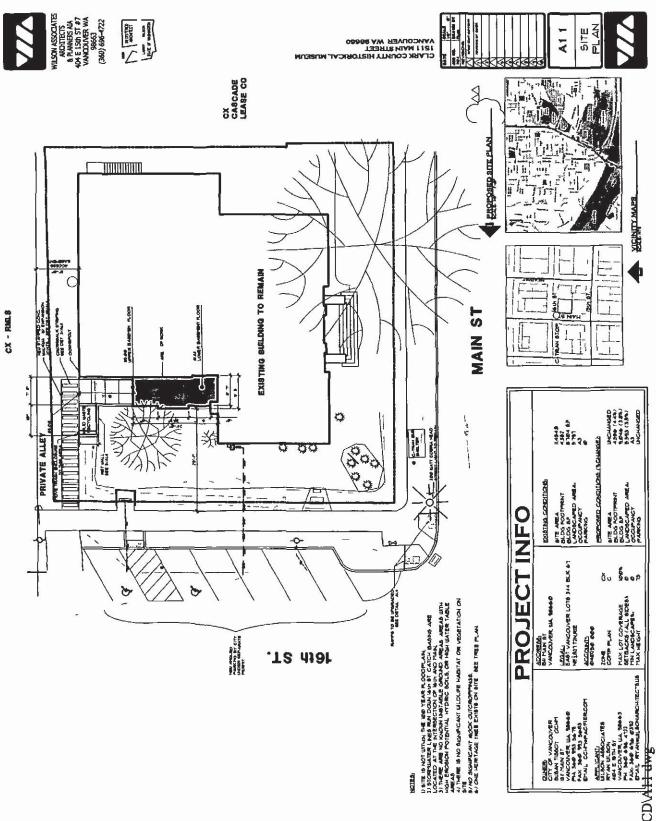


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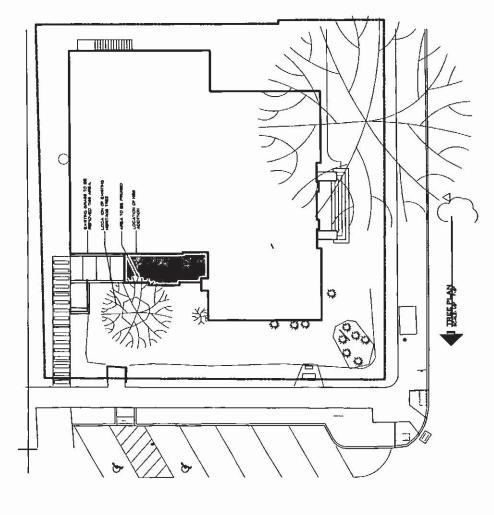
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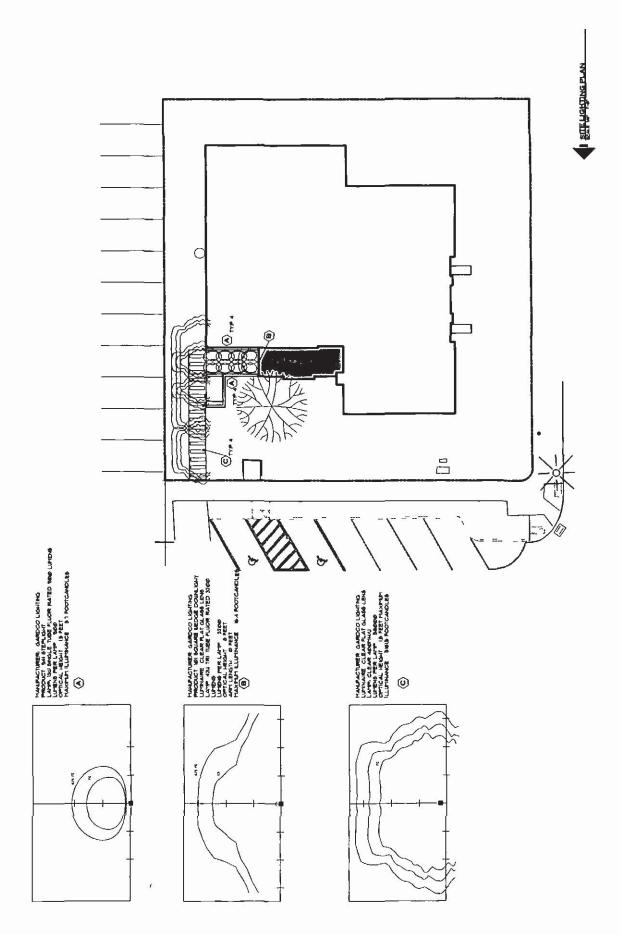
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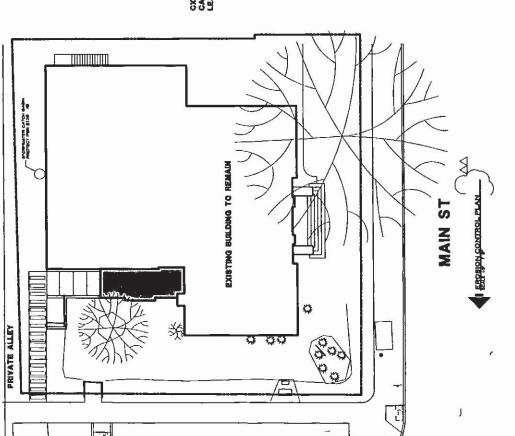
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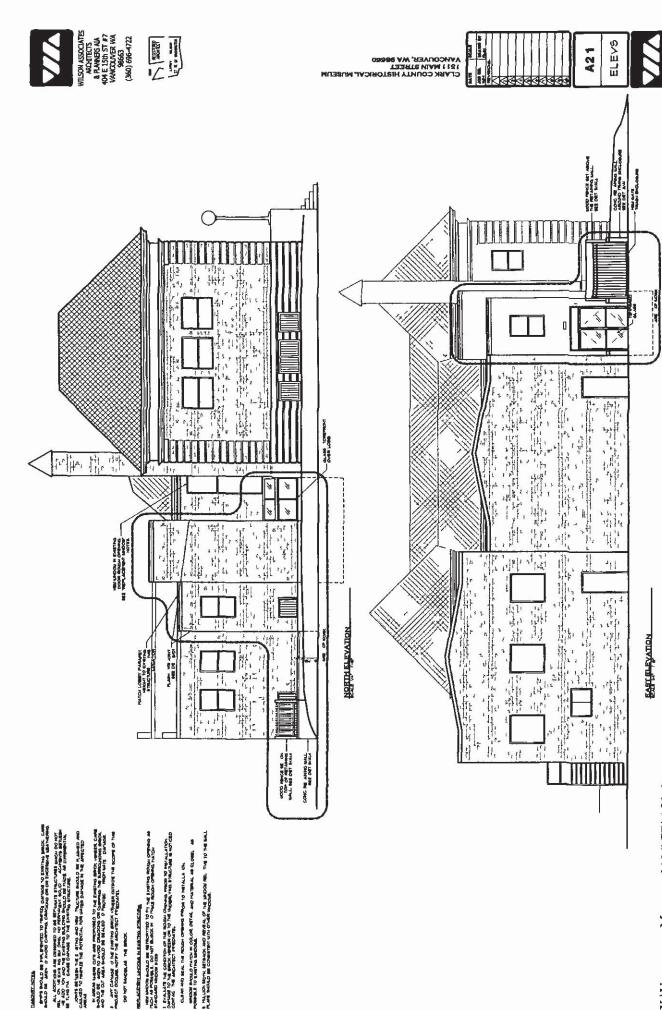




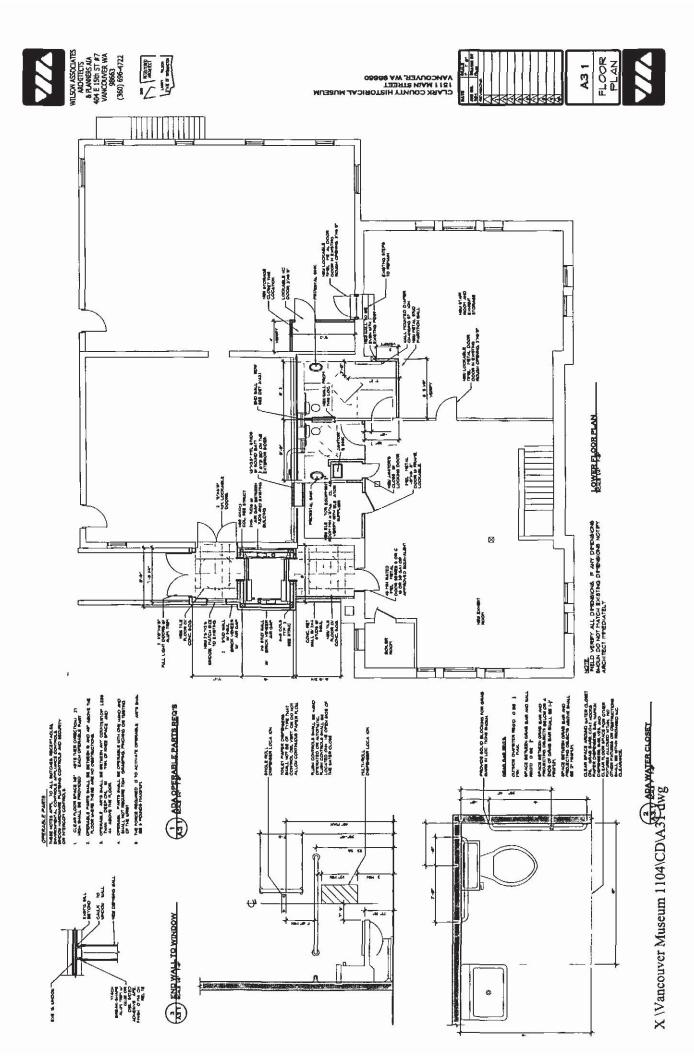




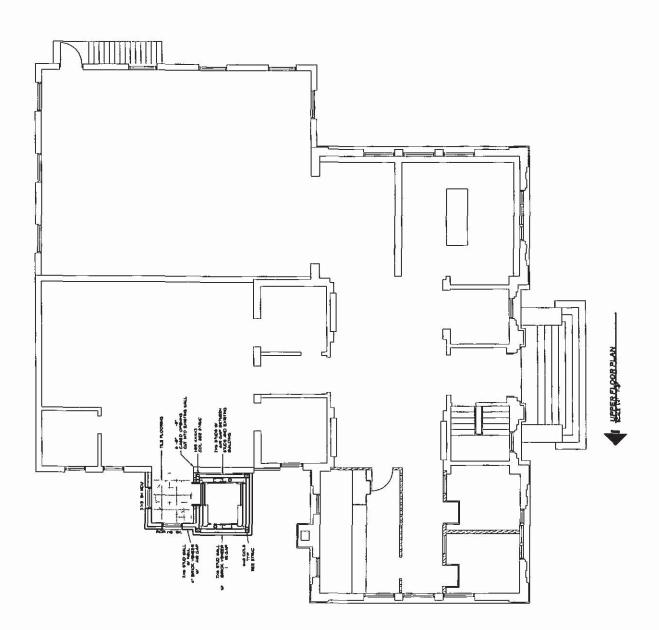
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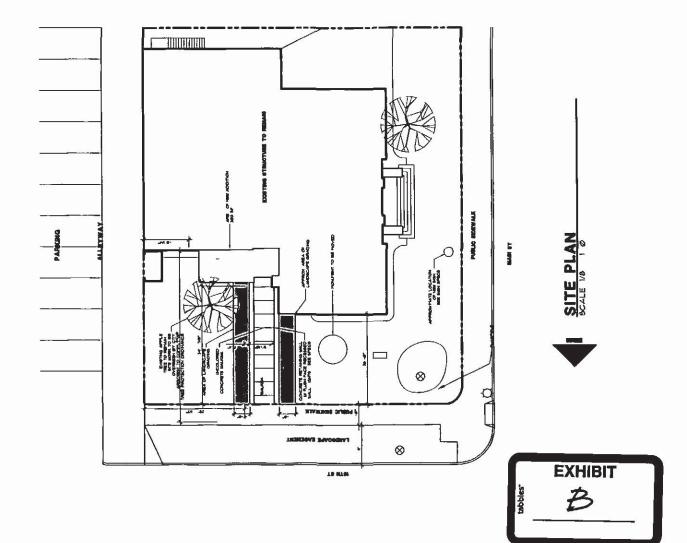
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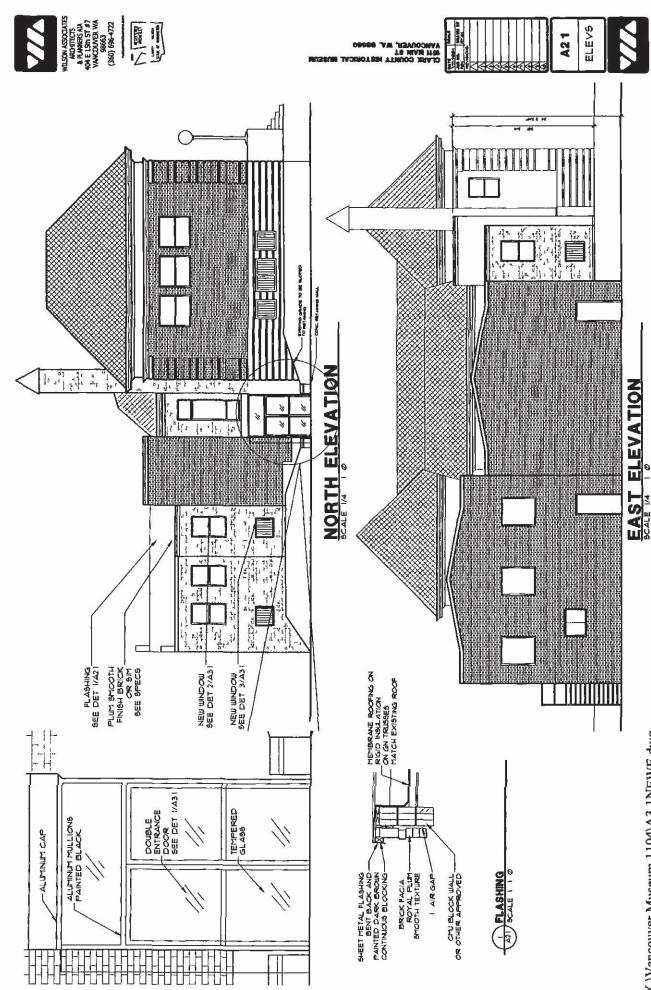
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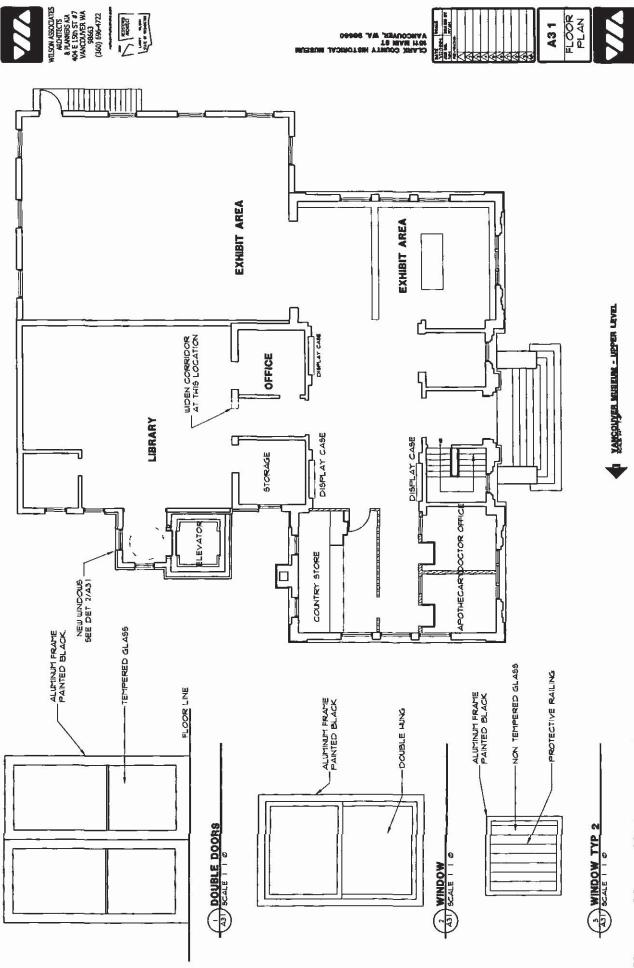
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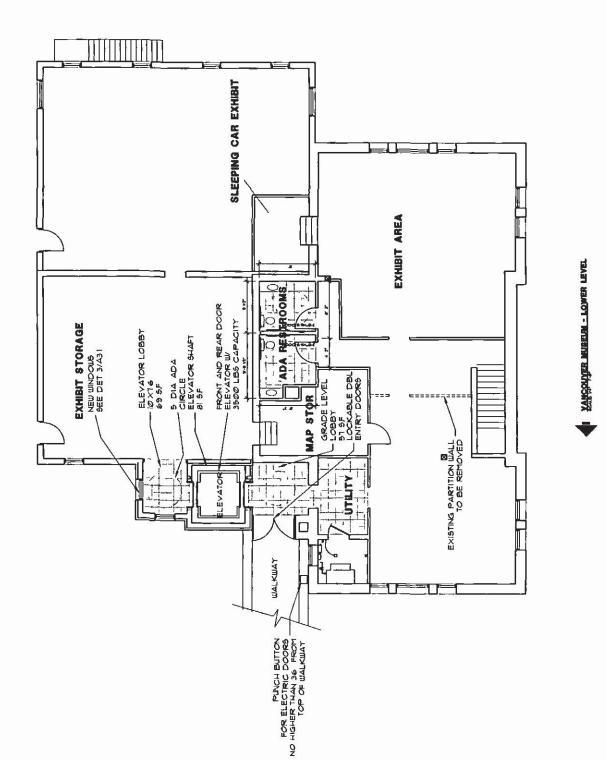
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DECISION OF THE CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

TO Larry Wilson, Wilson Associates, Architects

Susan Tissot, Clark County Historical Museum

FROM Robert Freed, Chair

Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

DATE October 29, 2004

FILE PRJ2004-01293/HST2004-00005 Certificate of Appropriateness –

Clark County Historical Museum Modifications – ADA Improvements

NOTICE TO PARTIES OF RECORD

The attached decision of the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission will become final unless a written appeal is filed with the Vancouver City Council no later than 5 00 pm on November 12, 2004 (14 calendar days after written notice of the decision is mailed)

All appeals must be in writing accompanied by the appropriate appeal fee and must contain the following information

- Case number designated by the City and the name of the applicant,
- The name and signature of each petitioner for the appeal and a statement showing that each petitioner is entitled to file the appeal as an interested,
- The specific aspect(s) of the decision being appealed, the reasons why each aspect is in error as a matter of fact or law, and the evidence relied on to prove the error,

The City Council shall hear appeals of decisions on the record, including all materials received in evidence at any previous stage of the review, an audio or audio/visual tape of the prior hearing(s) or transcript of the hearing(s) certified as accurate and complete, the final order being appealed, and argument by the parties. No new evidence will be accepted. At the conclusion of its public meeting or limited hearing for receipt of oral legal argument, the City Council may affirm, reverse, modify or remand an appealed decision.



DECISION

Clark County Historic Preservation Commission October 19, 2004

Project Number

PRJ2004-01293/HST2004-00005

Project Name

Clark County Historical Museum Modifications - ADA Improvements

Project Address:

1511 Main Street

Tax Assessor Serial Number 040250-000

Project Request

Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition of a new elevator and elevator lobby on the north side of the building, a walkway from 16th Street to the elevator lobby, exit lobbies from the elevator on the lower and upper levels of the museum and the renovation of the bathrooms to make them ADA

accessible

Applicant

City of Vancouver

Susan Tissot

PO Box 1995

Clark County Historical Museum

Vancouver, WA 98668

1511 Main Street

Vancouver, WA 98660

Staff

Greg Turner, Senior Planner

Decision

APPROVED, with conditions

SUMMARY

The Clark County Historical Museum (Carnegie Library) is located at 1511 Main Street, Vancouver WA (Tax Assessor Serial #040250-000) The applicant has requested approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a new elevator and elevator lobby on the north side of the building, a walkway from 16th Street to the elevator lobby, exit lobbies from the elevator on the lower and upper levels of the museum and the renovation of the bathrooms to make them ADA accessible

The site is within the City of Vancouver

The Clark County Historic Museum is on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Clark County Heritage Register (CCHR)

The building has played an important role in the cultural and intellectual history of the City The building is a well-preserved example of the libraries built with grants from the great iron and steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie The library is significant because of its association with Carnegie and with the tradition of philanthropy of which he was the pre-eminent exemplar. The library is also

important in the history of the community as a central focus of intellectual and social activity. Finally, the building built in 1909 is an example of a distinct genre of early-twentieth century architecture.

HEARING AND RECORD

The public hearing on this matter was held on October 19, 2004 and the record was closed at the conclusion of the hearing. A record of all testimony received into the record is included herein as Exhibit A (Parties of Record), Exhibit B (Taped Proceedings), and Exhibit C (Staff Report) Exhibits A (Parties of Record) and C (Staff Report) are filed at the City of Vancouver Development Review Services, 1313 Main Street, Vancouver, WA. Exhibit B (Taped Proceedings) is filed at the Clark County Department of Community Development, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA.

FINDINGS

The Clark County Historic Preservation Commission finds that the proposal meets the criteria of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

DECISION

The Clark County Historic Preservation Commission hereby <u>APPROVES</u> a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Clark County Historical Museum modifications with the following six (6) conditions of approval

Prior to the Issuance of a Building Permit for the proposed addition, the Historic Preservation Commission shall review and approve the following

- 1 The height of the proposed addition shall be no higher than necessary to accommodate the height needed for the elevator
- 2 The final details including size, color, materials, etc. and placement of the ADA signage shall be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission
- 3 The final details of the retaining walls along the proposed walkway shall be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission
- 4 The glass lobby aluminum trim and fascia details including colors shall be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission
- 5 The upper level door and transom shall be replaced with a window of similar geometry to the other existing windows on the building

Prior to Issuance of a Building Permit for the proposed addition.

6 The Spirit of the Trail monument shall be relocated to an off-site location

Rob Freed, Chairperson,

Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

Please note This certificate must be presented prior to the issuance of any subsequent permit by the City of Vancouver

Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR DESIGN REVIEW

APPLICANT	(S) City of Vancouver/Clark County Historical Museum
NAME OF PI <u>/HST2004-00</u>	ROPERTY Clark County Historical Museum (Carnegie Library (PRJ2004-01293
ADDRESS	1511 Main Street, Vancouver WA 98660

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED WORK

Addition of a new elevator and elevator lobby on the north side of the building, a walkway from 16th Street to the elevator lobby, exit lobbies from the elevator on the lower and upper levels of the museum and the renovation of the bathrooms to make them ADA accessible per (File # HST 2004--00005)

THE CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (CCHPC) HAS CONSIDERED THIS APPLICATION AND ITS FINDING IS AS FOLLOWS

- THE CCHPC ISSUES X
- DOES NOT ISSUE
- ISSUES WITH SIX (6) CONDITIONS

A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO THE ABOVE APPLICANT

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IN ADDITION, THE CCHPC		
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THAT THE CITY OF VANCOUVER BUILDING DEPARTMENT ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE BUILDING PERMIT(S) UPON DEMONSTRATION THAT THE ABOVE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET IN RECOMMENDING PERMIT ISSUANCE, THE CCHPC BELIEVES THAT HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONCERNS ARE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED

Greg Turner, Sepior Planner

Staff to the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission



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Clark County Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

Project Number PRJ2004-01293/HST2004-00005

Project Name Clark County Historical Museum (Carnegie Library)

Project Address 1511 Main Street

Tax Assessor Serial Number 040250-000 located in the NE 1/4 of

Section 27, Township 2N, Range 1E of the Willamette Meridian

Applicant/

Property Owner City of Vancouver Susan Tissot

PO Box 1995 Clark County Historical Museum

Vancouver, WA 98668 1511 Main Street

Vancouver, WA 98660

Architect Larry Wilson

Wilson Associates, Architects

404 E 15th Street, #7 Vancouver, WA 98663

Staff Greg Turner, Senior Planner

Meeting Date October 19, 2004

EXHIBIT

I SUMMARY

The Clark County Historical Museum is located at 1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA (Tax Assessor Serial Number 040250-000) The applicant has requested approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following items

- New elevator and elevator lobby on the north side of the building
- Exit lobbies to enter the exhibit storage room on the lower level and library on the upper level
- Exterior walkway with concrete retaining walls on both sides from 16th Street to the elevator lobby at the lower level of the museum
- Renovation of the existing restrooms to make them ADA accessible

The applicant is also proposing to move the existing Spirit of the Trail monument to the west of its present location

The site is within the City of Vancouver

In accordance with VMC 17 39 080 and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, staff recommends that the Commission approve the Certificate of Appropriateness request

II. <u>CLARK COUNTY HERITAGE REGISTER AND NATIONAL REGISTER OF</u> HISTORIC PLACES STATUS

The Clark County Historical Museum (Carnegie Library) is on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Clark County Heritage Register (CCHR)

III HISTORIC NAME

Vancouver City Library (Carnegie Library)

IV. <u>COMMON NAME</u>

Clark County Historical Museum

V. BOARD RESPONSIBILITY

Under the City of Vancouver Ordinance M-3243 (VMC Chapter 17 39), the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission has the responsibility for reviewing matters of historic preservation within the City of Vancouver

VI STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building has played an important role in the cultural and intellectual history of the City The building is a well-preserved example of the libraries built with grants from the great iron and steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie The library is significant because of its association with Carnegie and with the tradition of philanthropy of which he was the preeminent exemplar. The library is also important in the history of the community as a central focus of intellectual and social activity. Finally, the building built in 1909 is an example of a distinct genre of early-twentieth century architecture.

VII PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Clark County Historical Museum is located at 1511 Main Street, Vancouver, WA, at the corner of Main Street and 16th Street Tax Assessor Serial Number 040250-000 located in the NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 2N, Range 1E of the Willamette Meridian

VIII STAFF REVIEW AND COMMENT

The design review criteria are listed in the adopted rules and regulations of the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission (March 26, 1996). The standards used are the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The standards and findings are listed below.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

1 Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure or site and its environment, or to use a property for its originally intended purposes

Finding. The current use of the building as a historical museum is an alteration from the original use as a library, however, the uses are similar. The library was used to house primarily books and periodicals for the public and to disseminate information. The new use as a museum also houses books as well as other cultural and historical items for the public. The proposed alteration is the minimal alteration of the building

necessary to provide the needed ADA upgrades. The proposed addition of an elevator lobby and elevator are located along the north side of the building, behind the historic portion of the building. The addition also extends out from the building 9 feet 4 inches which is the minimal amount necessary to accommodate the elevator and ADA accessibility.

2 The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible

Finding The proposal involves an addition onto the north rear portion of the building. The original portion of the museum built in 1909 is located along Main Street. Two additions to the building were constructed in 1944 and 1948 and are located to the east of the original building. The proposed addition is proposed along the newer building additions and appears to be the minimal necessary to provide ADA accessibility to the museum.

A walkway is being provided from 16th Street to the elevator lobby. Once in the elevator, access is provided to the upper level of the building as well as to the exhibit storage room on the lower level. The entrance lobby is single story and is enclosed with glass. The exterior material on the elevator shaft and the interim lobby areas to the east of the elevator is brick. The proposed addition does cover one corner of the lower portion of the existing chimney with the glassed elevator lobby. The majority of the chimney that will be covered, however, is the lower portion which is concrete. A minimal amount of brick will be covered.

The site also contains a heritage tree (clone of the Old Apple Tree) in close proximity to the proposed addition. The City's Urban Forester has reviewed the plans and stated that the tree is fairly young. The tree can withstand some root pruning and construction impact. The Forester recommends that before grading, root prune with a hand saw under supervision of the consulting arborist. The area beyond the cut face can be removed by equipment sitting outside the dripline of the tree. Activity should be limited in the dripline.

3 All buildings, structures and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time Alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged

Finding The exterior materials of the proposed addition will consist of brick and glass. The brick will be a smooth brick and will be reddish in color. The brick will be newer in appearance and different in reddish tone than the historic brick which will differentiate it from the original structure. The proposed glass lobby area with the aluminum glass doors will also provide a break from the historic western portion of the structure and the proposed addition. The roof over the addition is flat which further differentiates the addition from the original building.

4 Changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right and this significance shall be recognized and respected.

Finding. Two additions to the original building were constructed in 1944 and 1948 Based on the age of the building additions (over 50 years), they have acquired significance in their own right. The architect has attempted to minimize the impact on the additions as well as the original building structure. The size of the addition is the minimal necessary to provide the needed ADA access to all levels of the building. In order to lessen the impact of the addition, the architect has incorporated two windows on the north side of the addition to replace the two that are being covered over. Two similar windows are being placed on the east elevation as well. The architect is attempting to recognize the unique and historical features of the original structure while providing ADA access to the building.

5 Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be treated with sensitivity

Finding. The building is a rectangular brick building with a concrete foundation. The principal façade of the building is the west façade which contains the main entrance and the front steps. Large square windows are in front of the two building wings and small arched windows flank the main entrance, which contains a large arched transom. The building has sheet metal eaves and several cast concrete decorative details, including a large parapet above the main entrance.

The proposed addition is located to the east of the original historic portion of the building. One area of the original structure impacted by the addition is the existing chimney located on the east side of the original building. The proposed elevator lobby is in this location and the proposed glass entry will enclose one corner at the base of the chimney. The base of the chimney is concrete. The glass entry is single story in height and attempts to treat the original building sensitively.

6 Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced whenever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications or features, substantiated by historic, physical or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.

Finding No historic features are proposed for replacement

7 The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken

Finding: The proposal does not include any surface cleaning of the building

8 Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and preserve archeological resources affected by or adjacent to any project

Finding. Ground-disturbing actions (elevator, elevator lobby and walkway) are proposed with the application. The site is within a Level B area which is a low

probability area for discovering archaeological resources. In the event, however, that any item of archaeological interest is uncovered during the course of ground-disturbing action or activity, all ground-disturbing activity shall immediately cease. The applicant shall immediately notify the City Planning Official and the Office of Archeological and Historic Preservation and have the site assessed by a qualified archaeologist.

9 Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, materials, and character of the property, neighborhood or environment

Finding. The proposed elevator and elevator lobby are located on the least historic façade of the building. The additions are located along the north wall of the 1944 and 1948 additions to the building. The addition will be differentiated from the historic portion of the building through the use of smooth brick of a more modern appearance, flat roof and the use of a glass lobby

10 Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would be unimpaired

Finding The proposed alterations to the structure are being done such that the essential form and integrity of the structure will not be impaired

IX STAFF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds that the proposal meets the criteria of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and recommends approval of the project as proposed

X <u>EXHIBITS</u>

- 1 Vicinity Map
- 2 Application Form
- 3 National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the Carnegie Library
- 4 Photographs
- 5 Reduced Development Plans
- 6 Material Spec Sheet

XI APPEAL

The commission's decision regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness may be appealed to the City Council Appeal of the City Council's decision regarding a waiver of a Certificate of Appropriateness may be appealed to superior court. The letter of appeal shall state the case number designated by the City and the name of the applicant, name and signature of each petitioner and a statement showing that each petitioner is entitled to file the appeal under VMC Chapter 20 00, and the specific aspect(s) of the decision and reasons why each aspect is in error as a matter of fact or law, and the evidence relied upon to prove the error (VMC 21 07 030)

A fee of \$1,000 must accompany the appeal However, if the aggreed party is a recognized neighborhood association, the fee assessed is \$75 Submit the appeal request and fee to Development Review Services, either at the Customer Service Counter, first floor of the Citizens Service Center, 1313 Main Street, Vancouver, WA, or to PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA, 98668-1995

For more information on the appeal process, please refer to Vancouver Municipal Code 20 00 800 or contact Development Review Services at 360/696-8005

Report Prepared by

Greg Turner, Senior Planner

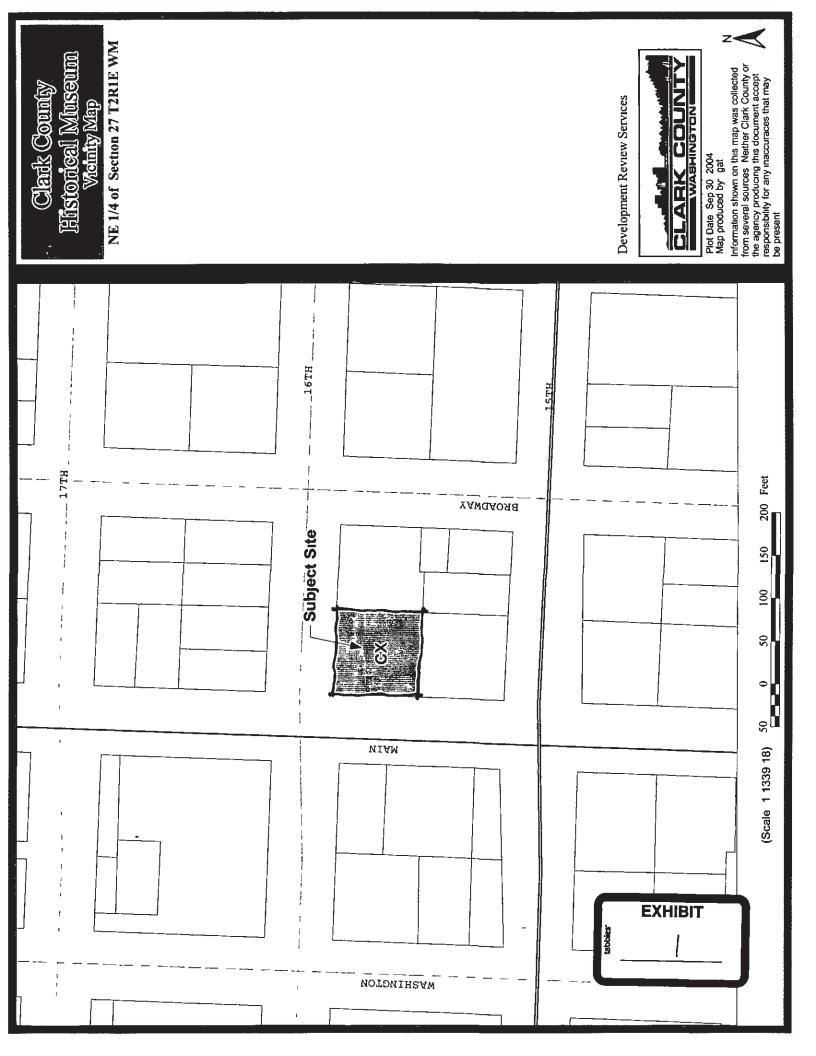
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4	Property OwnerCity of Vancouver	Phone 993-5679
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The Clark County Historical Museum and Library is a typical Carnegie library with parapet walls build of solid brick with basement and a main floor. The architects were Dennis Nichols and William Kauffman.

From the Vancouver Columbian of December 31, 1909 (the day of the dedication of the building) the following excerpts were taken — ."the basement is of concrete and the superstructure of red brick." "Cement steps lead up to the front entrance on either side of which is a pillar. There is a small vestibule and entrance from there into the main library room through a glass door. The eight pillars in the central part of the library building surrounding the librarian's desk give a most imposing appearance to the interior." "In the basement is the boiler room, a large lecture room in which a moveable platform and what is called the elevator room." (The "elevator" is a lift which is not in use at the present time) "All the wood in the building is from Clarke County."

Two additions to the building were built in 1944 and 1948.

About 1915 a Camperdown elm was planted in front of the library to the south of the entrance. At the present time the circumference of the tree at the very base is ten feet. The branches cover the entire front of the library.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dennis Nichols and Wm. Kauffman

For Vancouver, a town of nearly 10,000 in 1909, and for Clark County, there was no public library. From the time it was built, this building has played an important role in the lives of the people. In fact, this was the city library until a new one was completed in 1963. The meeting room in the basement was used by many groups.

The influence on the community has continued up to the present time as it now houses the Clark County Historical Museum and its library, the SP & S Railroad Museum and the Clark County Genealogical Society.

Last year the Museum was visited by 13,871 people; of these 5511 were in 178 groups, be majority school classes who were given lectures on the history of the area, pioneer life, etc. by the curators. The children were then taken on tours of the Museum and me artifacts explained to them.

The Museum library contains several thousand books. It is the repository for some rate books, children's old school and story books, books by local authors and poets, a large newspaper collection, journals and ledgers from the courthouse. The most important materials are the histories of Washington and the area, a fairly large collection of maps of the city and county, the picture file, for the use of the curators and for the public to use for research.

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These buildings are all well-preserved examples of libraries built with grants from the great iron and steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie They are significant because of their association with Carnegie and with the tradition of philanthropy of which he was the pre-eminent exemplar They are also important in the history of the communities they served, often as the central focus of intellectual and social activity. Finally, these buildings are examples of a distinct genre of early-twentieth century architecture, and in many locales the Carnegie library is one of the few reminders left from that period.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS.

Born in 1835, Andrew Carnegie came to the United States from Scotland at the age of twelve and settled with his family in Pittsburgh. The family was poor, and Andrew, as early as his teens, was their major breadwinner. One of his early jobs was that of telegraph delivery boy, and in this role he impressed an executive of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Rewarded with a railroad job, Andrew rose rapidly in the expanding business and became an important and wealthy executive himself. He became involved in various business, including companies making bridges and sleeping cars, but decided fairly early to concentrate on iron and steel. He maintained absolute control over his company's stock and was thus able to withhold dividends in prosperous years. When hard times came, he had the cash to buy out his competitors at bargain rates.

He was also careful about costs and was a good manager and judge of men His company became the largest in the United States Although his philanthropy began much earlier, it accelerated after 1901 when he sold his company to a group of investors organized by J P. Morgan. It was the largest component of U S. Steel, still America's biggest producer Although not an evil or greedy man, Carnegie's image was tarnished by a tragic strike at his Homestead, Pennsylvania plant in 1892 in which 18 were killed. His remarkable generosity, however, subsequently made him America's best-loved cultimillionaire. He died in 1919

Carnegie's first charitable corribution was to his hometown in Scotland for a library. His philanthropies eventually consumed most of his wealth, and at his death, after making benefactions totalling \$350 million, he left his heirs a relatively modest \$10 million. Carnegie made many contributions to colleges and universities, built the Peace Palaze at The Hague, and tried to simplify English spelling. His best known gifts, however, were the 2,509 libraries throughout the English-speaking world constructed with grants totalling \$56 million

The cities and towns of Washington state participated fully in Carnegie's library program Of the 1,412 Carnegic libraries built in the United States, 43 were in

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Washington This placed the state fourteenth in terms of the number of buildings received It was well behind Indiana with 164 and California with 142, but far ahead of West Virginia, which got three, and Nevada, one In terms of per capital appropriations, Washington ranked fourth among the states At \$66 90 per 100 inhabitants, Washington was behind Wyoming (\$114 20), Indiana (\$77 50), and Colorado (\$72 40), but much luckier than West Virginia (\$4 70), and Virginia (\$3 20).

Contrary to common belief, Carnegie did not start the tradition of free public libraries in the United States, but his gifts had the effect of accelerating their development. This is exactly what he hoped would happen. To make a full assessment of the influence his gifts had in Washington state would require a study of all libraries, both Carnegie and non-Carnegie. The history of those in this study, however, suggests that his influence was profound. Most library systems benefiting from his grants were, at best, tenuous affairs with volunteers and occupying borrowed quarters. After the Carnegie grants were made, permanent, publicly-financed systems emerged. This development is attributable not only to the fact that public officials responded to the incentive offered by Carnegie, but also to the fact that local philanthropists followed his example.

L. Inegie took an active interest in the library program, but the details were handled by his secretary, James Bertram Bertram made grants routinely, and no city willing to meet his conditions was turned down. One of his rules was that a grant would be made only to a city government, not to any other entity, and only upon formal application signed by the mayor. The requirement was intended to make the program Otherwise, Bertram might have become involved in local administratively manageable disputes and other such difficulties There were exceptions, however. The Olympia library was built with funds conditioned on support by both the city and county. Another was Clarkston, where the taxing unit receiving the grant was the school district, rather than the city. The reason an exception was made for Clarkston provides a good illustration of Carnegie's open-handed generosity required to pledge that they would appropriate 10% of the construction costs each year for operation of the library The City of Clarkston figured the most it could manage was \$500 per year, so the cost of their library would have to held down to \$5,000. Bertram suggested they take \$10,000 instead, and made an exception to the rule to make it feasible for them to do so

In addition to the requirement that they pledge operating costs, cities receiving grants had to have clear title to the land Selecting a site and paying for it was sometimes a difficult hurdle. Occasionally, as with Spokane's branch libraries, it was a matter of serious local contention Bertram did not have any rules on where the library should be built and did not interfere with the decision of local officials Many of the sites in Washington seem to be a few blocks away from the historic central business district. This conforms to a national pattern observed by Bobinski, who thinks it might be explained by lower real estate prices on the takints. Some, such as Centralia, Chehalis, and Wenatchee, are located in city iks, and others, such as Burlington and Clarkston, were built on property owned by the local school district. Sometimes a local philanthropist contributed the

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land. In the cases of Auburn, Snohomish, and Vancouver, the local philanthropist conditioned his gift on use of the land for a library. When Auburn moved out of their Carnegie library and tried to sell it, the building and land reverted to the family of the original contributor Except for the fact that a small library is maintained in the Vancouver building, which is now a museum, the same could happen there Port Angeles was given their site by the county, which had previously received it from the Federal government. Before title could be cleared, Congress had to take time out in 1917 from wartime legislation to pass a special act allowing the county to give the land to the city. Finally, many of the sites were acquired with money collected in fund raising campaigns.

Washington cities responded enthusiastically to Carnegie's offer of free libraries, and the record that remains is largely one of deep appreciation and admiration for the little white-haired Scotsman However, the process was not always free of rancor Some opposition to accepting Carnegie grants centered on the requirement that funding for maintenance be pledged by the city There was also opposition by labor unions Although he was in Scotland at the time of the Homestead Strike, Carnegie did not completely escape opprobrium for that terrible event. The sentiments of organized labor were vividly expressed in the following bitter poem, which was published by a local newspaper when the Hoquiam City Council decided to apply to Carnegie for a grant.

Ye libraries of Carnegie
How defiantly ye stand,
Monuments to the evil day
When bloody Mammon ruled the land

Your stately walls men may admire
But He whom lucre cannot blind
Has marked you for His Sodom fire
Where perish all you sin-stained kind.

The entire library program was administerd by Bertram and one assistant. It is amazing that so much was accomplished with so little centralized bureaucratic control. But Bertram's letters sometimes have a harried tone, and he could be slow. After sending a meticulously prepared application, Hoquaim waited a year and then sent an exquisitely polite inquiry. Bertram responded promptly with a form letter advising them that Mr Carnegie would be pleased to give the city a new library building. However, Bertram was not always so slow. The largest grant in the state was approved in one week. After fire destroyed the Seattle library, Bertram responded immediately by offering the city a grant which was eventually increased to \$220,000.

Up to 1908, cities needed only to pledge continuing support for library operations and prove ownership of the land. Beginning in that year, however, Bertram required that cities submit irchitectural drawings to him for approval, and after 1911 grant

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recipients and their architects had to consider the suggestions and sample layouts in a book by Bertram entitled Notes on Library Buildings This book reflected the thinking of the leading architects of the time on library design It recommended against elaborate entrances and excessive space for library staff use fically suggested a basement 9' - 10' high and four feet below natural grade and a The most commonly adopted of the suggested plans called second level 12' - 15' high for a main floor with an adult reading area on one side, a children's area on the other, and the librarian's desk between the two (see Table #6) The front door was located in the middle, opposite the librarian. The implementation of these suggestions is clearly evident in Washington's Carnegie libraries, a prepondenance of which were built between 1908 and 1918 This was the period in which Bertram exerted the greatest control over design And he did mora than rubber-stamp his approval Using some of Carnegie's simplirejected the first two designs sent by Centralia fied spellings, he sent the following rather rude letter with one rejection

". the plans in no way interpret the ideas exprest in Notes on Library Bilding. A school-boy could do that better than the plans show. If the architect's object had been how to waste space instead of how to economize it, he could not have succeeded better. If the Architect cannot make a better attempt at interpreting the Notes on Library Bilding, I shall be pleased to put you in communication with architects who have shown their ability to do so."

Over the course of the program Bertram became increasingly exacting By 1918, when Port Angeles was seeking approval, he twice rejected plans drawn by an architect with three other Carnegie libraries already to his credit Bertram's influence on basic design was obviously important, but many of the similarities among these buildings are probably attributable simply to the tastes of the times and contemporary ideas about library design. Those built before 1908 show many of the same characteristics as those built later

The high ceilings and the second-level public areas suggested by Bertram result in spacious interior rooms with splendid natural lighting and ventilation to argue against these qualities, but a logical consequence of such an arrangement was the need for a flight of stairs from the street. The stairs have caused dissatisfaction among many over the design of these buildings. This feature is a serious problem for the aged and the handicapped, and librarians worry about how to accommodate this segment of their clientele. The stairs, in fact, are commonly regarded as the identifying characteristic of a Carnegie library. It is thought by some, though not supported by any evidence, that Carnegie felt anybody who wanted to read ought to be willing to climb a few stairs. It is true that he thought of the users of these libraries as ambitious young people, and they would presumably not be troubled by a few stairs And it is also true that he expressed his indifference to the problem of inconvenient locations by observing that a person ought to be Alling to walk a few blocks to get a book Some say there is symbolism in the flight of stairs, as in "thirteen steps to wisdom " No uniformity in the number of steps in Washington Carnegie libraries was noted, however.

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Although Bertram insisted on the implementation of his ideas about basic design, he did not try to influence style, except to hope that it would be dignified. Perhaps this explains to some extent the frequent use of Classical architectural elements in these buildings, but it is not true that stylistic similarities are the result of dictates by Bertram and Carnegie. A couple of matters of style, however, may be indirectly related to Carnegie's involvement

A large majority of the existing Carnegie libraries are brick. This is probably explained by the fact that they were intended to be permanent public buildings. However, it may not have escaped the notice of city officials that brick, while more expensive in terms of construction costs, is less expensive than other materials in terms of maintenance and that, while construction costs were paid by Andrew Carnegie, maintenance costs were paid by the city. None are wood, even in communities where the lumber industry was the mainstay of the economy. A handful are stucco, and the three big-city libraries made extensive use of Tenino sandstone

There is one stylistic element that some architects may have used to symbolically relate their buildings to Carnegie This is a square window with muntins connecting the corners These are found in Anacortes, Olympia, Centralia and Walla Walla, and variations appear in a few other places It is said that the muntins represent the Cross of St. Andrew One of the twelve Apostles, St. Andrew was probably crucified in Greece A medieval tradition holds that a Greek monk took his relics to Scotland, and St. Andrew thus became the Patron Saint of Scotland. A Rennaissance tradition says his crucifixion occurred on a X-shaped cross called a "saltire" or "decussate." Since Carnegie was both Scottish and named Andrew, the X-shaped cross would be a symbolic way to relate the building and the man.

Even though Carnegie libraries share many common design features, similar massing is not a unifying characteristic. This is probably attributable to the fact that grant amounts varied widely, and much more moneywas available for some than for others. Table #2 lists the libraries by the grant amount. The most common grant amount was \$10,000, and the buildings financed with these grants generally give one similar feeling about mass and interior space

What the future holds for Washington's Carnegie libraries is unclear. There appears to be a widespread appreciation of their historic character and a desire to preserve it. And the pace of demolition seems to have slowed. Bellingham-Main was the first to go. It was demolished in 1951. Seattle-Central was razed in 1957. Yakima went in 1958. In the 1960's, six were razed. Since then, there has been only one, and that was in 1972. As of August 1981, no additional demolitions appear to be imminent.

Carnegie libraries have been found unsatisfactory most often because they were too small. There were also complaints about a lack of parking and too many stairs. Library officials in Washington have tried a variety of solutions, none of which has been without drawbacks. One answer has been to tear down the old one and build a new one in its place. This has the advantage of maintaining service in the traditional location, but library users must contend with a period of confusion during the process. It also eliminates a part of the city's heritage. Another answer, which has been adopted more often, is to build a new library somewhere else and leave

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the old one to its fate Sometimes this means demolition of the historic building, but in most cases Washingtonians have successfully adapted these buildings to other uses Four are museums, and four are or soon will be office buildings. One each is an antique store, an art gallery, a dance studio, a private school, a restaurant, and a VFW hall. Table #2 gives the details

Rather than build a new library, some communities have built additions to their existing Carnegie library Sometimes this has been done without seriously changing the architectural character of the building, as in Olympia and Vancouver However, the extra space gained in both cases was still not enough, and neither is still a library Huge additions provide the needed space, but tend to radically change the building In Port Angeles, Centralia, and Snohomish, these additions have been placed over at least part of the principal facade. This has the advantage of eliminating the stairs for access to at least part of the library, but it badly alters the historic appearance. Tacoma placed its addition to the side and closed off the main entrance to the historic building. The old entrance now has a forlorn look, as does that of Spokane-Heath, which has also been closed off

Amination of the stairs has also been an objective in some projects. Port Townsend has a long ramp in the rear. In the case of Spokane-Heath, Olympia, and Chehalis, the stairs were eliminated by converting the basement to the main public area. The disadvantage is that the resulting interior space was not as attractive or comfortable as the original. Except in major renovations, no library has added an elevator

Librarians in unaltered Carnegie buildings face many of the same problems that have caused alterations to be made elsewhere If an addition is built in the back, there will still be the stairs. If a handicapped entrance is provided in a new wing, the library must have enough staff to watch two exits. Sometimes the only available space for an addition is in the library's front yard. Preserving the historic character of these buildings is something just about everybody wants to do, but librarians also want to provide the best possible service to their communities. That is hard to do if space is inadequate and if the aged, handicapped, and infirm are faced with the insuperable obstacle of a long flight of stairs. Each situation is different, but library officials in all cases face the dilemma of wanting to maintain the historic integrity of these buildings while giving the community the best possible library service.

In spite of these difficulties, a surprising large number of Carnegie libraries have survived without major changes in their historic architectural character. That this should be so seems good evidence of the affection people feel, for these venerable public buildings

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

 1	NAME
	Historic Vancouver Public Library
	and/or Common Clark County Historical Museum
2.	LOCATION 3 Zone 10 1 Liting 525715 Street & Number Vancouver Northing 5053150
	Street & Number Vancouver Northing 5053150 1511 Main Street 1 24 000 - not for publication
	City, Town Vancouver - vicinity of
	State County WA Clark
3.	CLASSIFICATION Ownership public private both Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other
4.	OWNER OF PROPERTY Name City of Vancouver Street & Number
	City. Town State Vancouver - vicinity of WA
5.	MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
1	ational Register nomination form prepared by Fort Vancouver Historical ociety on file at Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, lympic, WA
6,	FORM PREPARED BY Name/Title J H Vandermeer, Historian
	Organization Date
	Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation August, 1981 Street & Number Telephone 111 West 21st Avenue (206) 753-9685
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The Vancouver Carnegie library is a rectangular brick building with a concrete foundation. The principal facade is the west side, and two brick additions extend back from the east side. Most of the architectural features of the principal facade are hidden by a huge tree called a Camperdown elm. Its branches extend horizontally in all directions for remarkable lengths and provide a most pleasant shaded environment in front of the library and on the main steps. The building consists of two rectangular sections connected by a central rectangular section of approximately equal size. Each of the side wings has a steeply pitched roof, and the roof over the connecting section is much lower. The central section is slightly recessed on the principal facade, which further emphasizes the distinct separation of the three parts. There are large square windows in the front of each of the wings and smaller arched windows flanking the main entrance, which has a large arched transom. Two standing lamps flank the stairs, completing the symmetry of the east facade. The building has sheet

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Verbal boundary description

Lots 3 and 4, Block 67, East Vancouver Recorded under Volume D, Page 20.

Acreage Less than one

. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates 1909, 1944, 1948

Builder/Architect Kaufman & Nichols

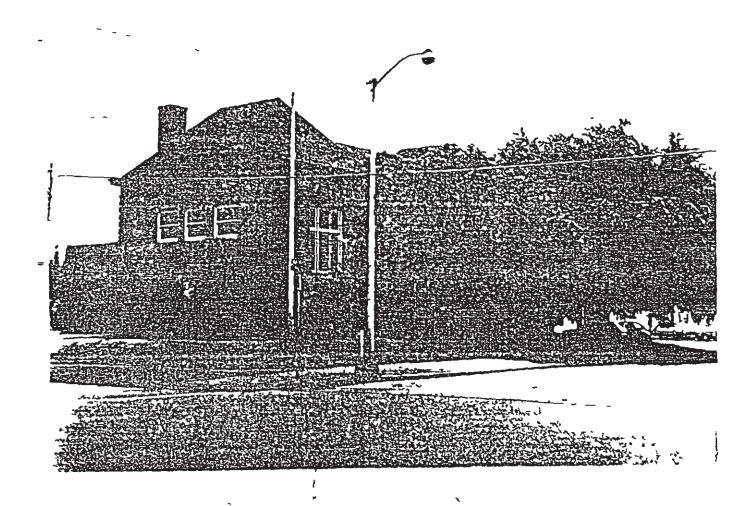
Although the Vancouver Catholic Library Association was formed in a. History 1865, the direct descent of the present system began much later. The city of Vancouver had no library until 1909, when this building was constructed. The city applied for and was given a Carnegie grant for construction costs. The land was donated by L M Hidden, a local brick manufacturer whose product was used to construct this building. Additions of the same brick were built in 1944 and 1948, but the building was still too small. A new library was built in 1963 and since 1964 the building has housed the Clark County Historical Museum.

b Evaluation of Significance

This building has played an important role in the cultural and intellectual history of the city, and it continues doing so in its present role as a museum

DESCRIPTION (continued)

metal eaves and several cast concrete decorative details, including a large parapet above the main entrance



Vancouver

Address

1511 Main Street

Vancouver (Clark County) WA

View From the NE

Photographer J H Vandermeer

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Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation 111 West 21st Avenue, KL-11 Olympia, WA 98504 Date & Amount

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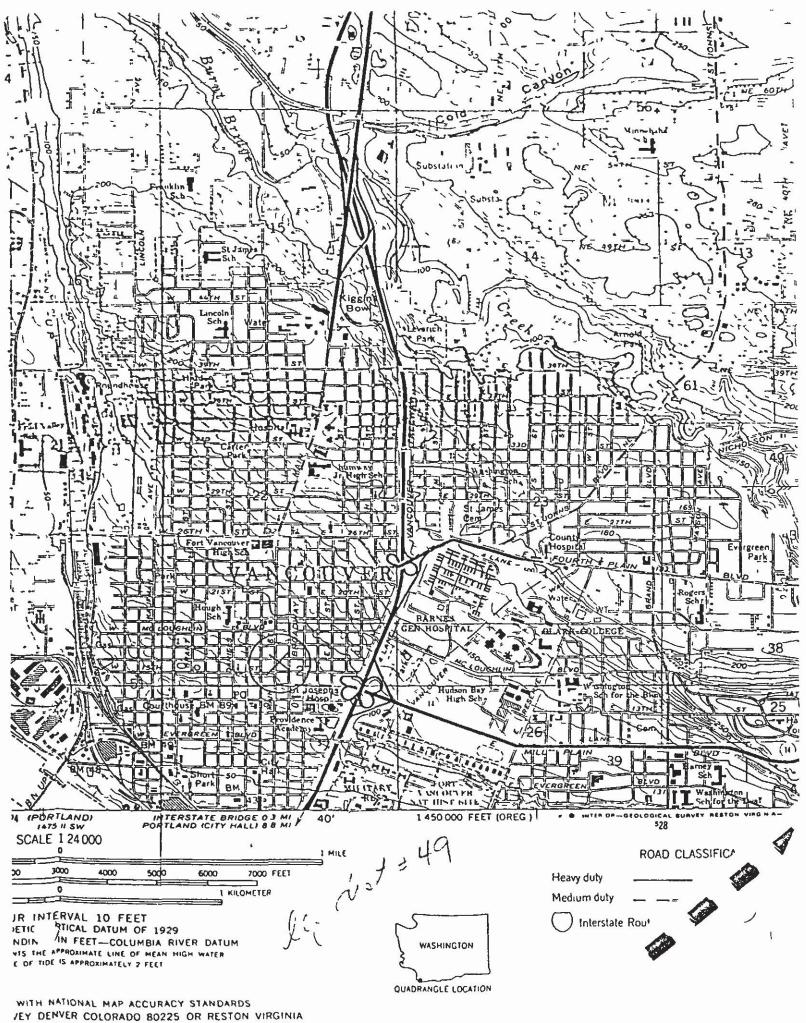
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Architect Dennis Nichols and

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Present Use Museum



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CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY for CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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1.	NAME Historic Vancouver Public Library (Carnegie Library)						
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vice of the County of Clarke and State of Washington, for and in consideration of one dollar to them in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, convey and warrant unto the City of Vancouver, a minicipal corporation, located in the County of Clarke and State of Washington, the following described real estate.

Lots Three and Four in Block Sixty-seven in that part of the City of Vancouver lying east of Main Street, situate in the County of Clarke and State of Washington

The grantors hereby reserve a strip of land ten feet wide in along the entire easterly side of the said Lot Three for use as an alley.

hereny convoved shall be used by the grantee for public library purposes forcer, and apon the further condition that said grantee shall within Eighteen months from the date hereof erect upon said land a public library building, at a cost of not less than ten thousand dollars. In case said grantee shall fail to comply with said conditions said land, shall revert to the said granters or their legal representatives.

Dated this 12th day of June A D. 1908.

Witnesses

2 Foster Hodden

Mary I. Knedden.

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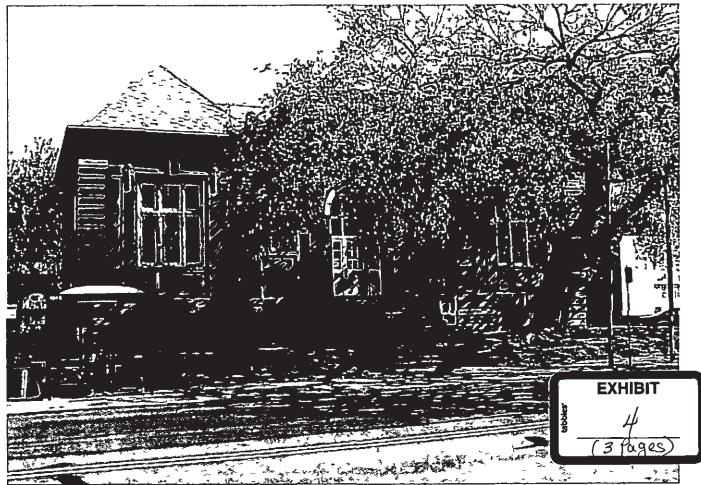
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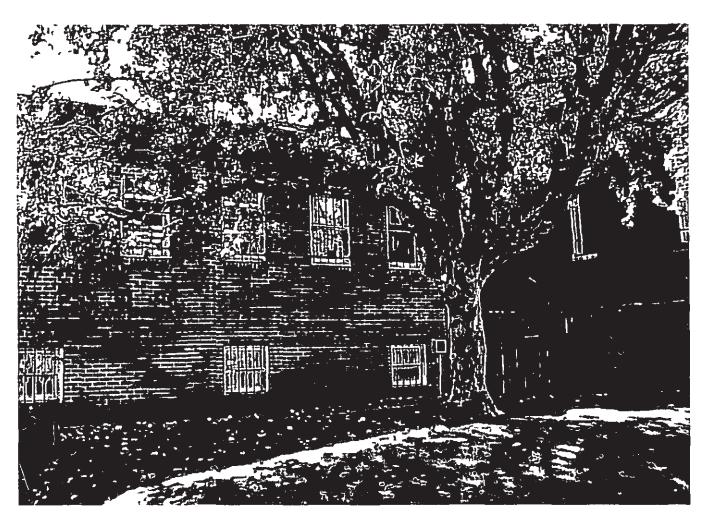
I, Idear M Swan, a notary public in and for the said County, and State, hereby certify that on this 12th day of June A D 1908, before me personally appeared Lowell M Hidden and Mary S Hidden, husband and wife, to be known to be the individuals described in end who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowle had to me that they signed and sealed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal this 12th day of June

Notary Jublic for Washington residing at Vancouver, Washington



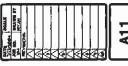




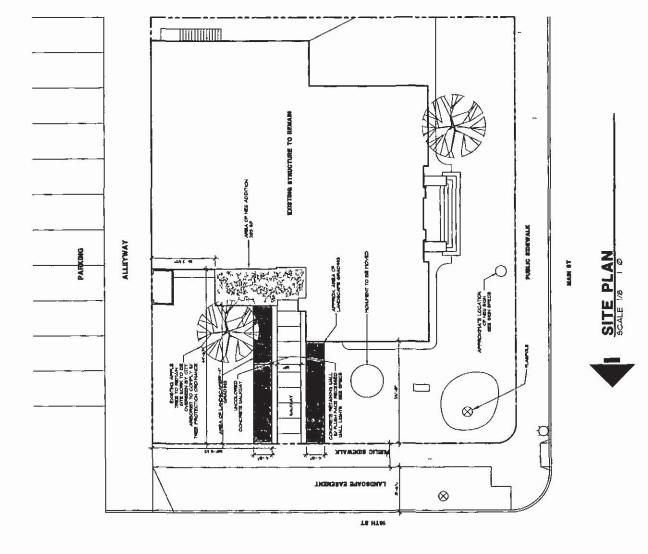


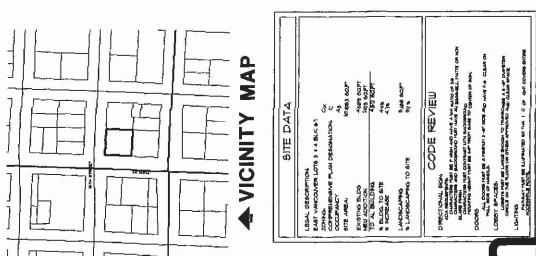






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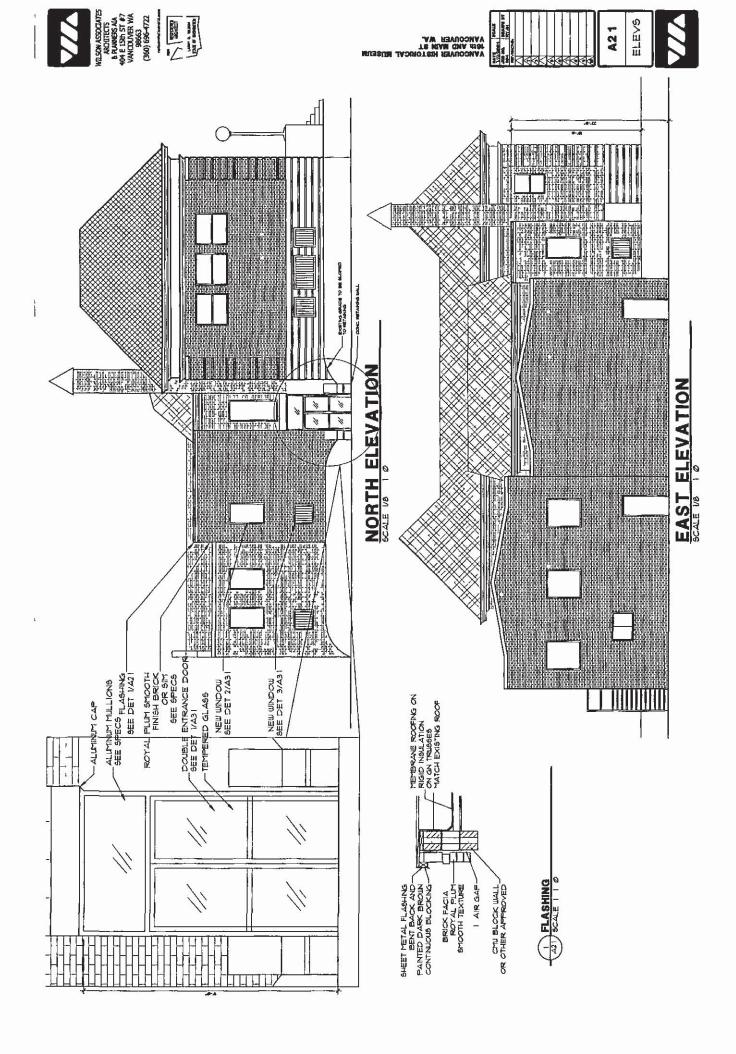


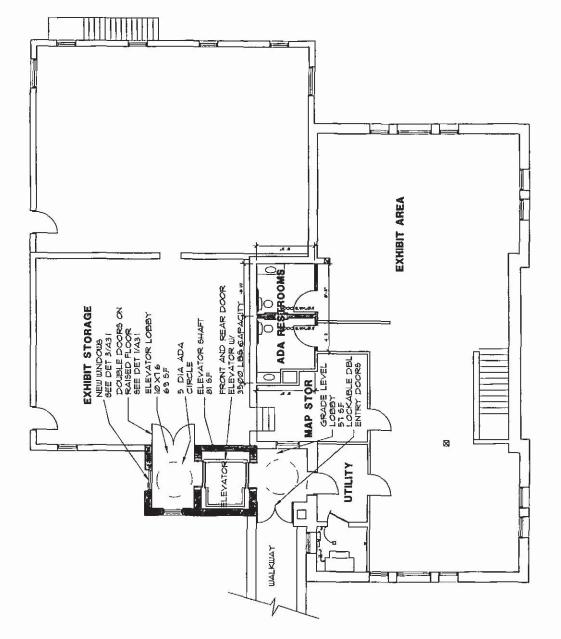


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YANCOUYER MUSEUM - LOWER LEVEL

Specifications for Clark County Historical Museum

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Tile	
Scratch and stain resistant matt	
glazed tile with 4+ rating in grey or similar color	
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lights, 40W bulbs	
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Lobby Lights	
Ceiling mounted fluorescent soft white, 32W or 54W bulbs	,
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