

Westside Branch Library on West Colfax – Project Overview

The Renaissance Housing Development Corporation has made a proposal to the Denver Public Library and the City of Denver to build a 28,000 square foot Westside Library branch for the City of Denver with 4 stories of housing located above located at 5050 W. Colfax in Denver (corner of Yates and W. Colfax). This is an incredible opportunity to catalyze the revitalization and economic development of West Colfax and the surrounding neighborhood. We need your support to make this happen.



Rendering of Westside Library at 5050 W. Colfax - By Humphries Poli Architects

This site offers:

- Prime Location for library users
 - Adjacent to or near Light Rail and RTD bus routes
 - Primary presence on Colfax and Yates
 - New Civic plaza on Colfax promoting neighborhood pride and identity
 - Powerful and positive neighborhood anchor for activity
 - Close proximity to two elementary schools
- Cost savings for Denver Public Library
 - Shared construction expenses
 - Land would be free to library (purchased by RHDC)
 - Denver Public Library cost savings can be invested in library enhancement
 - Energy efficiency consistent with Green Print Denver
- Investment on West Colfax
 - Job creation: construction, management and library staff
 - Investment spurs more investment – other retailers will invest
 - Could fuel more educational or arts institutions
- Enhancement of Current Blighted Site
 - Abandoned site redevelopment
 - Public amenity
 - Promotes community learning and literacy among neighbors
 - Onsite parking for BOTH library and residential
 - Presence of community members on corridor to promote further business activity and development
 - Sidewalk will be widened for greater pedestrian safety and usage



Rendering of Westside Library, facing West at 5050 W. Colfax - By Humphries Poli Architects

Community members will have an opportunity to voice their support for this location of the Westside library. The Zenobia and Colfax site will be presented along with two other sites at two community meetings (one in Councilman Garcia's district and one in Paul Lopez' district):

- Tuesday, October 6th, 6:00-8:00pm at **Cowell Elementary School**, 4540 W. 10th Ave., Denver, 80204 (Lopez)

OR

- Thursday, October 8th, 6:00-8:00pm at **Lake Middle School**, 1820 Lowell Blvd., Denver, 80204 (Garcia)



Rendering of Westside Library, facing East at 5050 W. Colfax - By Humphries Poli Architects

The West Colfax Business Improvement District endorses this site for the Westside Library.