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Variance Request Form



Commissioner's Regulation 90.2 - Standards for Registration of Public, Free Association and Indian Libraries

Instructions: Use this form to request a variance from the requirements of C ammassioner's Regulations 90-2. Standards for Registration of Public. Free A sociation and Indian Labranes (effective January 1, 2021). If the library is not in compliance with one or more of these Standards, request variance on a separate form for gigh standard with which the library fulls to comply. The Library Director, the Library Board President, the System Director and the System Board President sign each variance request form. Attach any information that will strengthen the request. The library storn submits all carismo request torms to Library Decodeparent. No carismo granted by Library Desedeparent shall be stormed to relieve a publi free association or Indian library of any obligation imposed by any other provision of federal or state law. 1. Library Information (Name of library, contact person, phone number) Woodstock Library Ivy Gocker, Director 845-679-2213 2a. Request for Variance from Standard Number: 8 b. What is current status? (Please attach explanation.) 3. Circumstances Over Which the Library Has No Control That Are Barriers to Compliance. Explain in detail on a separate sheet the circumstances that prevent the library from meeting this standard of service as set forward in Commissioner's Regulations 90.2. Attach documentation to demonstrate that the library has no control over the Plan for Compliance. Describe in detail on a separate sheet the library's plan for meeting this requirement before December 31st of this year. (Please attach documentation.) System Comment and Review: Variance request may be may not be approvabléPlease include approvable explanation.) This variance request was reviewed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of (Month/Day) the System. System D System Board D FOR SED USE ONLY: Variance request is approvable; Variance granted until: (Month/Day/Year) Variance request is not approvable because:

Reviewed By:

Variance Request Form Woodstock Public Library District Ivy Gocker, Director

2.a: Request for variance from standard number:

8 Maintains a facility that addresses community needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service, including adequate space, seating, power infrastructure, and data infrastructure.

2.b: What is the current status?

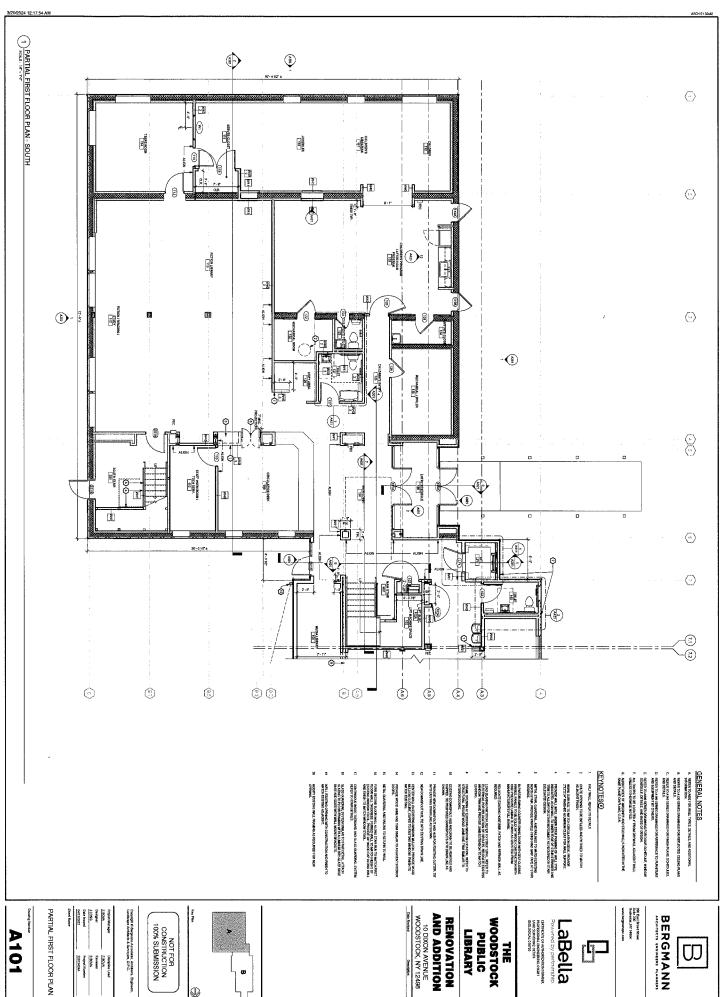
The Woodstock Public Library District's current location at 5 Library Lane fails to provide the type of spaces for collaboration, programs and research outlined in our most recent Plan of Service (2022 – 2026). In particular, the Plan of Service mentions the need for spaces that allow for programming, interaction, and collaboration *without disturbing other library functions*. Given the small size of 5 Library Lane (approximately 4,000 square feet) and its lack of ADA-compliant access to the 2nd floor, we are not able to meet that standard in this building. In May 2022 the town of Woodstock approved a \$3.95 million bond for the library, allowing us to purchase 10 Dixon Avenue and repurpose it into a new library. We purchased the building at the end of June 2022, and have since been working with architects and structural engineers to finalize the plans for the new building. Architectural plans are now complete, and we anticipate starting the bid process to hire contractors and commence renovation work later this month.

3. Circumstances over which the library has no control that are barriers to compliance.

Construction projects take time and planning, especially when public funds are involved. We have been working to move this project forward but were stalled in late 2022 by a lawsuit brought against the library seeking to reverse the purchase of 10 Dixon Ave. That suit was definitively dismissed in the fall of 2023, and work is proceeding to hire contractors to repurpose 10 Dixon Ave as our new library. Until that new building is finished (anticipated date is April 2025), we continue to offer service in our old library building, which does not fully comply with standard number 8.

4. Plan for compliance.

We expect to begin interior demolition and reconstruction at 10 Dixon Avenue this summer. That work should take 6-8 months, followed by finishing work and move-in to the new building. We expect that we will be open to the public in the new building in the spring of 2025, at which point we will be able to offer dedicated spaces for programming, reservable meeting rooms for public use, comfortable seating throughout the building, and an ADA-compliant lift to the 2nd floor of the building. Floor plans for 10 Dixon Avenue are attached.



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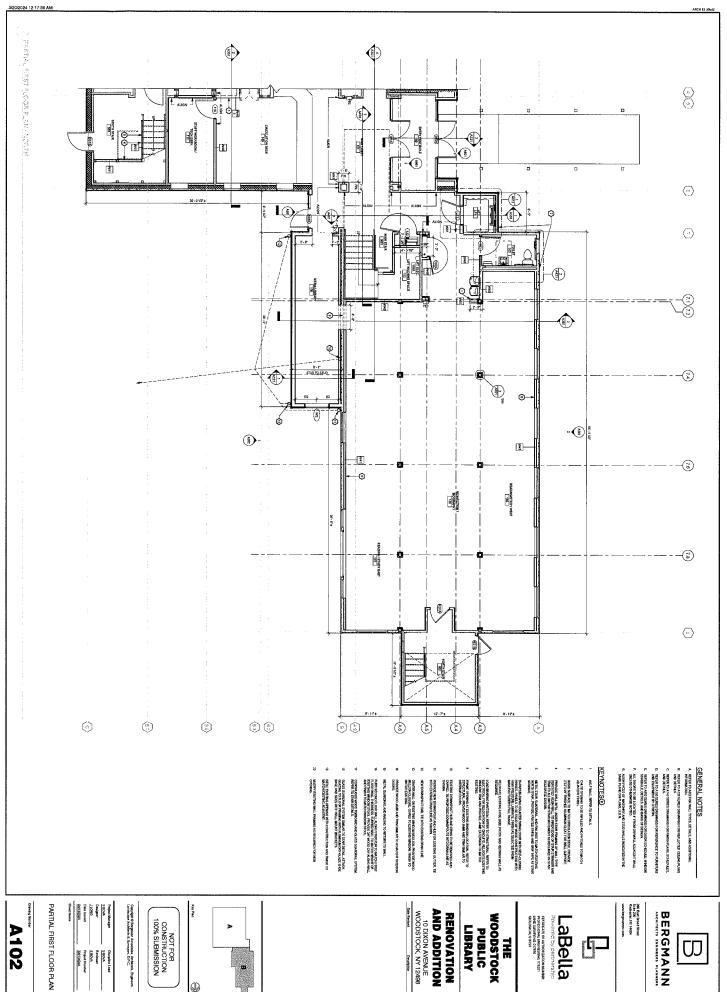


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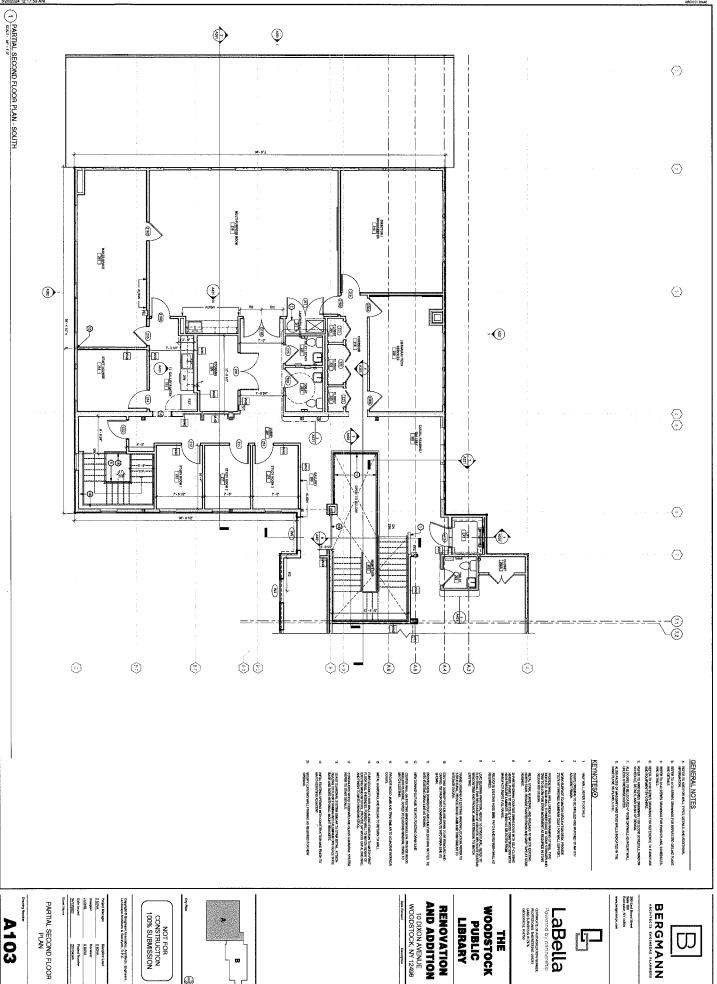
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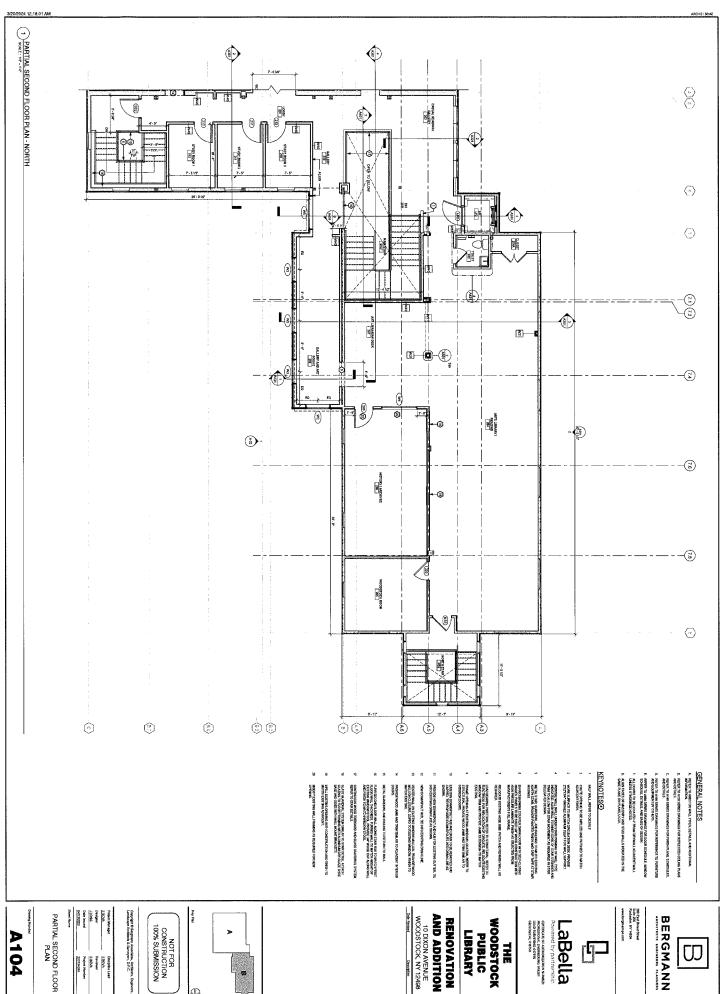
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