

Africatown Plaza

Community Centered Design

Out in Front:
Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion



LOCATION
Seattle, WA

CLIENT
AFRICATOWN COMMUNITY
LAND TRUST

STATUS
IN CONSTRUCTION

TYPE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

PARTNERS
GGLO, DAVID BAKER
ARCHITECTS

PERSPECTIVE RENDERINGS BY GGLO AND DAVID BAKER ARCHITECTS



ACTIONABLE DESIGN GOALS

- Restore the community fragmented by displacement with interior and exterior spaces for events, connection and story telling.
- Create flexible spaces for the changing needs of the community.
- Create an iconic building form and spaces.
- Utilize textures, symbols, patterns and shapes that are inspired by Afrocentric Design.
- Activate ground level uses to provide a place for the community to thrive and celebrate culture, history and identity.

Community input was essential in developing a set of actionable goals for the design process to address. By involving community members in the design process, they were able to share their stories and perspectives, not only about what they wanted to see, but also about how they want to experience the site. By overlaying the various design elements the community identified clusters of programs emerged, informing our design process and guiding our efforts to carve out and create space.

As the project progressed we tested several design options, each developed to meet a set of goals that evolved directly from the community process. With continued community involvement, the project is expected to be completed and open to the public in 2023.

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