



## Clark County- Public Service Center

### **Project Summary:**

Role: David Commeree, AIA, Project Manager  
(while Principal at another firm)

Client: Clark County

Address: P.O. Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666

Project Type: Governmental Facility

Construction Cost: \$24,000,000

Project Area: Approx. 160,000 sf facility  
with adjacent 3 story parking garage

General Contractor: Swinerton Construction

### **Services Provided:**

- Full Range of Architectural Design
- Consultant Coordination
- Building Permit Submittal & Approval
- Bidding and Negotiation Services
- Construction Administration



Exterior View from Franklin Street



### **Project Summary**

Mid-rise building developed as part of Clark County master plan. Sited in the City of Vancouver, the facility has accommodations for executive and administrative offices, staff work areas, service and payment transactions, along with associated support spaces, such as storage and filing spaces, locker/ shower facilities and eating areas.

The building was designed with conference and public meeting spaces. The Commission Hearing Room was designed to seat 115 people. The space was provided with a media room that is wired to allow the news media to easily televise hearings.

### **Technical Situation / Project Challenge**

An example of a specific challenge for this project was the need to provide an appropriate amount of exterior open space for public use. The facility is located in an urban area bounded by public right of ways. The program called for amenities such as landscaping areas, public seating, covered spaces, as well as required ADA accommodations, drainage and site lighting. These design features all needed to accommodate the overall project vision and integrate into the design scheme as well as fit within the project budget.



Commission Hearing Room



Main Entry/ Exterior Public Space



## **Solution**

The solution required a concerted project team effort to balance the need for programmed building areas, parking requirements and dedicated public open spaces. After discussing options and exploring conceptual designs, it was decided to place as much open space as possible near the main entry adjacent to the existing streets. The final designs involved placing landscaping around the perimeter of the spaces to provide shade opportunities, as well as provide buffers between the pedestrian and vehicular spaces. The raised planters were designed to be at seat height to also provide areas for seating and dispersed small groups. Covered space was provided by designing a "gazebo" covered area, which also provided a signature site focal point.

## **Benefits**

The benefits of the balanced and cooperative efforts of the project team provided a thoughtful and balanced solution that will provide the public useful and safe outside open spaces, whether as a destination to the area or for use by the local residents in the neighborhood.



Plaza/ Open Space Aerial View



## Clark County- Juvenile Justice Center Expansion

### Project Summary:

Architect/Role: David Commeree, Project Architect  
(while Principal with another firm)  
Client: Clark County  
Address: P.O. Box 5000 Vancouver, WA 98666  
Project Type: Governmental Facility  
Construction Cost: \$8,000,000  
Project Area: Approx. 80 bed detention facility with offices, court  
commission hearing rooms and associated support spaces.  
General Contractor: Robinson Construction



Exterior View of Main Public Entry

### Services Provided:

- Full Range of Architectural Design
- Consultant Coordination
- Building Permit Submittal & Approval
- Bidding and Negotiation Services
- Construction Administration



## **Project Summary**

Expansion of an existing two story facility located in the City of Vancouver. This detention facility has accommodations for executive and administrative offices, staff work areas, service and public transaction areas, along with associated support spaces, such as storage and filing spaces, locker/ shower facilities and eating areas.

The facility has court commission hearing rooms in addition to conference and public meeting spaces, in addition to other specialized uses and spaces. The commission hearing rooms were provided with extensive audio-visual technology, that includes full ADA compliance and the capabilities to record proceedings.

## **Technical Situation / Project Challenge**

This project had two significant challenges to address even prior to starting design. One challenge was the need to work with a specialty consultant in the programming phase (not unlike the Port of Kalama's requirement to work with an Exhibit Designer) to assist with defining project elements and be included in establishing the overall project vision and requirements. The other challenge for this project was the need to work with multiple user groups with diverse use and circulation requirements. These groups required separate secure and public spaces that needed to be completely disconnected, and yet also designed with strategic access points and controls.

## **Solution**

The solution required a very structured and focused process as part of the Needs Assessment and Programming phases of the project, while on a very strict timeline. This meant scheduling day long work sessions where user groups, specialty consultants and other project team members were strategically structured and assembled to provide their input. This occurred in several formats, such as large group discussions, as well as small focused work groups. This information was gathered, processed, synthesized and disseminated in a very compressed timeline, yet assurances were taken to ensure all require input was gathered and included in the process.

## **Benefits**

The benefits of this process allowed the Owner and Project Team to uphold the challenging program/ project requirements while conforming to funding and scheduling commitments.