The Grove Interpretive Center

GROVE INTERPRETIVE CENTER - PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN

ENTIRE BUILDING RENOVATION SCOPE:
- NEW HVAC
- NEW LIGHTING
- SPRINKLER SYSTEM

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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September 19, 2017

Why make changes to The Grove’s Interpretive Center?
✓ An untold story
✓ Connect the building, the family and the site
✓ Robert Kennicott
  ✓ a passionate, accomplished and recognized naturalist
  ✓ observed and collected on The Grove
  ✓ on staff of Smithsonian; founder of Chicago Academy of Sciences
  ✓ Robert died at 30 on the banks of the Yukon River in what is now Alaska
✓ A story waiting to be told
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How can we improve the experience of the visitors to the Interpretive Center

- Let Robert be your guide through the building
- Convey his passion
- Tell stories about the natural world
- Respect the personality of the building and its exhibits
- Create some interactive experiences
- Involve all the senses: magnification, sound, touch, smell
- Create “community exhibits”
- Create “bi-level exhibits”
- Tell good stories in a conversational dialog
- Living interpreters
- Unique three part building: museum, nature center, science center

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CONCEPT PLAN FOR NEW EXHIBITS AT THE GROVE
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1. BOY NATURALIST
2. HIS APPRENTICESHIPS
3. WITH SMITHSONIAN, THE CHICAGO ACADEMY & UNIV. OF MICHIGAN
4. IN ALASKA

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