

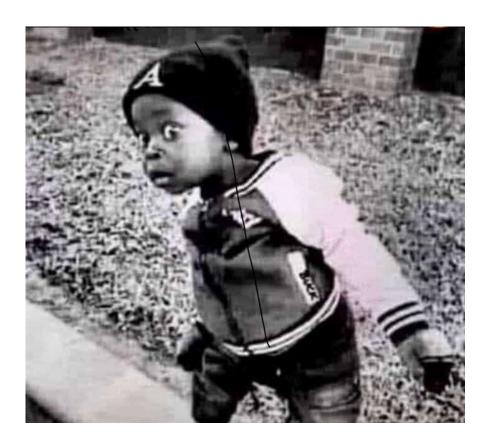


# **BCA Gallery 507 | Updates**

- Occupancy approval received March 1, 2024.
- Building features BCA office, Art gallery, makers space, retail area.
- Outdoor banner approved by the City Planning Commission March 4, 2024.
- Gallery 507 overhead outdoor signage installed.
- Office furnishings and Gallery equipment being moved in.
- Programming to start Fall 2024.



People are already curious and can't wait to get inside Gallery 507







BCA outdoor gallery signage



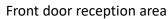
Signage brand detail



Concrete pavers and seating units

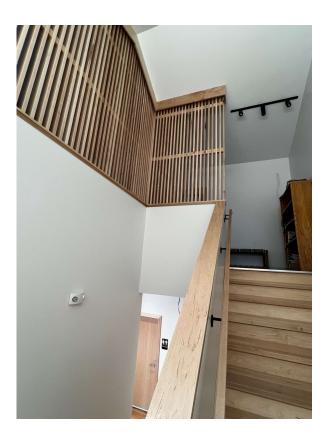








Slat Wall View heading up stairs



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Maker space

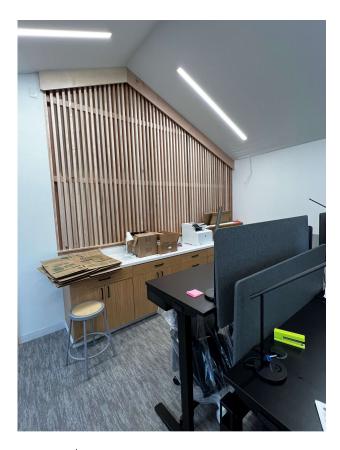


Stackable chairs, pop-up roll away tables

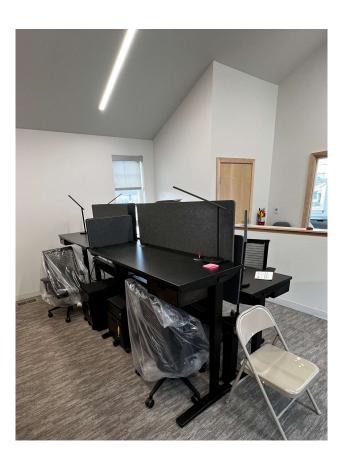


Gallery view





Office 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, sit-stand desk units





#### Recent BCA hires

Focus on short-term and long-term operational goals

#### John Russick

**Managing Director** 

#### **Robyn Cherry**

Administrative, Communications Manager

#### **Darlene Reed**

Controller

Position(s) to be Filled

**Chief Curator** 



# **BCA Gallery 507 | Next Steps**

- Prepare and train staff for visitor services, audio visual, and security systems.
- Outside hires to be considered: Building security, building & grounds cleaning service.
- Key focus: organize workflows for staff and Gallery 507 operations.
- Begin implementation of Gallery 507 program schedule.



# **BCA Gallery 507 | To Do List**

#### Marketing and branding initiatives

#### Goal setting

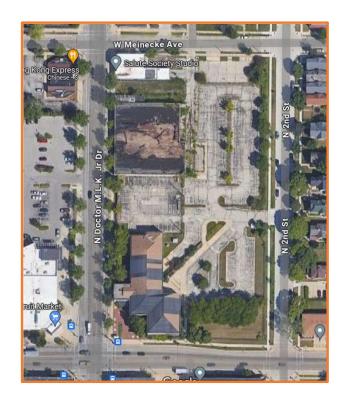
• Reinforce **BCA**'s brand identity, consistently, through relevant communication sources and messaging to create real connections, through social media, tv, radio, print.





# Project Scope

- Master planning of 3.4 acre site
- Museum featuring African American art
- Black Box Theatre (Flexible space)
- Exhibitions
- Outdoor green space
- Sustainable building features





### **Activities Completed in 2023**

- Community scoping sessions at America's Black Holocaust Museum.
- Online survey launched seeking input on Bronzeville Center for the Arts.
- Canvassing at Juneteeth Celebration 2023 and at businesses on King Drive.
- Defining museum design-build program and potential space allocations.
- Site and building pre-design activities

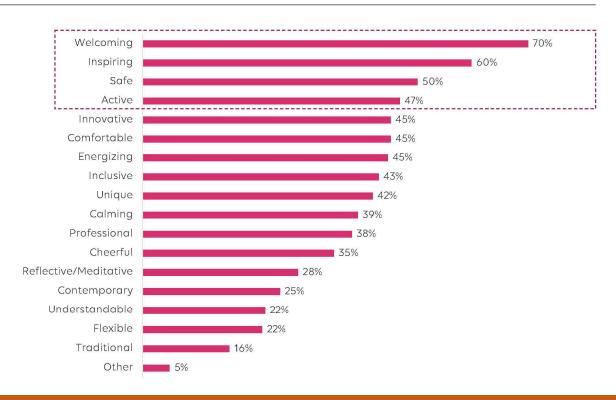


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

# **ASPIRATIONS**

Which of the following words best describe your aspirations for spaces in the new BCA?

- Total 184 respondents
- The top aspirations for the new BCA is to be Welcoming, Inspiring, Safe, and Active (closely followed by being Innovative, comfortable, and energizing).
- Other responses:
  - Educational
  - Accessible and low to no cost for Halyard Park residents
  - All of the above
  - None. My hope is that people learn about black art and it's artists from various time periods.





#### **2024 Activities Planned**

- Community engagement
- Online survey continued
- Informational/promotional booths at public events
- Site and building design concept commencement
- Estimated completion: December 2027



### **QUESTIONS**

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