

## **NOTICE OF MEETING - CHANGE IN LOCATION**

### **PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE INPUT ON**

#### **CONSTRUCTION OF AN ARTS, PERFORMING ARTS, AND CONFERENCE CENTER TO BE LOCATED AT 106 AND 204 SOUTH AUSTIN STREET**

The Rockport Center for the Arts and the City of Rockport have jointly applied for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to construct an Arts, Performing Arts, and Conference Center in Rockport, Aransas County, Texas at 106 South Austin Street and 204 South Austin Street.

The project includes construction of approximately 21,000 s.f. of arts, arts gallery, education, lecture, performing arts, conference, and associated ancillary space on approximately one acre of land. Multiple alternatives regarding an existing building on site are currently being evaluated. Some alternatives include alterations to the existing building on site.

Project information is available for review at 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport TX 78382 (City of Rockport Service Center at 361-729-2213) and Rockport Center for the Arts at 106 South Austin Street, Rockport Tx 78382 (361-729-5519).

The public input meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. **The original location was at the public library, however due to the level of public interest, the meeting will now be held at the Public Safety Center, 714 E. Concho Street, Rockport Texas in order to accommodate all who are interested in attending.** Representatives of the Rockport Center for the Arts, City of Rockport, the Economic Development Administration, and the Texas Historical Commission will be available for comment, concerns, and questions.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Economic Development Administration  
AUSTIN REGIONAL OFFICE  
Economic Development Administration  
903 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 206

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the Rockport Center for the Arts and the City of Rockport to construct an Arts, Performing Arts, and Conference Center in Rockport, Aransas County, Texas. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

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If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project please provide it in writing to:

Corey Dunn  
Regional Environmental Officer  
Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
903 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 206  
Austin, Texas 78701

Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm eastern on September 5, 2018 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.

*Updated March 3, 2013*

**Rockport Center for the Arts,  
Performing Arts, and Conference  
Center**

**EDA Proposed Project**

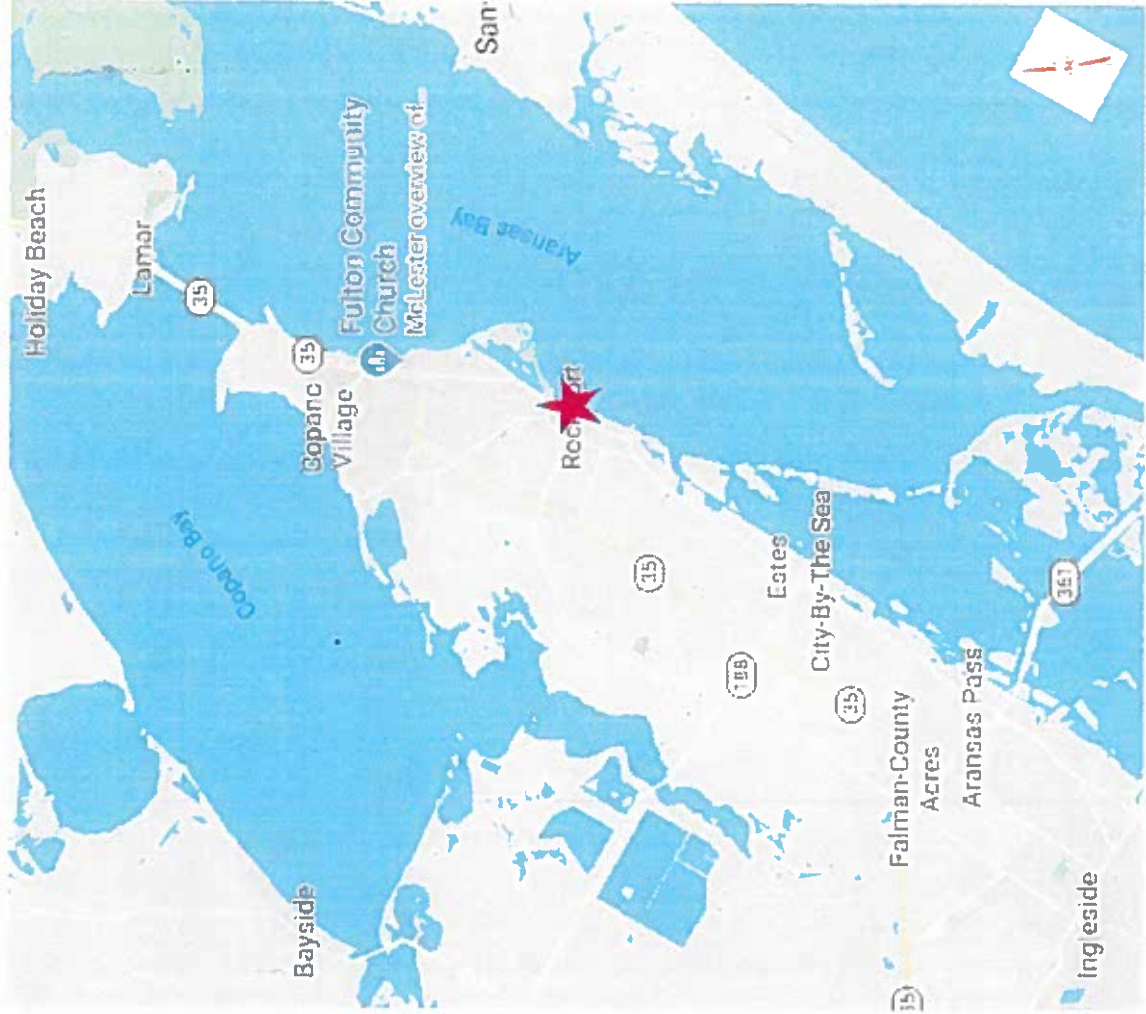
**Proposed Rockport Center for the Arts, Performing Arts, and Conference Center  
Requested Economic Development Administration Grant Funding  
Project Description**

The Rockport Center for the Arts, in cooperation with the City of Rockport intends to reconstruct and expand the previous arts center that was completely destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. There will be a new design for this project and it will be located on three sites: two sites consisting of a total of .787 acres and a .2163 acre site that is leased right-of-way. The physical address is 106 South Austin Street and 204 South Austin Street.

The proposed buildings will be approximately 21,500 square feet with added facilities to include performing arts, mixed use, and conference space. The facility will be constructed at a new, strategic site located in the Cultural Arts District, Heritage/Downtown, and Harbor front. This site has already been acquired by the Rockport Center for the Arts. The Sculpture Garden will also be located on the new site. Multiple alternatives regarding an existing building on site are currently being evaluated. Some alternatives include alterations to the existing building on site. Limited parking will also be located on site.

The arts, performing arts, and conference center project is approximately 21,500 s.f. with 13,100 s.f. of arts space comprised of four art instruction/education classrooms with a capacity of 500, exhibition area, library, art galleries and instruction kitchen for culinary arts. The event, seminar/lecture, and performing arts space will be approximately 8,400 s.f. and will accommodate 350 plus conference attendees, 400 plus theater seating, and 270 plus banquet seating. Both spaces will be served by the catering kitchen, reception area, event porch; cafe; retail space, and approximately 12,000 to 18,000 s.f. sculpture garden. A total of 13 major monuments and sculptures are ready for placement in this area; part of RCA's permanent collection.

## Proposed Project Location





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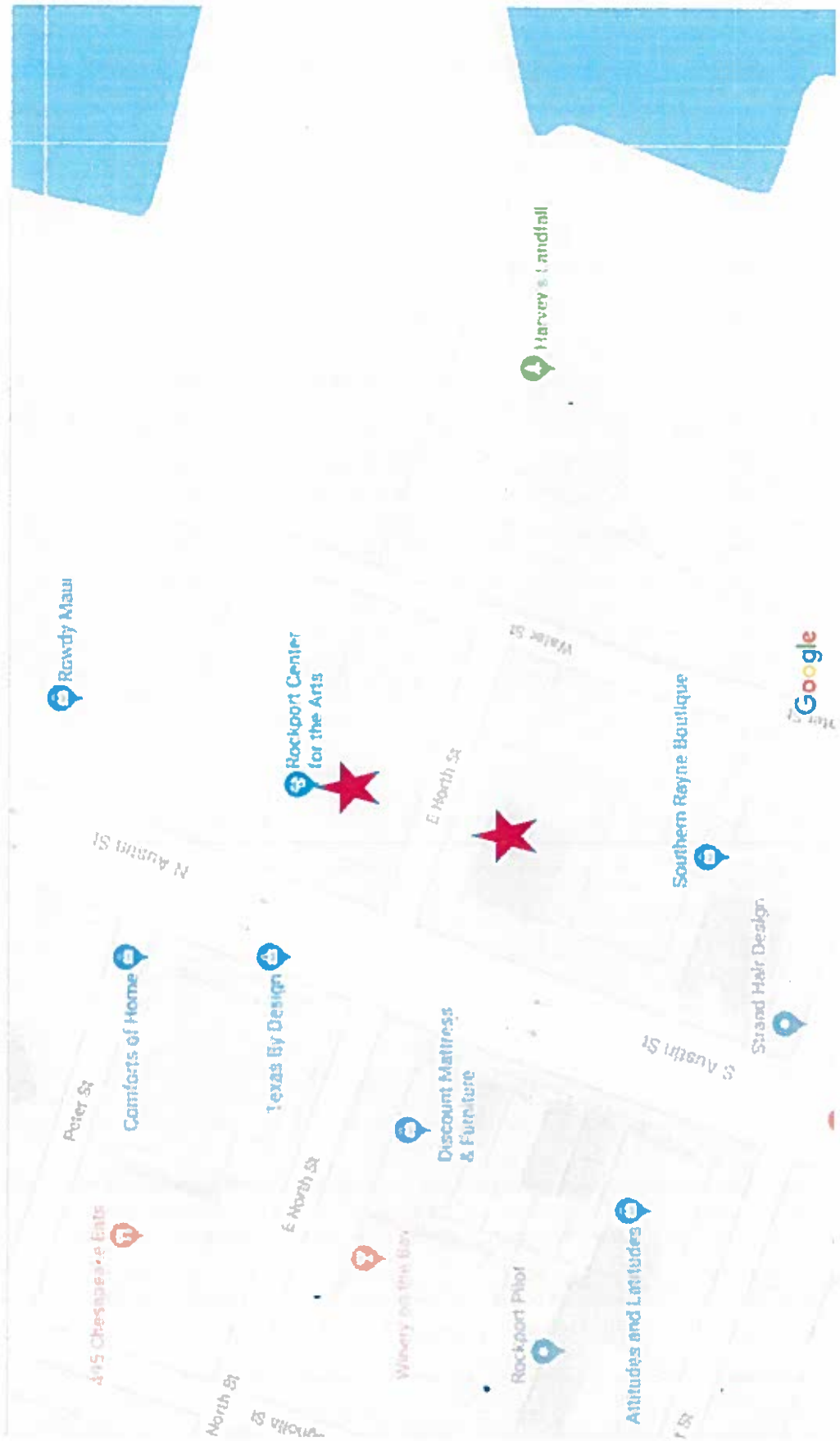


Original location  
before destruction



Proposed location-  
Already owned by  
Rockport Center for  
the Arts

# Proposed Project Location

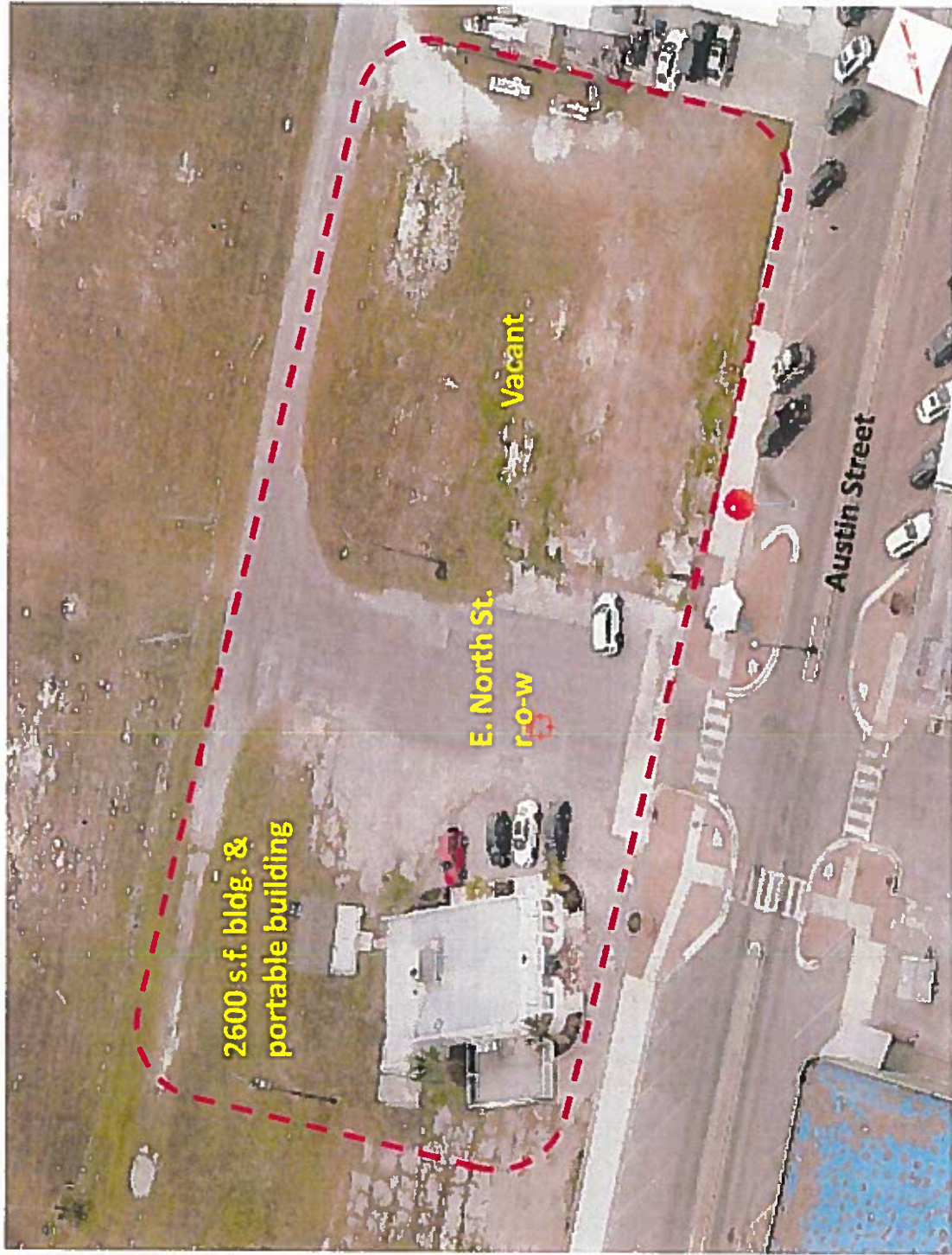


# Project Location





# Proposed Project Site



**Image of Proposed Site - View from S. Austin Street, south of North Street**



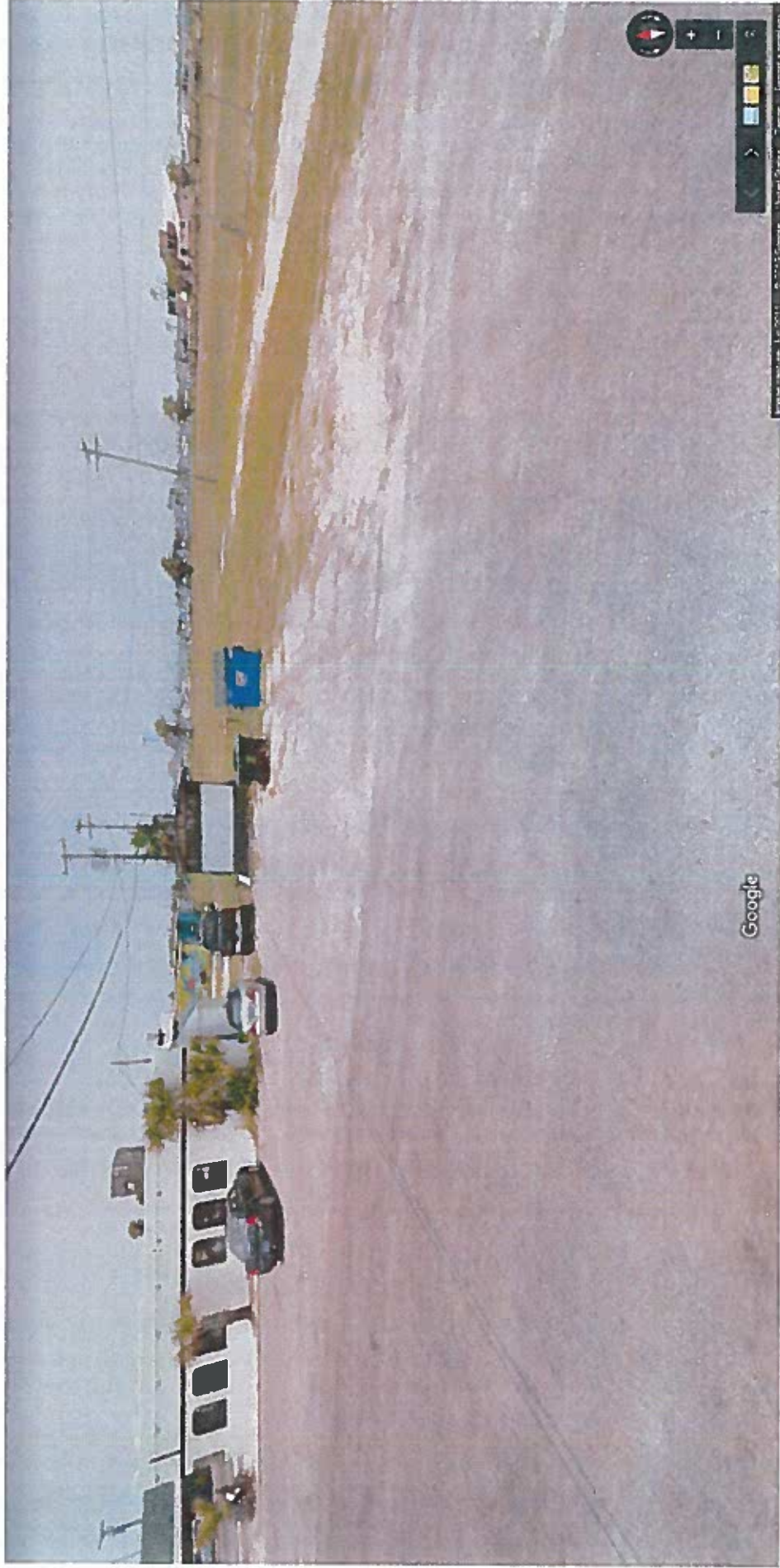
**Image of Proposed Site - View from S. Austin Street, north of North Street  
Front Façade – Oldest Portion of Building**



Side View from North Street



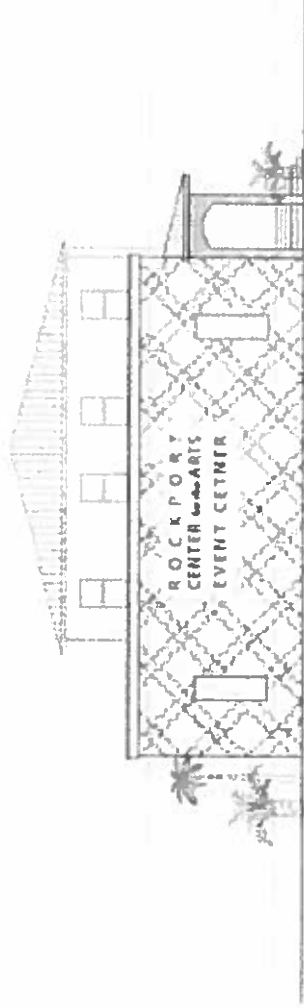
Side View from North Street with Rear Yard View



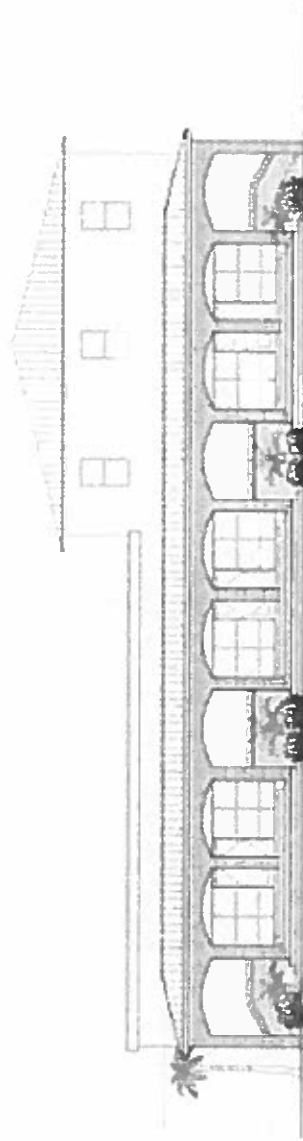
**Exterior Rendering – Arts Center Section**



**Exterior Rendering – Performing Arts and Conference Center Section**



**WEST ELEVATION**



**SOUTH ELEVATION**





## Project Site Plan

- Components:
- Arts Center – 13,100 s.f.
  - Performing Arts/Conf. Ctr 8,400 s.f.
  - 25 parking spaces
  - Sculpture Garden & Patio Area
  - Improvements in the utility easement area

