Pride is the community's greatest asset

MAKE IT RIGHT! LOWER 9TH WARD RESIDENCE - ELEMENTAL

Our proposal is based on 2 points:

1. **What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger!**
   - It is very common that when a disaster devastates a city, a neighborhood or a community, agencies come and try to rebuild as quickly as possible what was there before. This is not in the public interest. We have witnessed over and over, that the numbers of tough situations, achieve a higher consciousness of their potential as human beings, people resilient to endure hardships, are the life longest from a different perspective and come out with a strengthened character. Life survives only in what defines each construction and what becomes their biggest asset.
   - Translated into architectural practice, this means that people deserve a house capable of surviving this new status, one that can capitalize this potential. In this case, we meant that the first step of the long journey to which this city is going to flourish in Make It Right, is at the end of the road, so we should make it better. So, we thought it was necessary to design a house capable of being a departing point with a broader horizon within which a family can develop and support themselves.

2. **Who are we to tell people how to live?**
   - It is self-evident that these communities are proud of their cultural and living traditions and have the leading role in the definition of their futures. We aim to illustrate that some technical knowledge and some design skills, but we are not going to tell people how to live their lives.
   - Architecturally speaking, this means that we have to create an open space rather than a closed design, a structural framework and technical support that is responsible for efficient, complete stability and operating, but that allows for personal interventions and customization. If the fine work of housing is to be done individually, it is up to the family to adapt, complete and arrange their homes to those new needs, expectations and preferences.

We were required to **DESIGN AND 1.800 SQF HOUSE.** Our proposal is to **DESIGN A HOUSE THAT CAN EXPAND UP TO 2,700 SQF,** within a safe structure, efficient and sustainable infrastructures (bathrooms, kitchens and mechanical equipment) and a related roof. From this point, the "do it yourself" is the key. If the initial volume and the roof structure are shown in place, the design and form of the house should be played for change over time, just as the evolving family needs and aspirations do. What we mean is that we can have two big holes, how many of these are going to be filled in time will depend on the families.

To achieve this, we must define a layout which considers expansions as part of the project: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS. We just want to design the most efficient 1/2 of a house, 2700 sqf house, so that the distance that separates the initial plans above is the final phase. (achieved by the families over time) can be covered in an EASY, ECONOMICAL, QUICK and SAFE way.

INCREASING THE FAMILIES' ASSETS

We started by occupying the maximum available footprint for the 30 foot wide lot. We then build the maximum possible square for that footprint, which is 3.14 square feet or an area of one square foot for each family. This is achieved by using the minimum required by law in the initial phase and by using the maximum allowed by the families to expand their houses. The second phase would be to build the maximum possible square for that footprint, which is 3.14 square feet or an area of one square foot for each family. This is achieved by using the minimum required by law in the initial phase and by using the maximum allowed by the families to expand their houses.

THE LAYOUT

For the 3-bedroom unit + 2nd unit, we propose alternative schemes. The first scheme accommodates bedroom + bathroom + common areas on the first floor. Additional bedrooms + one more plan to accommodate 2 bedrooms are located in the second floor. The floor plan can be used to expand with specific accessibility needs.

The second scheme accommodates 3rd bedroom + common areas on the first floor. All 3 bedrooms are accommodated in the second floor. This layout also allows for one more, a more private part of the house, to have more independence from the common areas of the house, a bigger living and dining room, suitable for a big family with no specific accessibility requirements.

We anticipate that in order to pay for the structure, infrastructure and roof to and for a final bigger house, common areas, which determines the house, will be required. The expectation is that more than 1,000 houses already built and improved by families - 1,200 sqf on the way- is that if a participatory process is considered to receive permission, we are going to be able to deliver that which it is more difficult for a family to achieve independently. **INITIAL HOUSE EXTERIOR VIEW:** STREET VIEW

FIRST SCHEME

EXPANSION SCHEME = 2700 SQF HOUSE

FIRST FLOOR = 1 BD RHF

SECOND FLOOR = 1 BD ADDITION

FIRST FLOOR = 1 BD RHF

SECOND FLOOR = 2 BD ADDITION

2ND FLOOR EXPANSION

FIRST FLOOR EXPANSION

FIRST FLOOR = 1 BD RHF

SECOND FLOOR = 2 BD ADDITION

3ST FLOOR EXPANSION

REAR EXPANSION

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CROSS SECTION = CUSTOMIZED EXPANSION

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