

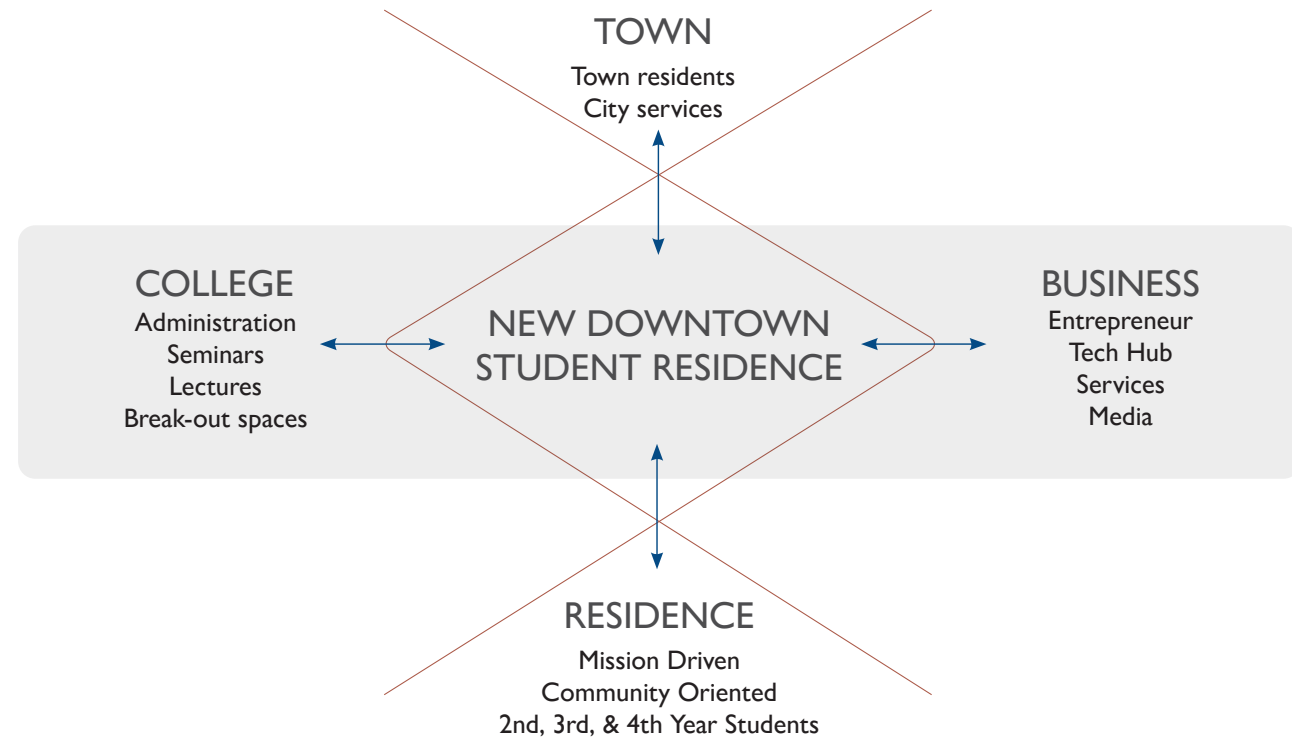
GRINNELL DOWNTOWN STUDENT RESIDENCE (DSR)

THE DESIGN PROCESS

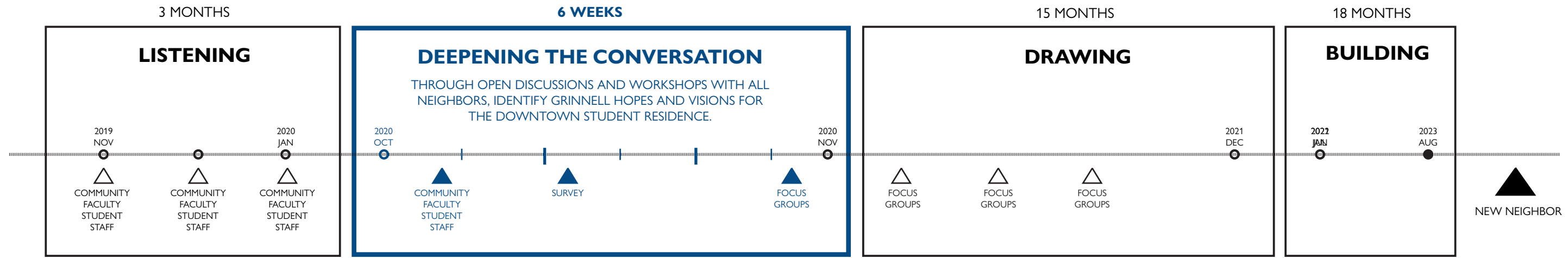
Adjaye Associates and OPN Architects are working with Grinnell College and the Town of Grinnell on the design of a new Downtown Student Residence (DSR) located in the heart of Downtown Grinnell to be a space for **COMMUNITY AND STUDENT INTERACTION AND ENGAGEMENT.**

During the coming six weeks we are looking to build on previous findings and dialogues and open the discussion to begin to understand what **ACTIVITIES, USES, AND CONNECTIONS** these new spaces should bring.

We hope to test concepts and ideas against surveys and **WORKING GROUPS** that will remain engaged throughout the entire project development timeline.



The design process will **BRING TOGETHER IN CONVERSATION ALL NEIGHBORS:** town and campus residents, businesses and College, to shape a **NEW COMMON GROUND** in Downtown Grinnell.



MAKING A NEW COMMON GROUND TOGETHER



How do these types of social divisions and conflicts manifest themselves?

“It just feels like we have gotten to a point where people can no longer live in a shade of grey—everything has to be black or white, either you’re good or you’re bad. No longer are we able to come to consensus and work things out and that’s kind of what goes along with this narrative. Being able to have a space that allows people to interact and find out that sure maybe someone’s relative who comes from a different generation and has beliefs that don’t align necessarily with yours is still a great guy, he’ll still do business with you, he’s still a human being.”

Austin Jones

President / Financial Advisor of Grinnell Investor Center



How do you find a common ground despite the differences that exist?

“And, that’s the other thing. You cannot disagree with someone’s humanity; you can’t disagree with someone’s story. You can’t say that that didn’t happen, or you didn’t feel that way when someone expresses something different from your beliefs.”

Saketan Anand ‘20

Former Student Government VP SA

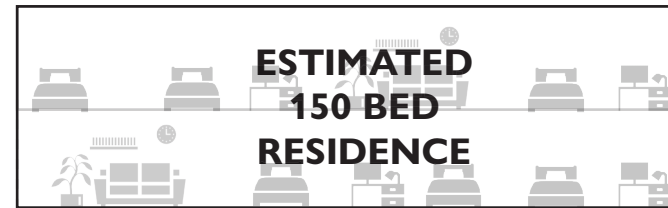


What are your initial thoughts about the idea of introducing a forum type place, or a ‘marketplace of ideas’ into the new Downtown Student Residence?

“I think what’s exciting to me about this space downtown is, how do we make this acceptable to our general public? How do we get out of our head and have a place where expertise isn’t just in the classroom? But where it’s ok for people to have these kind of problem-solving conversations.”

Susan Sanning

Associate Dean and Director of Service & Social Innovation



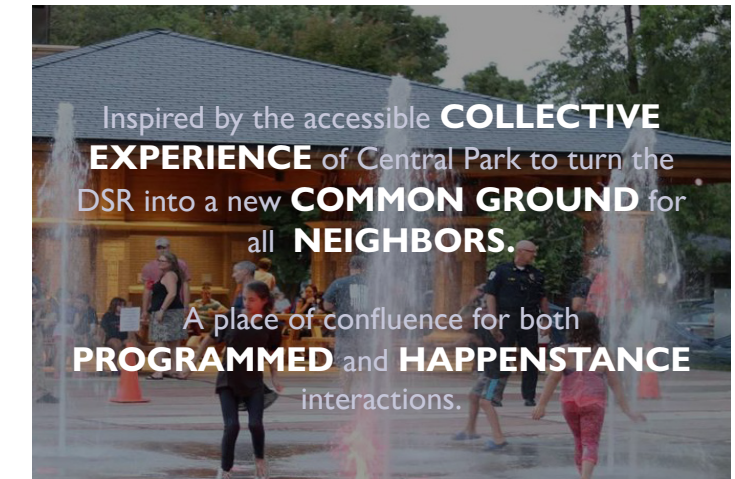
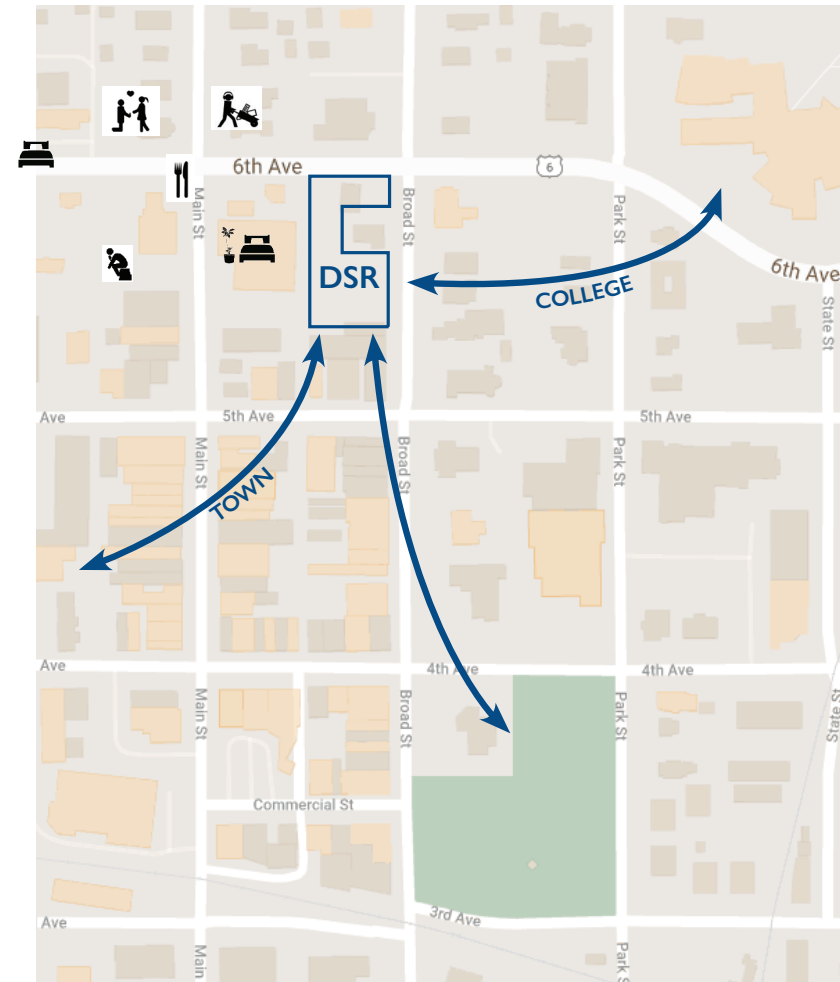
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What does this new home look like to YOU?

Who will be YOUR neighbor?

How do YOU imagine the community and college will engage with each other in the shared space?



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Respond to this short survey to have your voice heard. This survey is open to all! Look out for the website for survey results!



Link to survey:
www.tinyurl.com/y4okm8h9