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# Building A Better Bayview

Art Proposal for the Southeast Community Center - Alex Pitcher Room

Phillip Hua

For the Alex Pitcher Room in the new Southeast Community Center at 1550 Evans, artist Phillip Hua proposes a three dimensional photomontage mural commemorating the six founders of the Southeast Community Center: Alex Pitcher, Eloise Westbrook, Espanola Jackson, Harold Madison, Ethel Garlington, and Shirley Jones. Printed on many panels of framed plexiglass, the imagery will show the six founders in the foreground while their names, newspaper clippings, and images of the Bayview surround them. Behind the founders will be gold leaf to elevate the imagery to one of value and prestige. A palette of red, blue, purple and gold imply community royalty.

The title, "Building a Better Bayview," is inspired by the civic leadership each of the founders undertook to improve the Bayview. The title is also interpreted through the different depths of the panels, giving the mural an undulating sculptural quality that suggests growth and progress. Additionally, where feasible, the artist will work with and/or hire Bayview-based businesses or residents to continue the legacy of the founders in the social and economic development of the Bayview.

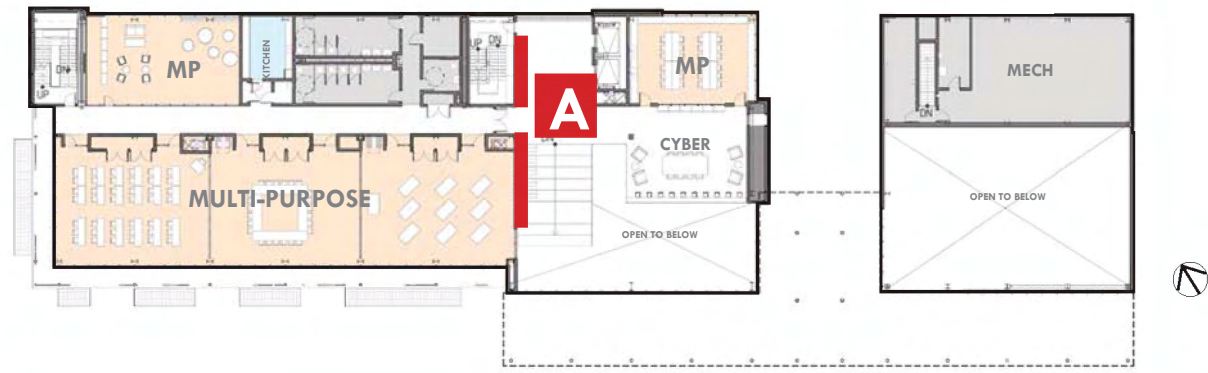
The goal of the mural is to provide and preserve visual and written histories of these important community leaders for generations to come.













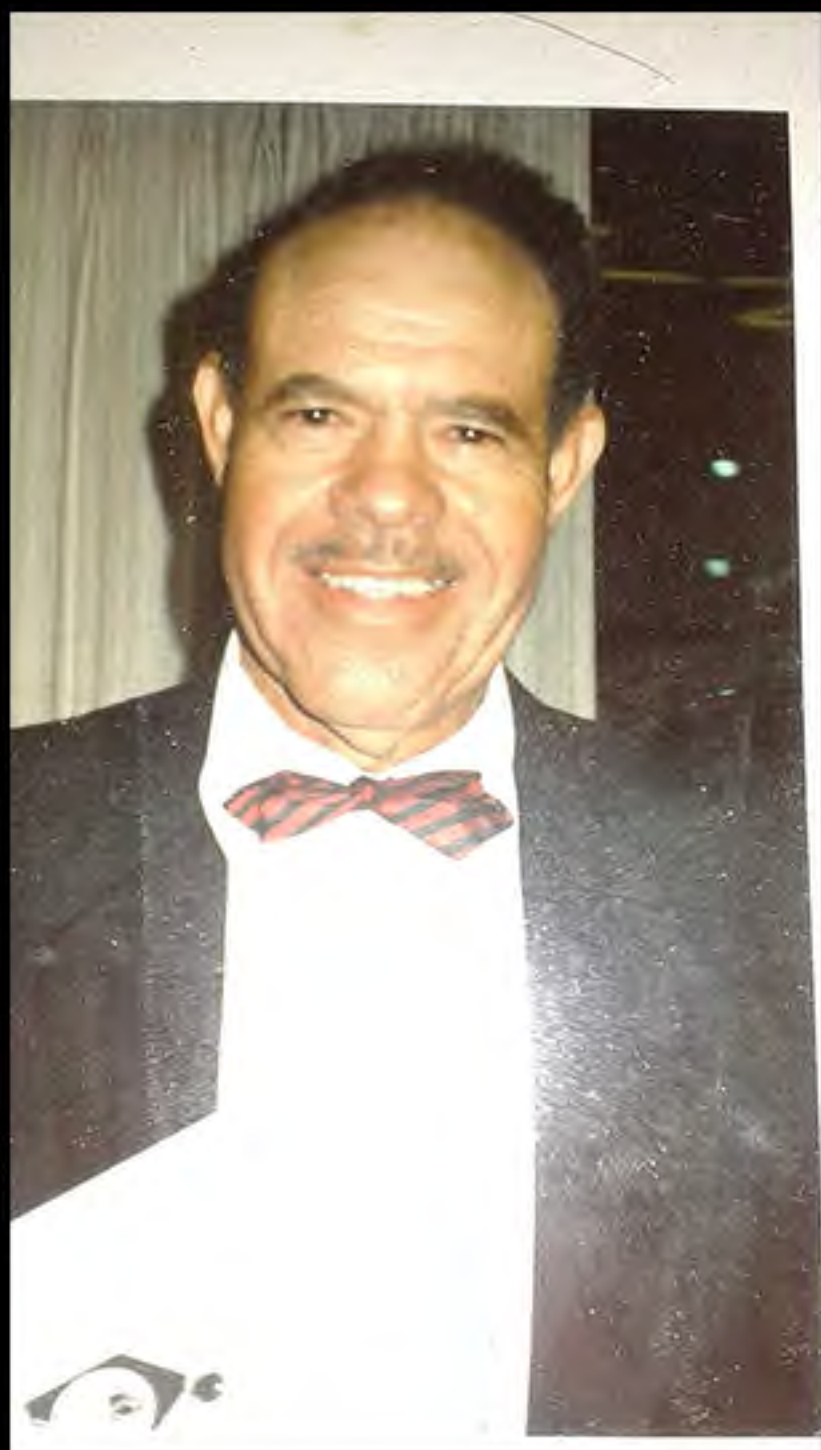


Portraiture was chosen as the theme for the artwork to reflect the Bayview landscape and its reverance for community.







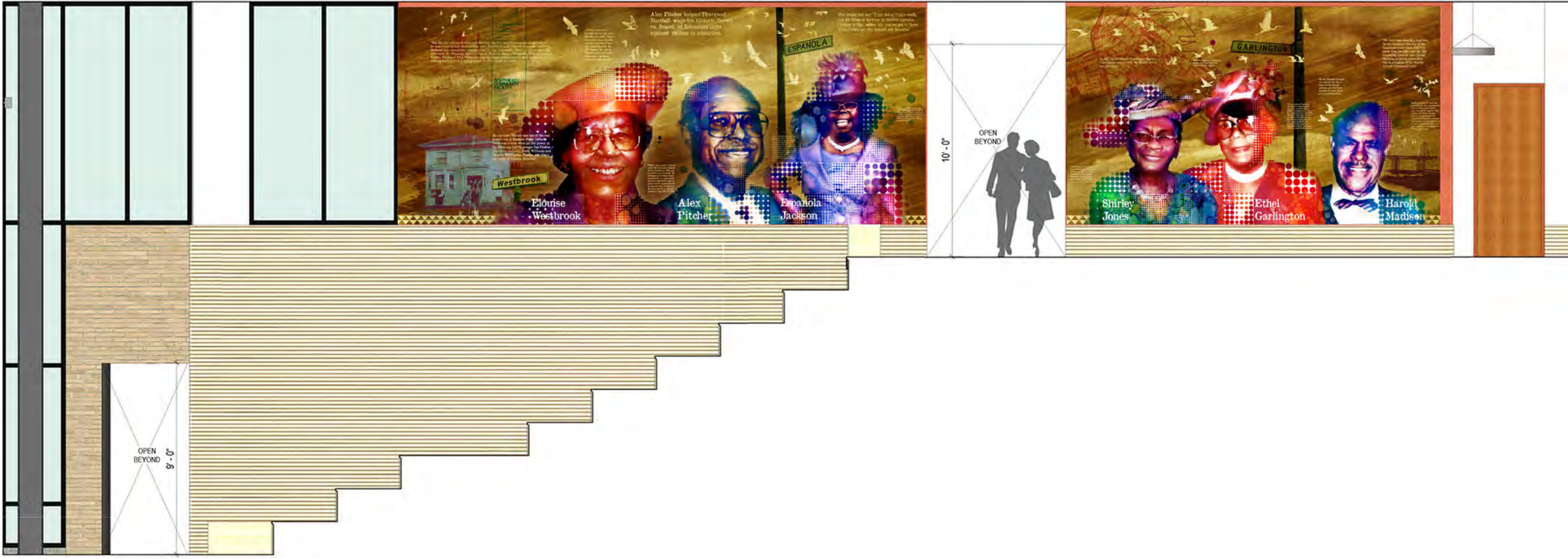


Inviting participation in the public artwork,  
photos of the founders were collected  
from their families





8' - 11 1/8"    2' - 7 3/4"    7' - 0"    24' - 9 7/8"    6' - 6 1/8"    18' - 2 1/4"    4' - 3 3/4"    2' - 1"





"The Big Six" a group of dedicated Bayview leaders, was instrumental in advocating for and ensuring that these facilities were developed and designed to provide workforce, childcare and educational opportunities in their community. These longtime civil rights advocates, Dr. Espanola Jackson, Harold Madison, Elouise Westbrook, Ethel Garlington, Shirley Jones and Alex Pitcher, are respected and remembered for their dedication to making the Bayview a better place to live, work and play.

SOUTHEAST  
COMMUNITY  
FACILITY  
SAN FRANCISCO  
CITY AND  
COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES

At one time, Elouise was one of the real powers out in Hunters Point. In fact, there was a time when all the power at the Point was held by women like Elouise, Espanola Jackson, Ruth Williams and Oseola Washington. Elouise was also a big buddy of Senator Feinstein.

Westbrook

Elouise  
Westbrook

"I throw a tantrum at least once a day," says Elouise. "So many issues need attention, and the city acts too slow. I'm a very good sweeper. At S.F. General Hospital, where I work, I'll sometimes close the floor, sweep blood, murder."

Alex Pitcher helped Thurgood Marshall wage his historic Brown vs. Board of Education fight against racism in education

Pitcher was named president of the San Francisco chapter of the NAACP in 1994, and in his five year term he led attempts to promote school integration, to ease racial tensions with police and to help rebuild neighborhood programs and commerce. He also served as chapter president from 1980 to 1982.

Alex  
Pitcher

"He was phenomenal, and a lot of people didn't even realize how many things he was instrumental in," said Leonard Ransom, executive director of the Bay View Community Collaborative. Ransom said Pitcher played a crucial role in helping him start a soccer team in the neighborhood in 1992, as well as getting a new swimming pool now being built in the area. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

Espanola  
Jackson

She would tell me: "I am doing God's work, not for fame or fortune or hidden agenda. Politics is like water, air; you've got to have them -- they are the breath you breathe."

Historic Bayview residents were public housing, Section 8 and good homes for all. Education also was a priority. She fought to keep schools and community colleges open so that the youth could meet national academic standards.





In 1987 the Southeast Community Facility Commission was formed. Ms Shirley Jones was President.

Ethel Garlington, a community leader and employee of the Redevelopment Agency.

Harold Madison brought suit against the city to clean up the sewage problem near his home between Hunters Point and Candlestick Park.

"We have been waiting a long time for the necessary cleanup of the hazardous toxics there, and it is about time the state and city did something about it," said Harold Madison, a retired steelworker who is president of the Shafter Avenue Community Club.

Madison agreed to drop his suit after the city promised to build a large sewer line to carry the plant's wastes cross-town to the ocean. It also agreed to construct a \$15 million neighborhood community center and greenhouse on the sewer plant property to help "mitigate" the effects of the enlarged plant.

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Jones went on to co-found and served as the executive director of the non-profit California for Health Education Employment and Disability (CHAMPED).

Shirley Jones

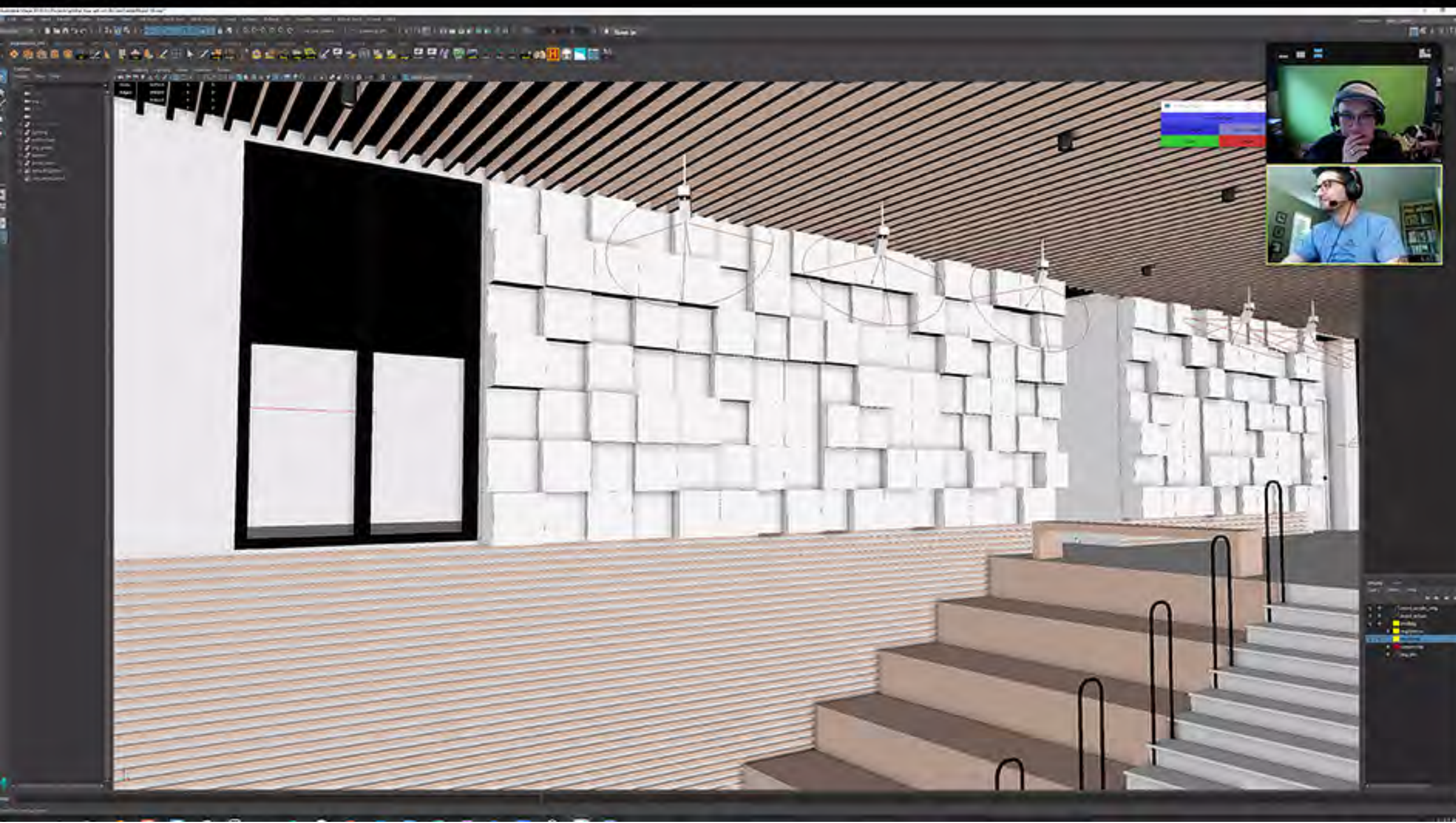
Ethel Garlington

Harold Madison









A 3D modeler was hired to assist in previsualizing the depths of the boxes in order to avoid shadows from the lighting that might interfere with the faces of the founders.









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Harold Madison brought the city to the attention of the world when he was elected mayor in 1911. He was the first African American to hold this office in the city of Chicago. He was also the first African American to be elected to the position of Mayor of Chicago.


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