

SITE REPORT #2 - Brooklyn Collection



This image represents the view of the Atlantic Yards before the construction of the Barclays Center. Which I didn't have the opportunity to see it before the construction.

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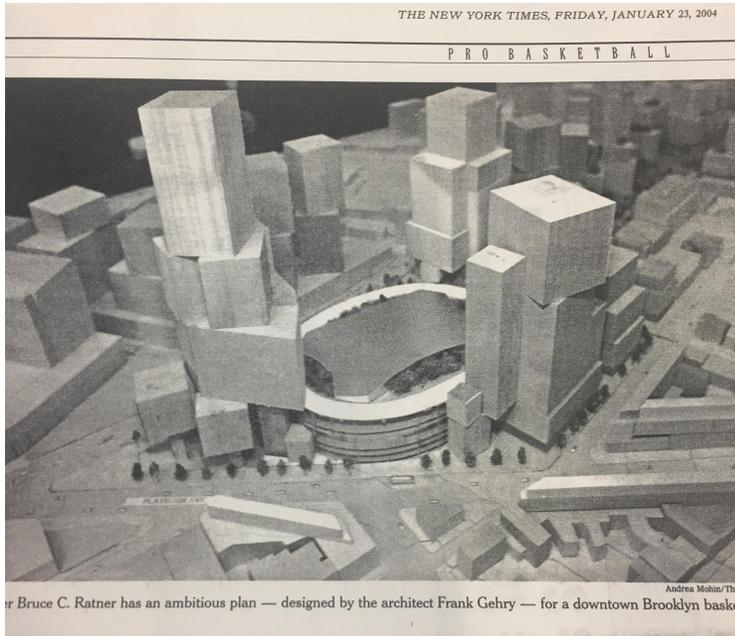
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INTRODUCTION

My expectations of the place before arriving was to find a lot of documentation from the Atlantic Yards. My experience lived up to my expectations because we definitely saw archives from years ago about the changes that underwent Brooklyn with the Barclays Center. What I notice about the place

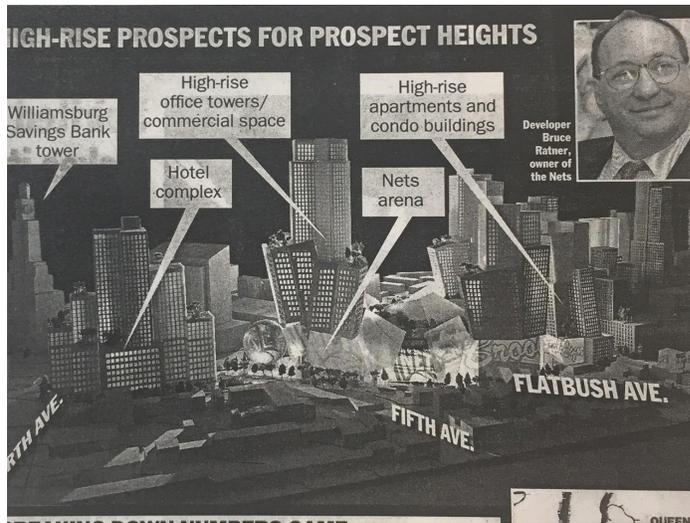
that I didn't already know from reading or previous visits is that before the construction of the Barclays Center there was a railyard.

ARCHIVE OBSERVATIONS



The Dream Before Construction





The New Manhattan In Brooklyn

I chose these pictures because they show a before and after look. However, these pictures do not summarize any feeling for the place because I didn't know about it at that moment but now, looking at all the projects planned for this place, the Atlantic Yards, and how has changed Brooklyn after the Barclays Center gives me a nostalgic feeling. These pictures features the place before, during and future vision of the construction at the Atlantic Yards.

Few of the archival documents I examined were maps, articles, and books. The purpose of this documents serve now as a reference of what happened then, during and after the projects for Brooklyn. All documents serve to record information for later use. I think that the purpose they served when they were published or created was to inform the people and know about what was happening at their surroundings. Also, because it records the changes that undergo the city for later use or to take a look back if something when wrong and want to refer it to future plans so they omit the errors.

Considering that the Brooklyn Collection is part of the Brooklyn Public Library, Central Library. Some of the public amenities are offered to users of the space such as water fountains, wheelchair access and other supports for the disabled, public telephones, phone charging stations, help to create your city ID, subway and bus stations. However some public amenities are missing such as WiFi and security check, as compared to the NY public library in Manhattan.

I believe that planners, designers, and architects communicated the purpose of the place, via signage because they use graphic display to convey the audience with given information. They use signage to promote, identify, provide information, give directions and/or to raise safety awareness of such construction and to limit themselves to speak to a crowd that may not agree to a new imposing project.

There are restrictions/rules about how to use the space or interact with other people in the library by not using pen, only pencil, large bags and skateboards are not permitted, we must communicate silently and respect the books or maps since they are very old and delicate. I didn't see anyone using the space in a manner that exceeds or violates the intentional design.

My personal experience of the place was all right. I never had the opportunity to visit the New York Public Library therefore I took a look to what was around me, i also felt safe because at the entrance we were checked for security purposes which this contrasted with the Brooklyn Library because they lack of security, however, i have been in this library twice or more, so, I know a little bit of how this library works. Both libraries are a total different experience.

ANALYSIS/DISCOVERIES

Thinking about the neighborhood in which the the Brooklyn Library is embedded, this space is designed for students, teachers or people around the neighborhood, this library is more for learning purposes rather than touring as the other library in Manhattan which serves for educational purposes but I feel that people would go just for a visit and to take a look on what's in there.

By examining my experience and studying the materials from the Brooklyn Collection I encounter the picture of the railyard back in 2006, which I don't remember seeing it, all I remember is the Barclays Center and nothing before that. I think that for the most part the articles, maps, books, and other information is preserved in order to have evidence of the changes, to keep track of the city's growth or collapse, this is done to keep track of the city. At the Map Division we had so much information available in digital form and few in the Brooklyn Collection. I believe that this is preserved

for the public that it's interested or has to use this information for educational reasons either as a teacher or student.

QUESTIONS for FURTHER RESEARCH

1. Is the Barclays Center good for Brooklyn businesses?
2. Is the Barclays Center the only project that came to the Atlantic Yards or drags more?
3. If the rent increases due to new projects, such as high-rise buildings, stadiums, etc., what will be the destination for many people who will not be able to afford housing?