

THE AFRO-VILLAGE MOVEMENT

TEAM Q

DESIGN TEAM

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PROJECT GOAL

Provide critical services to address the basic needs of our most vulnerable population, unhoused individuals, with a focus on racial disparities and inequalities.

KEY WORDS

Safety
Healing
Recovery
Health
Equity
Social Justice

NOTABLE FEATURES

Trains move on tracks
Free ticket for boarding
24/7 service
Free Wifi
Solar panels
Free power and outlets
Restrooms
Additional services (food, hygiene, health)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Afro-Village is more than physical space. It is a movement rooted in the vision of Laquida Landford, a Portland community member and activist. The movement focuses on addressing the needs of our most vulnerable population, unhoused individuals, with a focus on racial disparities and inequalities. Through her initiatives and events – including Old Town Fresh in Downtown Portland – Laquida provides a variety of critical services to community members and has started important conversations around fundamental basic needs such as hygiene and sanitation, food scarcity, mental and physical health, and safety during Covid-19.

In support of this movement, the three Afro-Village Trains aim to fulfill the demand of more equitable, just and accessible basic services, while providing safe and healing spaces for Portland's most vulnerable community. The proposal suggests the trains provide 24/7 service, both while moving through the City on tracks and when stationed. Each train is ticket-free and provides free wifi, power, restrooms, and six beds at night. While all the trains include a "Welcome Car", each train has a specific "Service Car" that focuses on a specific community need: food and fresh produce, hygiene and sanitation, and mental and physical therapy. The bright exterior of the train (green, blue, and yellow) allows users to identify the train and its specific service before boarding.



THE TRAIN CONCEPT

- EACH TRAIN PROVIDES:
- Free-ticket
 - 24/7 Service
 - Info & Resources
 - Wifi & Power
 - Restrooms
 - Six beds

SERVICE CAR

DIFFERS BY TRAIN

Depending on the specific train, the service car provides different amenities ranging from fresh produce, to shower and laundry, and massage therapy. The three trains are: Food Train, Hygiene Train, and Therapy Train.

WELCOME CAR

IDENTICAL IN EACH TRAIN

It provides a safe welcoming space with information, resources, restrooms, and six beds at night.

THE 3 TRAIN DESIGNS

FOOD TRAIN

- Mini-kitchen
- Shelves for fresh produce
- Dining tables
- Register
- Dispenser w/ drinks & snacks

- Washing machines & driers
- Showers
- Waiting area
- Lockers

- Yoga & Meditation room
- Fitness wall
- Massage Therapy
- Waiting area

