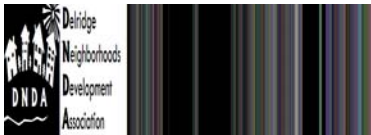
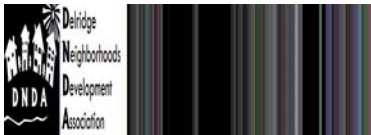




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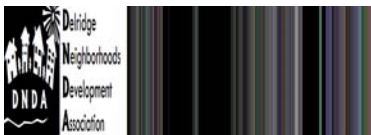
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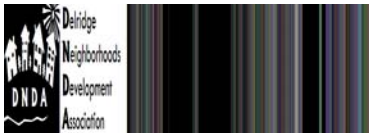
Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

- 150 seat theater
- Movement studio for dance and performance
- Recording Studio
- Media Lab
- Woodshop/Potting Studio
- Classrooms
- Offices for five Nonprofit Arts Organizations



Youngstown Cultural Arts Center Tenants

- Arts Corps
 - provides free arts education to low income youth
- The Nature Consortium
 - teaches environmental awareness through the arts
- Southwest Interagency Academy
 - alternative school for students who have not succeeded in traditional schools
- Twelfth Night Productions
 - Intergenerational theater company
- Power of Hope
 - Provides arts education with a focus on youth leadership development



Cooper Lofts

- 36 live work studios
- Units range from 450 to 1400 square feet
- Permanently affordable
- Rents start at \$380 per month
- Artists selected by artist/community panel
- Visual, performing and literary artists



Financing – Cultural Center

- Historic Tax Credits
- State Building for the Arts Program
- Federal appropriation
- Capital Campaign – 400 donors
 - Range: \$500K to \$25



Financing – Housing

- Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Historic Tax Credits
- City Housing funds
- State Housing Trust Fund
- Bank Loan



Meeting Community Needs

- Replacing arts programs no longer offered in schools
- Engaging kids who are not succeeding elsewhere
- Creating a hub for the community
- Sign of investment instead of decay
- Creating affordable housing for artists
- Supporting nonprofits with affordable space



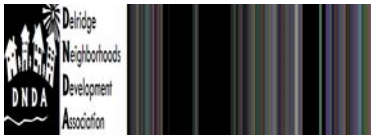
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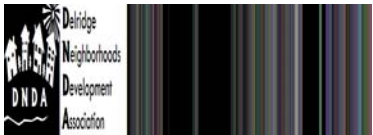
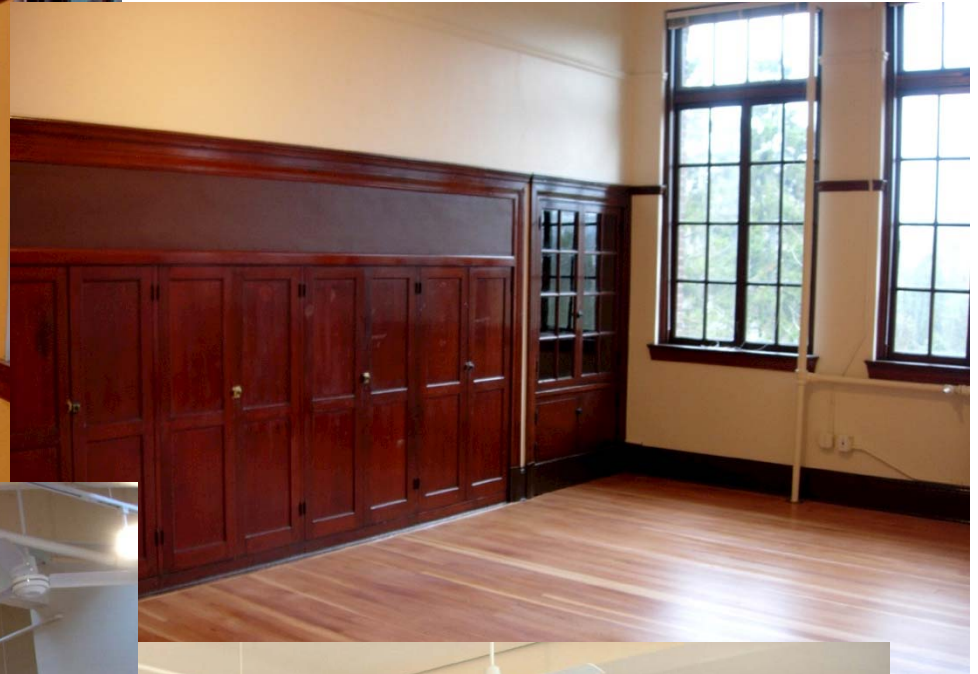
- Without public use, Cooper would not have survived
- Preserved story of Thelma Dewitty
- Current use was best way to preserve spirit of space



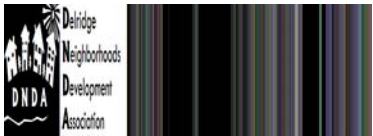


From Attic to Artist Loft



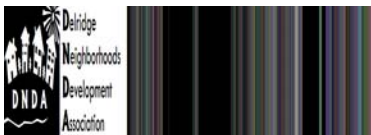


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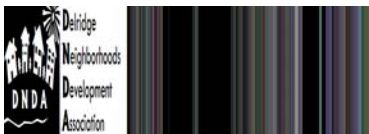




From Gymnasium to
Dance Studio



Housing Units



Home for Community Organizations

- Centers like Youngstown create neighborhood identity
- Youngstown tenants serve same audiences
- Both users and organizations benefit from co-location
- Multi-use space means many can share
- Multi-use means sustainable revenue from rents





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