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WSH02AR - Advisory Committee Prioritization Feedback

NEW ECC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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West Hartford Public Library Board

MUST HAVES

1. Dedicated space for increased library operation capacity for collection display / storage / processing, administration, patron onsite resource use
2. Some dedicated space for library operation of programs, events, meetings (e.g. some non-shared space so library can guarantee their operations)
3. State of the art material pick up and return facilities (Smart Lockers combined with auto check-in, for example)
4. Capacity to isolate infrastructure in some portion of the building (e.g. air handling, people flow, etc.) - to support operational continuity when shared resources would pose a risk
5. Automated resource (building, spaces, equipment) usage monitoring & recording-- essential for multi-purpose use & shared facilities -- to analyze & optimize utilization, communicate ROI for taxpayers, etc.

NICE TO HAVES

1. Outdoor Meeting, Activity, Performance Spaces
2. Configurable / Modifiable / Adaptable room settings (e.g. lighting, temperature, etc.) - essential for multi-purpose use & shared facilities
3. Professional / Commercial Grade Kitchen (Economic Incubator space or program use)
4. e-Vehicle (car, bike) charging - ideally free due to renewable energy capacity storage or other (implied with Will Have - sustainability?)
5. Automated infrastructure monitoring, fault detection & notification

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Commission

MUST HAVES

1. High quality safe bicycle and pedestrian access. For pedestrian access, careful attention should be given to crossing locations that will be used to access the center. For bicycles, the bike facilities should feel safe for bicyclists of all ages.
2. High quality bus stop integrated into the design
3. Bicycle parking, abundant and visible
4. "Traffic garden" or Safety Town (see www.trafficgardens.com) where kids can learn to bike safely
5. Touch screen displays where individuals can access the CTtransit trip planning tool and can access bicycle maps for trip planning

NICE TO HAVES

1. Display of bike routes and bike lanes in West Hartford
2. Bike repair station
3. Bike share
4. Scooter share
5. Fountains that can be used to fill water bottles

Clean Energy Commission

MUST HAVES

1. Look for other functions in the town such as police, fire, and health department where services are centralized and see if there is an opportunity to localize here. It may not make sense but this is a one-time chance to potentially make a local difference. The health department seemed interested.
2. Consider this location as a collection area for tossed school food and a drop off area for food donations. Having freezers and refrigerators to do this would allow the area to be a refuge center AND a recycle center.
3. The space discussions thus far have essentially replicated current library and town services square footage – this approach should be reviewed - e.g. social services feels their current allotment is too small -so now is the chance to improve upon the status quo.
4. Public transportation should be optimized – bus routes, bike paths, parking
5. Solar canopy parking

NICE TO HAVES

1. Consider a "swap shop" – an inexpensive – mostly outdoor area where goods can be dropped and picked up.
2. Coffee bar to facilitate community gathering
3. Presentation space (probably controlled by the library)
4. Some iconic tower or lobby exhibit that becomes a recognizable gathering point - more research is needed but it could a historic diorama of WH or an architectural tower or display piece.
5. Reuse materials from building if 100 Mayflower is torn down – bricks and rubble can be repurposed along with metal from mechanicals

Mayor's Youth Council

MUST HAVES

1. Future proof design if needed for expansion
2. Ease of access to Beachland
3. An outdoor stage area
4. Some form of transport from schools
5. (not answered)

NICE TO HAVES

1. Shared area between teens and seniors
2. A fitness center, or at least some weights
3. Open gym (with basketball court)
4. Immigrant services
5. (not answered)

Commission on the Arts

MUST HAVES

1. Performing Arts Center and Event Space
2. Auditorium seating, minimum of 200 people, and outdoor space for performances
3. Stage with dimensions large enough to accommodate a cast of 40 actors
4. Dressing rooms for actors
5. Kitchen/catering facilities for arts events

MUST HAVES

1. Event Space
2. Athletic Facilities (pickleball courts)
3. Library
4. Outside performance space
5. Senior Center

NICE TO HAVES

1. Multi-use rooms
2. Meeting rooms
3. Storage rental for non-profit performing groups
4. Social Services
5. Food Pantry

West Hartford Public Schools

MUST HAVES

1. Central location
2. Make sure everyone can access (all abilities)
3. Technology
4. Access to transit
5. Adequate parking

NICE TO HAVES

1. Stage space
2. Flex space for groups to use
3. Senior bus
4. Studio for creating
5. Weight room

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

MUST HAVES

1. Weight room
2. Locker rooms and showers
3. Congregate area "coffee bar"
4. Adequate parking
5. Stage space

NICE TO HAVES

1. Storage
2. Art display
3. Technology for all
4. Specialized studio spaces
5. Security

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

MUST HAVES

1. Separate Senior Entrance, well labeled, with covered drop-off and automatic doors
2. Dedicated Senior bathrooms with universal height toilets
3. Dedicated Senior Great Room, for 125 people, for dining and larger events located near kitchen
4. Dedicated Senior gymnasium space from 9-5 PM, especially needed for pickleball
5. Senior Center director and staff offices located adjacent to senior entrance vestibule

NICE TO HAVES

1. Table Tennis room(s)
2. Outdoor covered patio looking over green space
3. Portable, lightweight armchairs and tables
4. Minimum 16,000 square feet usable space for seniors
5. Separate, labeled parking areas

Elmwood Business Association

MUST HAVES

1. Access and visibility of the Beachland Park complex including new roads and entrances. The complex should be accessible from pre-existing roads such as Manchester Circle and Elmhurst. Take advantage of the easements while you can – especially the walking path in from Mayflower, And New Britain Avenue access needs to be emphasized/enhanced (somehow). An open park is a safe park. Again, see how Walnut Hill Park in New Britain is integrated into the neighborhood. (It's not such a bad idea to riff off of an Olmstead design – your secret is safe with me.) And make any accessory pavilions, etc. classy (and classical) - Let's make this a beautiful urban park!
2. Exhibit Space in the atrium
3. Storage Space – it's not a sexy item, but necessary. But essential to this is maintenance of a database of what's in there at all times.
4. I like the idea of outpost offices. ie) WHB Health District, Community and Social Services. And possibly, have the main meeting room built to the same technological level (or better) as the Town Council Chamber, so that meetings can be televised.
5. A community food service cafeteria and distribution point for food.

NICE TO HAVES

1. An entrance from Trout Brook Drive
2. An outdoor stage with a really good sound system and lighting
3. Welcome Kiosk and Multiple Community Bulletin Displays and Calendars of events.
4. Overbuild everything when it comes to size and scope. IOW, if you're creating a kitchen, make it a great kitchen. This should be a design that stays flexible and usable for 30-50 years. We won't get another chance in our lifetimes
5. Rose gardens? Gosh it would be nice. Maybe someone wants to establish an endowment. Any takers? But how about multiple pavilions for picnics and pictures?

Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities

MUST HAVES

1. Accessibility to all activities for everyone (visually impaired, mobility impaired, persons with intellectual disabilities, cognitive disability and persons on the Autism spectrum
 - a. Visual alerts to emergency situations
 - b. Assistive Technology in Library
2. Easily accessible elevator
3. Spaces for "Sensory Break"
4. Separate spaces for Children, Teens and Seniors
5. Fitness center for Seniors

NICE TO HAVES

1. Calming interior
2. Audible Signs and Directions
3. Commercial Kitchen
4. Accessible inclusive playground
5. Swimming Pool

West Hartford Chamber of Commerce

MUST HAVES

1. Fitness Rooms
2. Lockers & Showers
3. Makers-Space
4. Library Archive Storage
5. Central Informations Rotunda

NICE TO HAVES

1. Rentable Commercial Kitchen
2. Extra Storage Space
3. Voting Space (Flexible for other use)
4. Community Garden
5. Amazon Drop Box

Bridge Family Center

MUST HAVES

1. Dedicated storage space for teen center equipment
2. Teen access to all types/areas of facility (gym/weights/kitchen, etc)
3. Multimedia/recording arts space/technology access
4. Meeting areas for adults (classes, etc) in close proximity to child friendly areas (childcare during meetings, eg.)
5. Large multi-use space for teens/Large group area

NICE TO HAVES

1. Café (teen employment opportunities, ideally)
2. Open 5+ days a week for teen/youth programming
3. Outdoor stage/amphitheater (outdoor movies, performances, etc)
4. Skate park
5. Intergenerational spaces

West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District

MUST HAVES

1. Mass vaccination clinic space
2. Three district offices
3. Community Health Office (health screenings, store vaccine)
4. Emergency Shelter Space (needs generator)
5. Parking - Accessibility

NICE TO HAVES

1. Storage for PPE
2. Community Classroom (teach health programs)
3. Showers for shelter
4. Kitchen
5. Transit

Resident at Large

MUST HAVES

1. Social Services
2. Community Center
3. Food Pantry
4. Senior Center
5. Teen Center

NICE TO HAVES

1. Library
2. Emergency Management
3. Kitchen Spaces
4. Park Connections
5. Sustainable Design

Resident at Large

MUST HAVES

1. Flex space for community groups to use
2. Dedicated senior bus
3. Coffee bar
4. Building for lease: concept is to have some rooms available for renting for the shops where all items like food, sports, senior citizens items etc. are available in the building. It will help user groups to buy/eat/play/rest at the same location.
5. Storage space for cultural events

NICE TO HAVES

1. Explore siting opportunities
2. Bridge over Trout Brook
3. Library archival storage
4. Locker Rooms and showers
5. Adequate parking