NEW ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
FEASIBILITY STUDY
WEST HARTFORD, CT

Advisory Committee Meeting
August 11, 2022
Agenda

1. The Committee’s Mission
2. What We Heard: Recap of the 6/30 Meeting
3. Review the Prioritization Feedback
4. Activity To Date
5. Program, Initial Ideas & Precedent Images
6. Sustainability Charter
7. Schedule & Next Steps
MISSION STATEMENT

Advisory Committee
Mission Statement

The mission of the Advisory Committee for the Functional Program Development and Facility Feasibility Study for the New Elmwood Community Center is to...

enable all members of the community to help shape the project vision and have their voices heard.

Committee Charge

This Committee is charged with serving as a liaison to the community by engaging in active dialogue and relaying community feedback. The Committee is also charged with providing guidance at key milestones throughout the study process to further define and uphold the programmatic, sustainable and economic objectives set forth.

Scope of work

This Committee will make recommendations, but does not have final authority. This Committee will be dissolved upon completion of the Feasibility Study.
WHAT WE HEARD

Recap of the 6/30 meeting
Recap from 6/30 Meeting

WHAT'S MISSING???

- Stage space for cultural events
- Storage for theater programs - limited temp. storage
- Explore sitting options - is there another place other than exist “Bug Pad”
- Building for lease - shouldn’t we buy it
- Bridge over Trout Brook
- Library Archival Storage Space - currently small
- Security - delicate balance - safe but welcoming
- Public art display / gallery
- Polling place - will need all those reps + accessibility
- Go beyond ADA to Universal Design
- Make sure everyone can access - buildings need to be supported by the space
- Library - technology is key - upgradable
- Library is about “things” - think not @ “book” drop but newer strategies
- Distribution - Amazon
- Everything in the Library + Comm. Center could be shared in terms of programming

We filled 5 large post-it notes!!
FEEDBACK

Review of the “Must Haves” and “Nice to Haves”
Prioritization Feedback

The Task

Each Committee member was asked to prioritize their Top 5 “Must Haves” and “Nice to Haves” and was encouraged to collect the input of the community groups they represent.

These Top 5 lists could include any items from the “What’s Missing” list generated during the 6/30 meeting, the presentation, or something brand new!
Prioritization Feedback

The “Must Haves” Results:

- technology
- events
- accessible
- signage
- multipurpose
- beautiful
- storage
- health
- central
- fitness
- meetings
- food pantry
- gymnasium
- exhibit
- atrium
- lunch
- parking
- weights
- kitchen
- recording
- shelter
- outdoor
- vines
- art
- bicycles
- safety
- seniors
- solar
- sensory
- beachland
- lockers
- clinic
- compost
- transportation
- Claw
- canopies
- outdoor
- universal
- coffee
- elevators
- cafeteria
- offices
- multimedia
Prioritization Feedback

The “Nice to Haves” Results:

- skateboard
- table tennis
- patio
- playground
- showers
- welcome desk
- performance
- scooters
- share
- technology
- teens
- immigrants
- kitchen
- adaptable
- coffee
- pool
- display
- meeting
- gallery
- bottle fillers
- makerspace
- sustainability
- presenters
- exhibits
- trout brook
- stage
- moveable furniture
- storage
- parking
- outdoor
- seniors
- amphitheater
- accessible
- dashboard
- bulletin board
- material reuse
- pavilion
ACTIVITY TO DATE

6/30
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7/19
PROGRAM UPDATE
Elmwood Senior Center

7/19
PROGRAM UPDATE
Elmwood Community Center

7/20
COMMS MEETING

8/4
FAMILY POOL NIGHT!

8/11
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Family Pool Night August 4, 2022

- More, convenient parking
- A safe place for all WeHa families
- Community kitchen
- Sustainable design
- Keep the trees!
- A place for community spirituality
- Spaces / services to support unwed mothers
- Place for Immigrants, especially high school students
PROGRAM & IDEAS

A Further Iteration, Still Being Refined
Program Allocation

Emergency Management

Building Services

Senior Center

Flex Spaces

Community Center

Teen Center

Library

Social Services

Shared Lobby
Initial Ideas

Site Analysis

100 Mayflower:
- 8.54 Acres

Beachland Park:
- 27.04 Acres

Observations:
- Topography (10’ delta)
- 150’ Regulated Wetlands
- Solar Orientation
- Existing Trees
Initial Ideas Opportunities to Connect

Beachland Park: 27.04 Acres

Entry & Exit S. Quaker Ln.
Initial Ideas for 100 Mayflower

Site Acreage:
8.54 Acres

Existing Buildings SF (ECC, ESC & Faxon):
66,035 SF

Initial ideas:
1. Residential buffer zone
2. Loop plus one-way
3. Solar orientation
4. Program adjacencies
Initial Ideas Site Test-Fit *(example only, not the final design)*

**Site Acreage:**
8.54 Acres

**Existing Buildings SF (ECC, ESC & Faxon):**
66,035 SF

**Proposed Building SF:**
~ 80,000 SF, 2 stories

**Est. Existing Parking at ECC, ESC & Faxon:**
~ 136 spaces

(11) Accessible Spaces
~ (125) Regular Spaces

**Est. Proposed Parking at 100 Mayflower:**
~ 150 spaces

(20) Accessible Spaces
~ (130) Regular Spaces

Parking counts shown are estimates based on existing spaces – to be further vetted based on use/capacity.
Precedent Images Exterior

Modern Aesthetic
Wood, Metal, Glass
Boxes As Elements
Two-Story Volume
Generous Approach
Covered Entry
Transparency
Visibility

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Modern Aesthetic
Metal, Glass, Color
Boxes As Elements
Two-Story Volume
Focused Approach
Transparency
Visibility

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Exterior

Modern Aesthetic
Glass, Concrete
Glass Box
Leverage Landscape
Minimalistic
Open Lawn
Transparency
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Precedent Images Interior

Modern Aesthetic
Wood, Glass
Boxes As Elements
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SUSTAINABILITY

Charting our Course
Sustainability Charter

Our Bold Goals:

**Regional Leader**: A landmark project that stands out across New England as a leader in sustainability and architectural design.

**Placemaking for Social Equity**: A broad array of services that builds and strengthens Town resources, and holistically supports the community’s diverse needs.

**Thriving Community**: A blend of spaces that retains and attracts residents to Town, supports local non-profits, and provides rentable space for business, community, and individual use.

Priority Strategies:

- **NET-ZERO**
- **GEOTHERMAL**
- **SOLAR / PV**
- **PASSIVE STRATEGIES**
- **ETHICAL SOURCING**
NEXT STEPS

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Upcoming Events

8/17  Town Council

9/8  Program Update

9/12  Public Event @ ECC

9/22  Advisory Committee

10/24  Public Event @ ECC

10/27  Advisory Committee

Senior Center event!

Plus a Community Listening Opportunity

Library Staff Meeting

Plus a Community Listening Opportunity

Project Website: Information about the project (presentations, events, etc.) is here: https://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/the-library/feasibility-study/

Project Email: The community may send us their feedback and questions by emailing: NewECC@westhartfordct.gov
Thank You

QUESTIONS

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