NEW ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
FEASIBILITY STUDY
WEST HARTFORD, CT

Advisory Committee Meeting
September 22, 2022
Agenda

1. The Committee’s Mission
2. Recap Project Goals and Vision
3. Initial Concepts and Feedback from 9/14 Event
4. Variations on Initial Concepts
5. **Review the Current Direction** *(Focus of tonight’s meeting)*
   - Gather input on current direction
6. Upcoming Events & Next Steps
The *mission* of the Advisory Committee is to...

enable all members of the community to help shape the project vision and have their voices heard.
CREATE A WELCOMING MULTI-GENERATIONAL CULTURAL DESTINATION

- Dynamic & Diverse Town
- Celebrate WeHa Character
- Broad Range of Programs
- Enhance Experience for ALL
Project Vision  What's Possible

[Image of a collaborative team in a natural setting with a building in the background]
INITIAL CONCEPTS
Initial Concepts

Option 1
Reuse Existing + Addition

Option 2
Build New “L” Shape

Option 3
Build New Linear Shape
Option 1 – Reuse Existing + Addition

- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Library
- Teen Center
- Social Services
- Emergency Management

Flex Space
Shared Lobby
Green Roof
Option 1 – Reuse Existing + Addition

Advantages:
- Potential cost savings in the reuse of building shell

Challenges:
- Extensive renovation required for ADA & energy code compliance
- Loading faces Beachland Park
- Likely maintains school layout for community spaces (similar to existing ECC)
Option 2 – Build New “L” Shape

Main Level

Upper Level

- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Library
- Teen Center
- Social Services
- Emergency Management
- Flex Space
- Shared Lobby
- Green Roof
Option 2 – Build New “L” Shape

Advantages:
• New construction easiest to achieve accessibility and energy goals
• Flex Spaces distributed on upper and lower levels
• Centralizes loading to be shared by EM, SS, LB and general service access

Challenges:
• Close to neighbors and set back from the park edge
Option 3 – Build New Linear Shape

- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Library
- Teen Center
- Social Services
- Emergency Management
- Flex Space
- Shared Lobby
- Green Roof
Option 3 – Build New Linear Shape

Advantages:
- New construction easiest to achieve accessibility and energy goals
- Library on main level with exterior at-grade access
- Centralizes loading to be shared by EM, SS, LB and general service access

Challenges:
- Flex spaces are largely upstairs
- Community Center largely upstairs
Option 1 seemed to be least preferred by the community.

Option 2 seemed to be the preferred community direction.

Liked the proximity to the park in Option 3...use this placement for Option 2.
VARIATIONS
Option 1A – Reuse Existing + Addition

What’s Changed:

• Senior Center and Library face Beachland Park
• Social Services on lower level
• Gathering area in between the two building “wings”
Option 2A – Build New “Bar” Shape

What’s Changed:

- Overall shape of the building
- Library on main level
- Flex Spaces largely on upper level
- Senior Center faces Beachland Park
Option 3A – Build New Linear Shape

What’s Changed:

- Flex Spaces are on the main level adjacent to the Senior Center
- Library is on the upper level
CURRENT DIRECTION
Based on the feedback from the community event on 9/14, the current direction is an iteration of...

Option 2
“L” Shape
Current Direction – Main Level
Current Direction – Upper Level
UPCOMING EVENTS
Upcoming Events

9/14  
PUBL  IC   EVENT
ECC Auditorium  
5-8pm

9/22  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10/26  
PUBL  IC   EVENT
ECC Auditorium  
5-8pm

10/27  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10/6  
VIRTUAL PRES/Q&A
Zoom  
7-8pm
Link posted on website:
https://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/the-library/feasibility-study/

9/14  
PUBL  IC   EVENT

10/26  
PUBL  IC   EVENT

10/27  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Connect with us!

Project Email: NewECC@westhartfordct.gov

Project Website: https://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/the-library/feasibility-study/
NEXT STEPS
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1. Development of Preferred Direction

2. Order of Magnitude Costs | Developed in conjunction with each option

3. Community Listening Sessions

4. Feasibility Report | Document the process & decisions in a guidebook for the Town
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