Refining the Design Workshop

October 26, 2022

NEW ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
FEASIBILITY STUDY

WEST HARTFORD, CT
Agenda

1. Recap Project Goals & Vision
2. Initial Concepts
3. Variations
4. Review the Current Direction
   - Focus of tonight’s meeting: Gather input on current direction
5. Upcoming Events
6. Next Steps
PROJECT GOALS & VISION
CREATE A WELCOMING MULTI-GENERATIONAL CULTURAL DESTINATION

Project Goals

Dynamic & Diverse Town

Celebrate WeHa Character

Broad Range of Programs

Enhance Experience for ALL
INITIAL CONCEPTS
Initial Concepts

Option 1
Reuse Existing + Addition

Option 2
Build New “L” Shape

Option 3
Build New Linear Shape
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
Variations

Option 1A  Reuse Existing + Addition

Option 2A  Build New “Bar” Shape

Option 3A  Build New Linear Shape
Based on community feedback, the current direction is an iteration of...

Option 2
“L” Shape
Current Direction – Site Plan

1. Large Multipurpose Room
2. Stage
3. Gymnasium
4. Senior Center
5. Shared Lobby & Coffee Bar
6. Community Partnerships
7. Preschool Age Program Area

A. Covered Drop-Off / Main Entry
B. Dedicated Senior Center Covered Entry
C. Secondary Building Entry
D. Entry to Community Partnerships Area
E. Preschool Age Program Area Entry
F. Accessible Parking
G. Reinforced Turf Overflow Parking
H. Amphitheater
I. Site of Future Pavilion

Sustainable Strategies:
Net-Zero Ready
Geothermal
PV Panels
EV Charging
Native Plants
+ more!

Approx. ~190 Parking Spaces (incl. 20+ ADA)
(~174 Existing, incl. 17 ADA)

Entry from Mayflower
Exit to S. Quaker
Current Direction – Main Level

1. Large Multipurpose Room
2. Stage
3. Multipurpose Storage
4. Warming Kitchen
5. Gymnasium
6. Gym Storage
7. Locker Rooms (w/ Toilets)
8. Community Center Admin
9. Shared Lobby
10. Senior Center Admin
11. Small Multipurpose
12. Small Multipurpose
13. Art Room
14. Small Multipurpose x2
15. Medium Multipurpose
16. Full-Service Kitchen
17. Coffee Bar
18. Loading Dock
19. Community Partnerships Areas
20. Emergency Management
21. Preschool Age Programming
Current Direction – Upper Level

1. Circulation Area
2. Children’s Area
3. Activity Rooms
4. Library Workroom & Admin
5. Adult Area
6. Teen Area
7. All-Staff Break Room
8. Reservable Meeting Rooms
9. Sensory Room
10. Wellness/Dance Studio
11. Small Multipurpose
12. Small Multipurpose
13. Maker Space
14. Art Room
15. Medium Multipurpose
16. Teen Center
17. Lounge
18. Track Above Gym (w/ Stations)
19. Cardio/Weights Area
20. Indoor Play Area

Libraries: 1, 12, 14, 18
Flex Spaces: 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20
Community Center: 3

Legend:
- Library
- Flex Spaces
- Community Center
Iterative design process, to create a design that reflects your community’s vision for education.
Town Council HCS & CPED Feedback:

1. Confirmation of size and amenities of Gymnasium
2. Teen Center size and type of spaces
3. Space for Special Needs Population, Cultural Groups & Non-English Language Speakers
4. Balance of net to gross SF – circulation vs. program space
5. Distance from accessible parking to main entries
UPCOMING EVENTS
Upcoming Events

9/14
PUBLIC EVENT

9/22
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10/6
VIRTUAL PRES/Q&A

10/25
CPED/HCS COMMITTEES

10/27
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11/3
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

12/13
TOWN COUNCIL

10/26
PUBLIC EVENT

ECC Auditorium
5-8pm

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5-7PM
Drop-In Q&A
7PM
Presentation
NEXT STEPS
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1. Finalize Preferred Direction, Develop Rendering

2. Order of Magnitude Costs

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

4. Presentation to Town Council
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