NEW ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
FEASIBILITY STUDY
WEST HARTFORD, CT

Town Council HCS and CPED Committees
October 25, 2022
Focus of tonight’s meeting
Gather input on current direction

Agenda

1. Recap Project Goals & Vision
2. Initial Concepts
3. Variations
4. Review the Current Direction
5. Upcoming Events
6. Next Steps
PROJECT GOALS & VISION
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
Initial Concepts

Option 1
Reuse Existing + Addition

Option 2
Build New “L” Shape

Option 3
Build New Linear Shape
Initial Concepts Feedback 9/14

Option 2 seemed to be the preferred community direction.

Option 1 seemed to be the least preferred by the community.

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
Current Direction – Site Plan

- A Covered Drop-Off / Main Entry
- B Dedicated Senior Center Covered Entry
- C Secondary Building Entry
- D Loading Dock
- E Preschool Age Program Entry
- F Accessible Parking
- G Reinforced Turf Overflow Parking
- H Amphitheater
- I Possible Future Pavilion

1. Large Multipurpose Room
2. Gymnasium
3. Senior Center
4. Community Partnerships
5. Preschool Age Program

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

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

Entry & Exit from Mayflower
Current Direction – Main Level

1. Community Center Admin
2. Library Stair/Display Area
3. Warming Kitchen
4. Stage
5. Stage/Multi-Purp./Gym Storage
6. Locker Rooms (w/ Toilets)
7. Small Multi-Purpose
8. Medium Multi-Purpose
9. Full-Service Kitchen
10. Coffee Bar
11. Elevators
12. Loading Dock
13. Emergency Management
14. Food Pantry
15. Health Screening, Conference

Senior Center
Flex Spaces
Community Center
Community Partnerships
Emergency Management

Preschool Age Program
Gym
Multi-Purpose
Current Direction – Upper Level

1. Upper Gym (Track, Stations)
2. Cardio, Free Weights
3. Indoor Play Area
4. Lounge
5. Teen Center
6. Medium Multi-Purpose
7. Art Room
8. Maker Space
9. Small Multi-Purpose
10. Wellness/Dance Studio
11. Staff Break Room
12. Reservable Meeting Rooms
13. Sensory Room
14. Mothers’ Room

- Library
- Flex Spaces
- Community Center
Iterative design process, to create a design that reflects your community’s vision for education.
UPCOMING EVENTS
Next Steps

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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Connect with us!

Project Email:
NewECC@westhartfordct.gov

Project Website:
https://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/the-library/feasibility-study/
Upcoming Events

9/14
PUBLIC EVENT
ECC Auditorium
5-8pm

9/22
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10/6
VIRTUAL PRES/Q&A
Zoom 7-8pm
Link posted on website:
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10/26
PUBLIC EVENT
ECC Auditorium
5-8pm

10/27
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5-7PM
Drop-In Q&A
7PM
Presentation
Option 1 – Reuse Existing + Addition

Main Level

Upper Level

Lower Level

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

Upper Level
- 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  Flex Space
Senior Center  Shared Lobby
Library  Green Roof
Teen Center
Social Services
Emergency Management

Main Level  Upper Level
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
VARIATIONS
What’s Changed:

- **Senior Center and Library face Beachland Park**
- **Social Services on lower level**
- **Gathering area in between the two building “wings”**

**Option 1A – Reuse Existing + Addition**
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