

Community Center Workshop



Introduction

- Welcome to the Workshop
- Brief Presentation and then Questions and Discussion – Done by 7:15 PM
- Subject – Community Center at Hillview Avenue and San Antonio Road
- Important to All Residents:
 - 18 acre site is very under utilized
 - one of the least developed Community Centers in the region
 - site has great potential

Community Center Workshop



City Council Findings

We Must Do Something

- Buildings are in Need of Repair
- Poor Site Access and Traffic Flow
- Inadequate Parking
- Inadequate Senior, Youth and Recreational Facilities
- Need Space (City Hall and Police Station)
- 18 Acre Site is Very Under Utilized

City Council Initiative

Appointed Task Force

- Develop Vision Statement
- Begin Public Engagement
 - discuss needs and site potential
 - seek community input
- Report Back to City Council

What the Task Force Has Been Doing

- Visited other Community Centers
- Defined What Could be Included in a New Community Center
- Completed a Vision Statement – Defined Site Potential
- Prepared a Plan for Public Outreach
- Contacted Potential Architects to Determine Master Plan Cost and Schedule

Purpose Here Tonight – Listen!

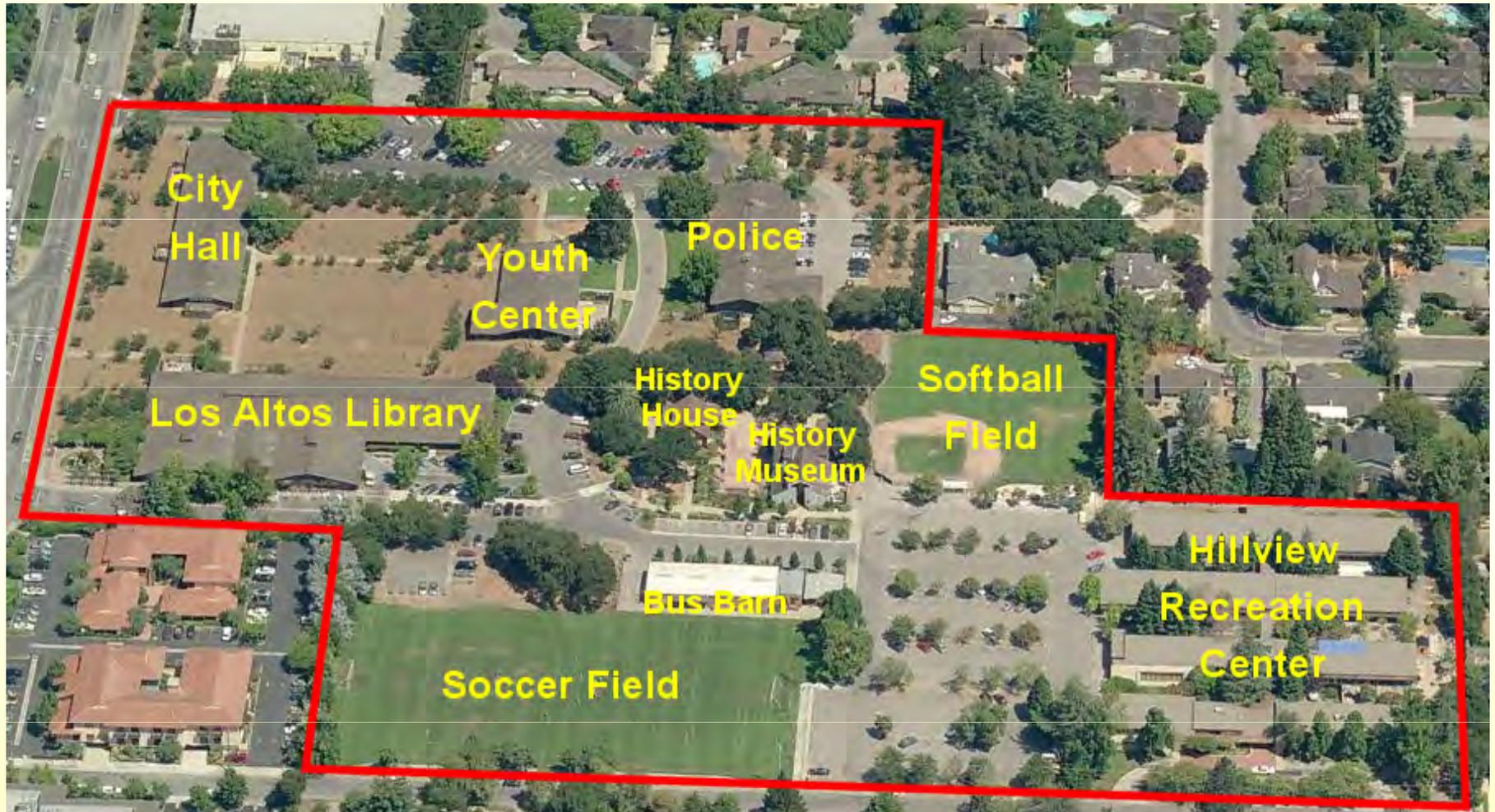
- Two Public Meetings
 - Grant Park at 6:00 PM, December 4
 - Youth Center at 6:00 PM, December 10
- Brief Presentation by Staff
- Open Question and Discussion Period

Community Center History

Property Acquired in 1954

- City Hall 1959, 1987
- Police Station 1968, 1987
- Youth Center 1959
- Los Altos Library 1964, 1993
- Hillview Recreation Center 1945, 1980
- History House and Museum 1905, 2001

Community Center Today



Needs and Opportunities

- Community Center Must be Renovated
- Built in the 1950's and Met Needs for that Period of Time
- Opportunity to Plan for the Needs of the Next 50 Years

City Hall



Lack of Office, Meeting and Storage Space



conference rooms and storage closets used for office space



no room for current employees, let alone planning for the next 50 years

Inadequate Public Space



public lobby is not ADA accessible
public restrooms are not available

Poor Orientation Towards Downtown and San Antonio Road



Building Needs Renovation

Does Not Meet Current Seismic
or Energy Conservation Codes



Apricot Orchard



the Apricot Orchard is an important element of Los Altos History

Police Station



Lack of Office, Meeting and Storage Space



offices are overcrowded and cluttered
employees are sharing work stations

Lack of Security



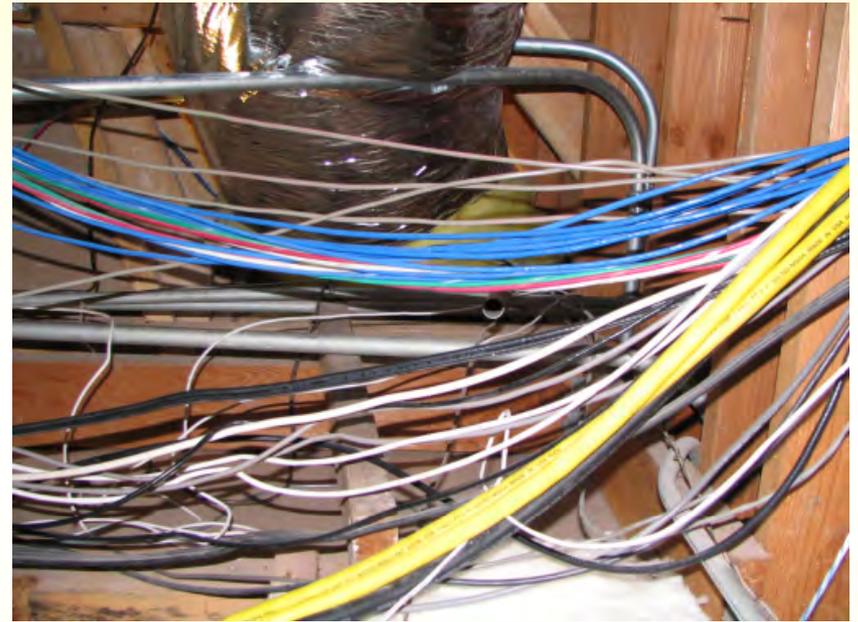
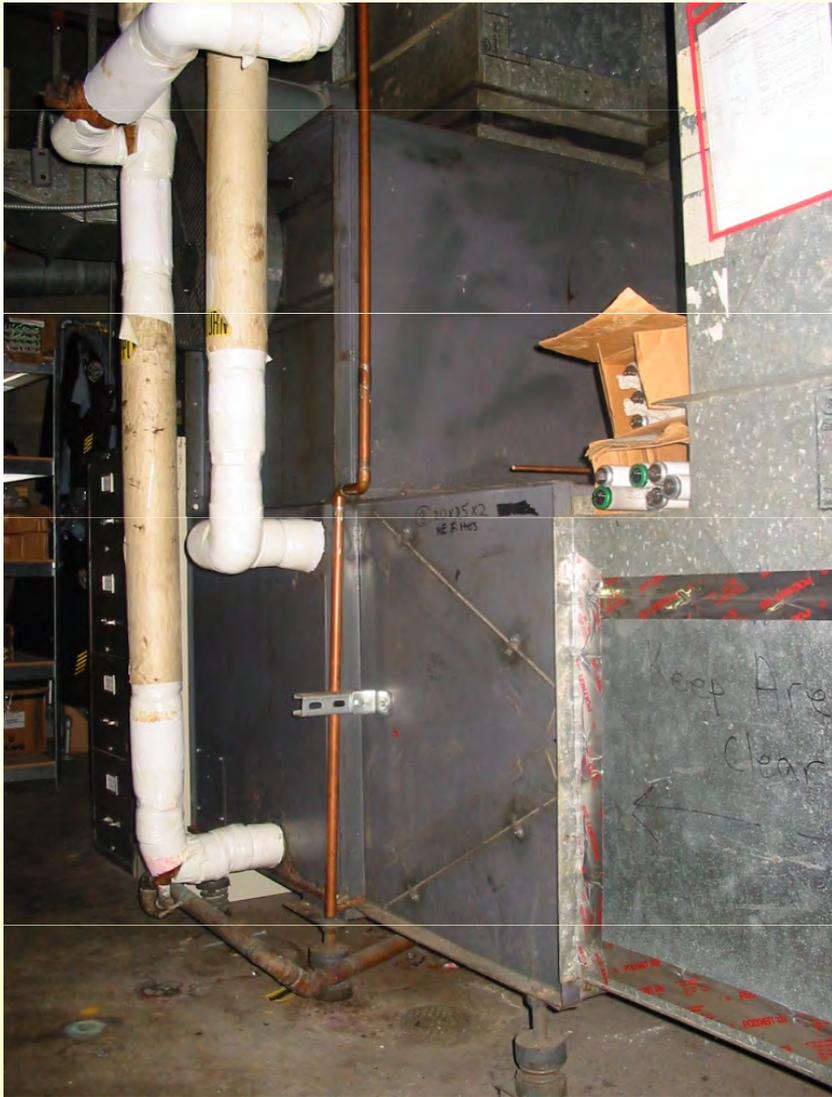
security around the Police Station is not adequate
patrol cars, personal vehicles, and equipment are
too accessible

City Wide Technology Operations



building is not designed
for modern technology

Deficient Mechanical System



HVAC system has exceeded its useful life

requires removal of much of the roof structure to replace

Inadequate Emergency Operations Center



Emergency Operations Center is used for multiple and conflicting purposes

Hillview Recreation Center



Inefficient Use of Buildings and Land



built as an elementary school in 1945
not designed to be a community center

Site and Structural Deficiencies



flooding common

entire facility has severe plumbing, structural and programmatic deficiencies

Programming Deficiencies



exercise and dance classes take place in deteriorating multi-purpose rooms with concrete floors

Senior Center is not proximate to the parking lot

Space and ADA Needs



offices are overcrowded and shared by employees
not ADA accessible nor compliant with current seismic,
building and energy conservation codes

Seismic and Energy Conservation Code Requirements



to renovate the existing building to meet current building codes, most of the existing facility would need to be replaced with a new structure

Poor Use of Available Space

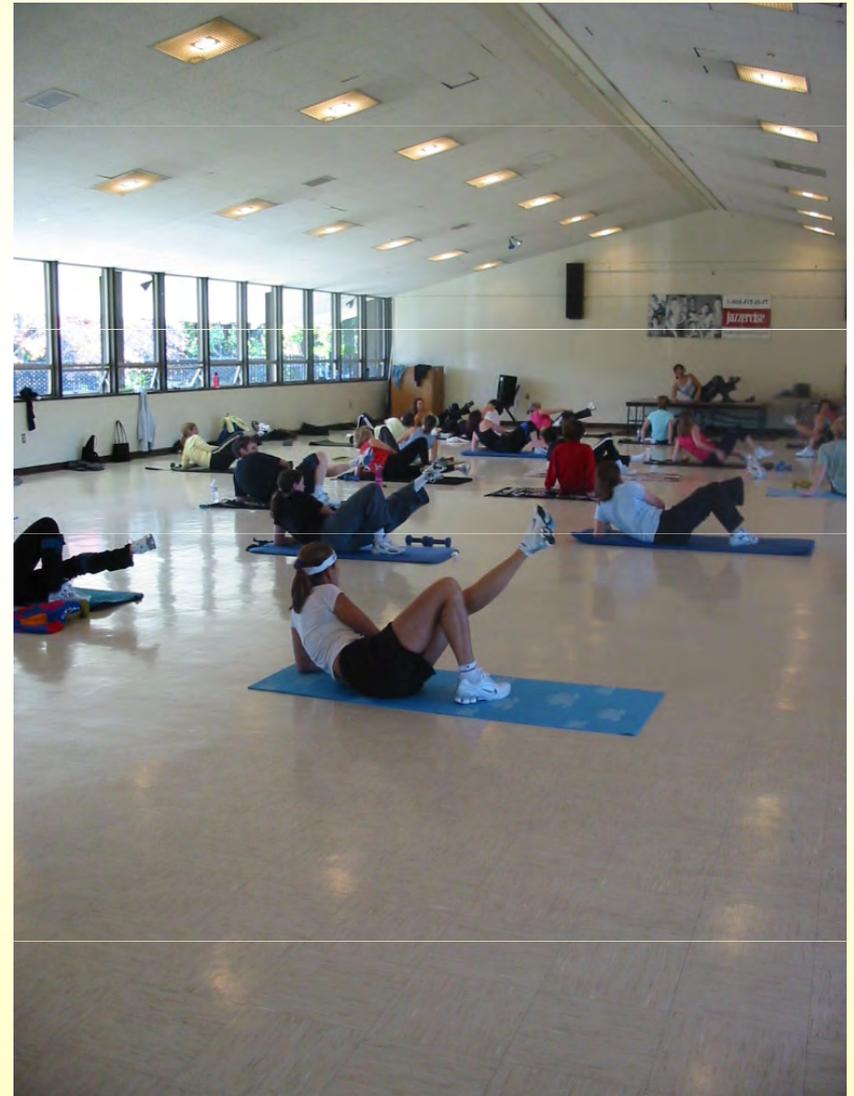


space around the Recreation Center
is underutilized

Los Altos Youth Center



does not provide a multi-purpose function nor serve as a Youth Center



Opportunities

- 18 Acres of Land Ideally Located
- Opportunity to Plan for the Future and Serve the Next Generation
- Community Based Decision

Incorporate Library Expansion



New Green Facilities



Expand Recreational Programs



Provide New Recreational Uses



Expand Community Programs



Promote Los Altos History



showcase History House
and History Museum



Expand and Improve Senior and Youth Programs



senior social events



Youth Commission
in action

Create Connection to Downtown

Visual, Pedestrian and Parking Links



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Process

- Gauge Community Interest in Master Plan
- Master Plan Process
 - hire consultant to prepare Master Plan
 - initiate community involvement
 - conduct detailed study of existing needs
 - analyze future needs, services and uses
 - develop a range of alternatives
 - 18 to 24 Month Process

Possible Funding Sources

- City's Facility Replacement Fund
- City's General Fund
- Real Estate Holdings
- Issue Public Bonds
- Combination of All Four

Introduction of Geoff Ball

- What Should We Do With the Existing Community Center Site?
- What is Your Impression of the Community Center?
- Should We Develop a Master Plan?
- What Should be Included in Master Plan?
 - public input on community needs
 - develop a better connection with downtown
 - maximize public use of space
 - establish cost and financing options