



# City of Los Altos

## Community Center Master Plan

Staff Workshops

April 15, 2008





# AGENDA

- Agenda Review / CPR
- Master Plan Process Overview
- Introduction of Participants
- Community Service Assessment Review
- Service Concepts Review
- Service Delivery Discussion**
- Operational Goals Discussion**
- Feedback / Next Steps





# Context, Purpose and Intended Results

## ***CONTEXT:***

As part of our process for the City of Los Altos Master Plan, we are reaching out to staff to help us better understand the service goals and operational considerations for program elements on the Community Center site.

This meeting is meant to be an open and collaborative discussion with staff to assess service and operational goals and concerns for future Community Center facilities. Service Concepts will be reviewed as to how they may enhance the services provided to the community.



# Context, Purpose and Intended Results

## ***PURPOSE:***

To engage in a detailed discussion about service goals and objectives for your department or group, and to discuss how this program element will best work within the overall Master Plan for the Community Center site.



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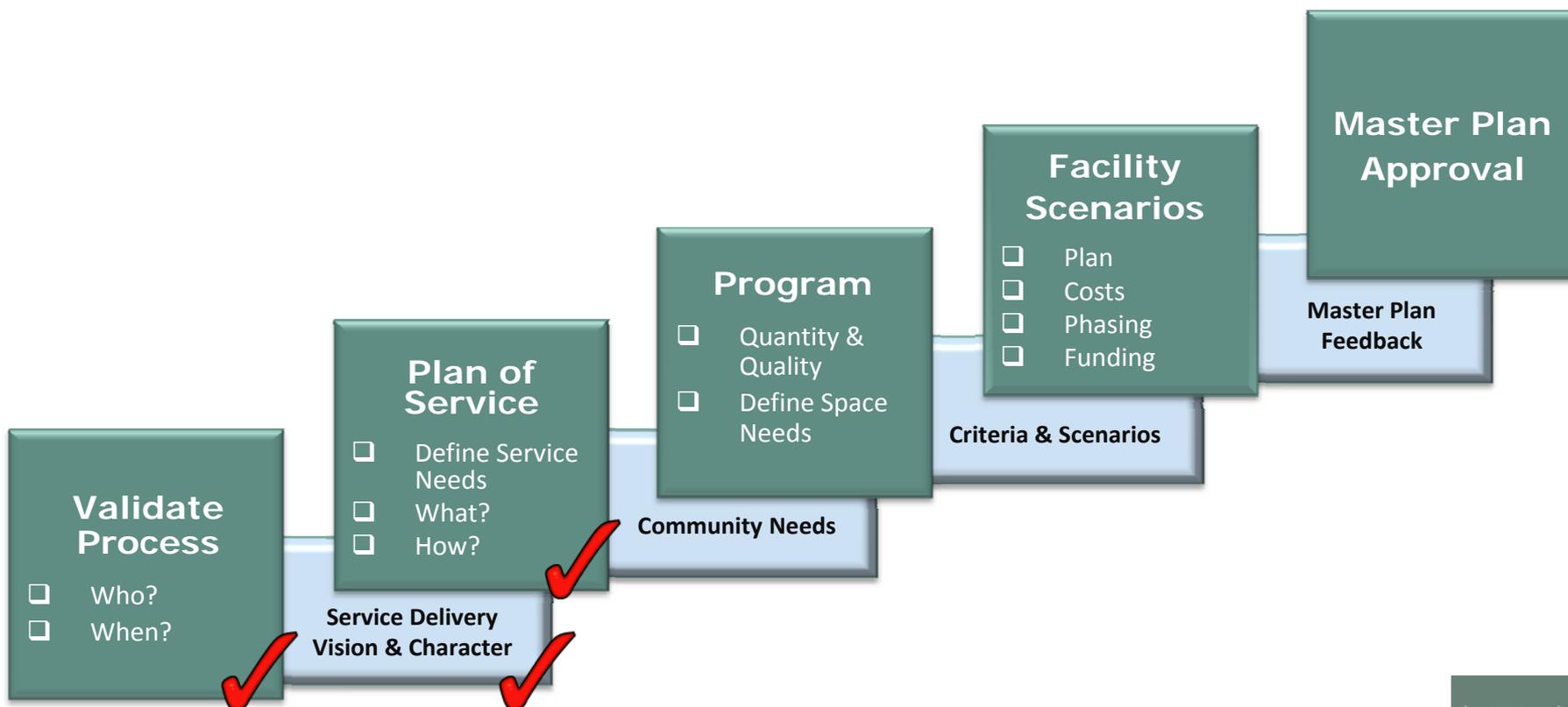
## ***INTENDED RESULTS:***

- Gain a Shared Understanding of the Master Plan Process and How and Where you may Participate
- Understand the Assessment of the Current and Future Service Needs & Service Concepts of the Community Center
- Discuss the Service Delivery Needs for your Department/Group
- Discuss the Operational Goals/Challenges for your Department/Group

# Master Plan Process Overview



# Project & Community Process



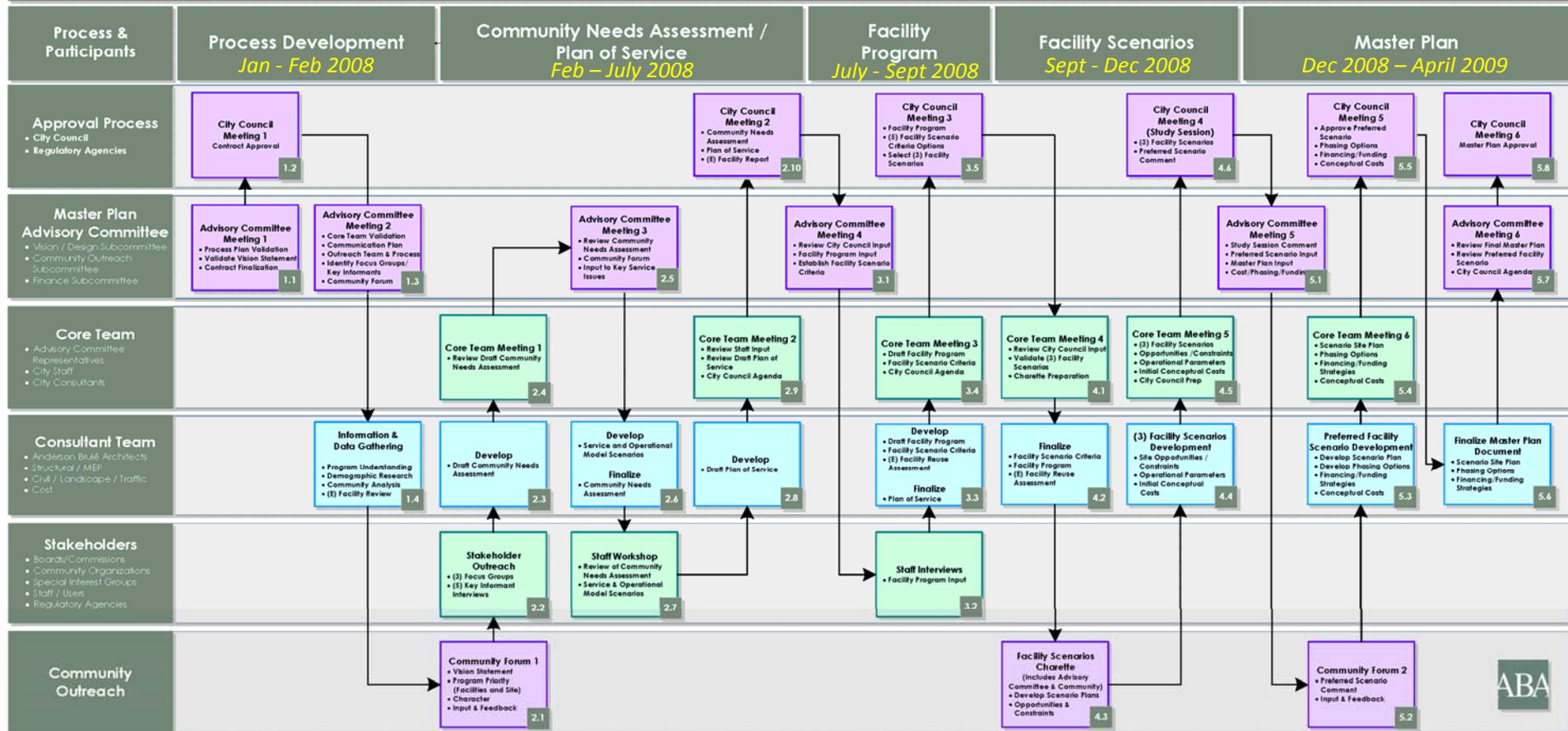
# CITY OF LOS ALTOS - CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN

## DRAFT PROPOSED PROCESS DIAGRAM

12/19/2007

**COLOR LEGEND**

- Public Meetings ■
- Project Meetings ■
- Consultant Team Scope ■



SERVICE + ENVIRONMENT = EXPERIENCE



# Vision Statement Summary

## SERVICE

Services will be safe, convenient and comprehensive.

## ENVIRONMENT

Environments will support play, learning and gathering and will be configured to connect with the downtown village.

Modern, sustainably designed facilities that are both adequate and useful to the community and of striking architecture, will be located in a beautiful park-like setting.

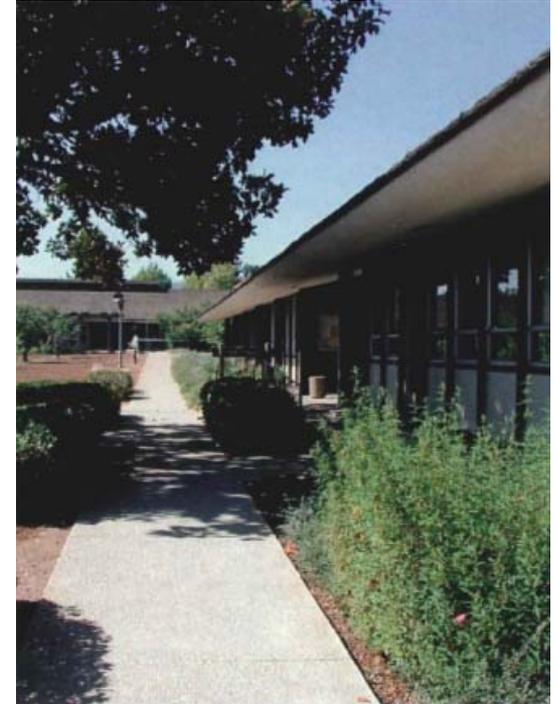
## EXPERIENCE

The Los Altos Community Center will provide a community experience that will serve your public for the next 50 years.



## Your Key Issues

- Incorporate Library Expansion
- Expansion of Programs
  - Provide New Recreational Uses
  - Expand Community Programs
  - Improve Senior & Youth Programs
- Promote Los Altos History
- Develop New Green Facilities
- Invigorate the Downtown Village through Visual, Pedestrian & Parking Links
- Aesthetic of the Architecture is Important
- Space for Expanded Program & Staffing
- Meaningful Incorporation of Los Altos Hills in the Master Plan Process





## Introduction of Participants

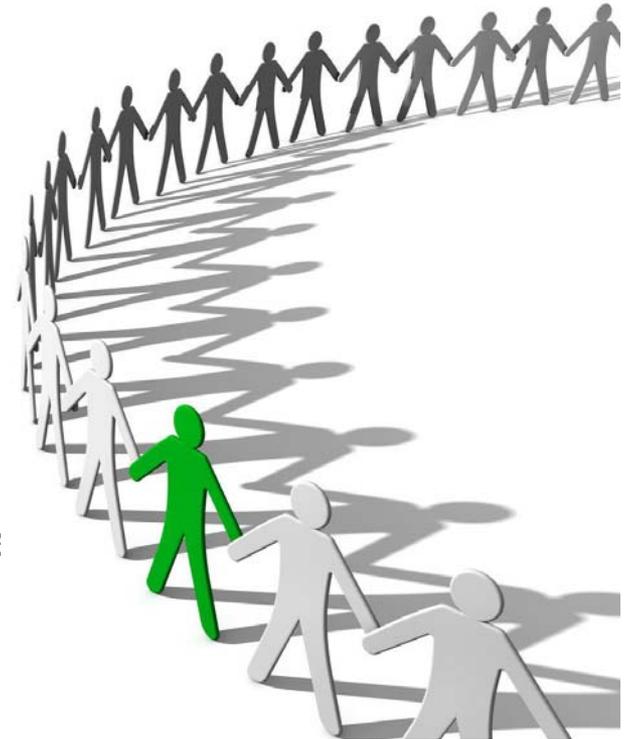
- What is your name and position within your department / group?

# Community Needs Assessment Overview



# Community Center Service Trends

- Community Gathering Places for All Ages
- Affordable Housing & In-Home Services for Seniors
- Privatization of Culture/Arts
- Privatization of Recreation away from Schools
- Community Work & Social Programs for Youth
- Partnering with Organizations to supplement and enrich programs and services





# Los Altos Community Priorities

1. City Services  
(Police & Government Services)
2. Library Services
3. Senior Services
4. Youth Services
5. Recreational Services
6. Large Public Gathering Place
7. Service Organization Support Services
8. Theater
9. History Museum
10. Community Gardens
11. Community Housing for Seniors





# Service Elements

## ■ Existing Services – On-Site

- Police Department
- Recreation
- Community Development
- City Administration
- City Engineering
- Community Center
- Library\*
- Meeting Rooms\*
- Community Theater\*
- Youth Center\*
- Storage\*

## ■ Existing Services – Off-Site

- Fire Department
- Swim Facility

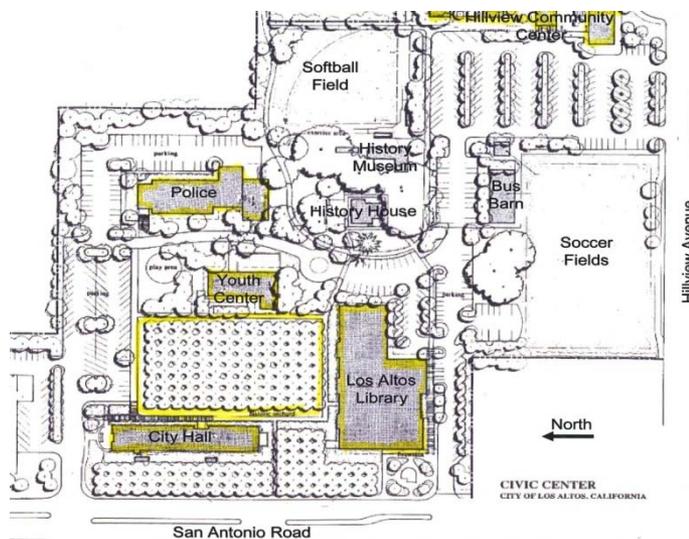
## ■ New Services

- Multi-Purpose Community House
- Senior Center
- Non-Profit Organization Space

## ■ Site Features

- Apricot Orchard
- Parking\*
- Athletic Play Fields (Baseball & Soccer)
- Small Park & Tot Lot

\* = Existing Service noted for significant expansion or revision





# Community Center Service Concepts Review

- Government Center
- Lifelong Learning Center – Beyond the Library
- Multi-Generational Facilities
- Environment for Youth/Teens to Work, Belong & Participate
- Community Gathering – Indoor
  - Community Living Rooms
  - Large Social Events
  - Large Multi-Use Presentation Space
- Community Volunteerism/Partner Service Delivery
- Recreation and Leisure Programs
- Community Gathering – Outdoor
  - Community Garden
  - Small Informal Spaces
  - Large Event Space



## Service Delivery Discussion

- ❑ What are the five **key service delivery goals** of your department?
- ❑ What service model benchmarking are you aware of that is successful?
- ❑ What potential impacts do you see for your department in the Master Plan? Positive? Negative?
- ❑ **Who do you serve? Who serves you?**
- ❑ What services can you not currently provide that you need or want?
- ❑ What processes in your department currently work well? Which could use refinement/improvement?





## Operational Goals Discussion

- What are the three to five **critical operational issues/goals** you have for a new facility?
- What changes to your current operations would you have to make to achieve your operational goals?
- From the public's perspective, which departments / groups should be physically close to one another?
- Who does your department need to be physically adjacent to?





## Feedback

- What worked well?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How can we improve?



## Next Steps

- Development of Draft Plan of Service
- Delivery of Draft Reports to City Council (May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008)
  - Draft Community Needs Assessment
  - Draft Plan of Service
  - Draft Existing Facility Assessment
- Development of Facility Program
  - Staff Interviews for Program Input: June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Thank you!**

