



DATE: November 30, 2017

AGENDA ITEM # 3

TO: Hillview Community Center Project Task Force

FROM: J. Logan, Hillview Community Center Task Force Process Liaison

SUBJECT: Noll & Tam Architectural Design Process

BACKGROUND

At the September 26, 2017 study session, City Council supported the Task Force's (TF) interior space allocation recommendation, encouraged the TF to pursue Site Option 4, and agreed to the consideration of additional funding of \$7.7 million for the following:

- a. Increasing building quality: \$1.2 million
- b. Increasing building functionality: \$750,000
- c. Upgrading from LEED Silver equivalent to LEED Gold equivalent: \$500,000
- d. Providing improved pedestrian connectivity: \$1,000,000
- e. Increasing building square footage: \$3 million
- f. Increasing outdoor program space: \$500,000
- g. Refinishing parking lot: \$750,000

At the TF post-study session meeting and at the October 18th TF meeting, Noll & Tam design team (N&T) reviewed updates to the existing plans based on City Council's feedback and began moving forward with the architectural and landscape design process. TF members and the community participated in an architectural design exercise to rank images. The top ranked images were merged into a survey and community members were invited to review and rank the images they believe to be the best fit for a Los Altos Community Center building within the Civic Center campus. The community survey commenced October 23 and concluded on November 13, 2017. Over 400 responses to the survey were recorded.

At the October 18th TF meeting, N&T also presented 3 concepts of the community center site plan and floor plan options and sent a summary of the architectural design process and the concept materials to the TF on October 31, 2017 (Agenda Item 1: Attachment D). The TF reviewed these revised materials at the November 7th meeting, providing feedback to N&T on the developed floor plans and exterior elements. Recreation & Community Services Director Manny Hernandez also reviewed the floor plans and the three building concepts for functionality of activities and service to the community.

After deliberation, the TF selected the footprint of Concept C. The TF provided feedback to N&T regarding their preferences from the initial design, changes they'd like to see, and additional considerations. A straw vote was also taken regarding the roof forms: 7 voted for the gabled (peak) roofs, and 4 voted for the shed/single pitched roofs.

N&T also reviewed the responses to the Open City Hall community survey. N&T provided feedback on the themes they have observed emerging from the TF and community input that characterize the essence of Los Altos.

DISCUSSION

N&T will present two variations of the selected building design Concept C and a conceptual cost estimate provided by the cost estimator. Both the variations and the cost estimate are conceptual in nature at this early stage of development and discussion.

Staff will also provide input on the two variations of the selected building design Concept C as it relates to activity functionality and provision of services to the community. N&T will bring its cost estimator, Scott Lewis, to discuss costs estimates(conceptual) with the TF.

N&T also reviewed the final results of the Open City Hall Community Center survey. TF member Katherine Cushing will review and comment on the progress of the Youth Survey.

Attachment:

- A. (2) variations of developed floor plan Concept C