

# Community Center Workshop

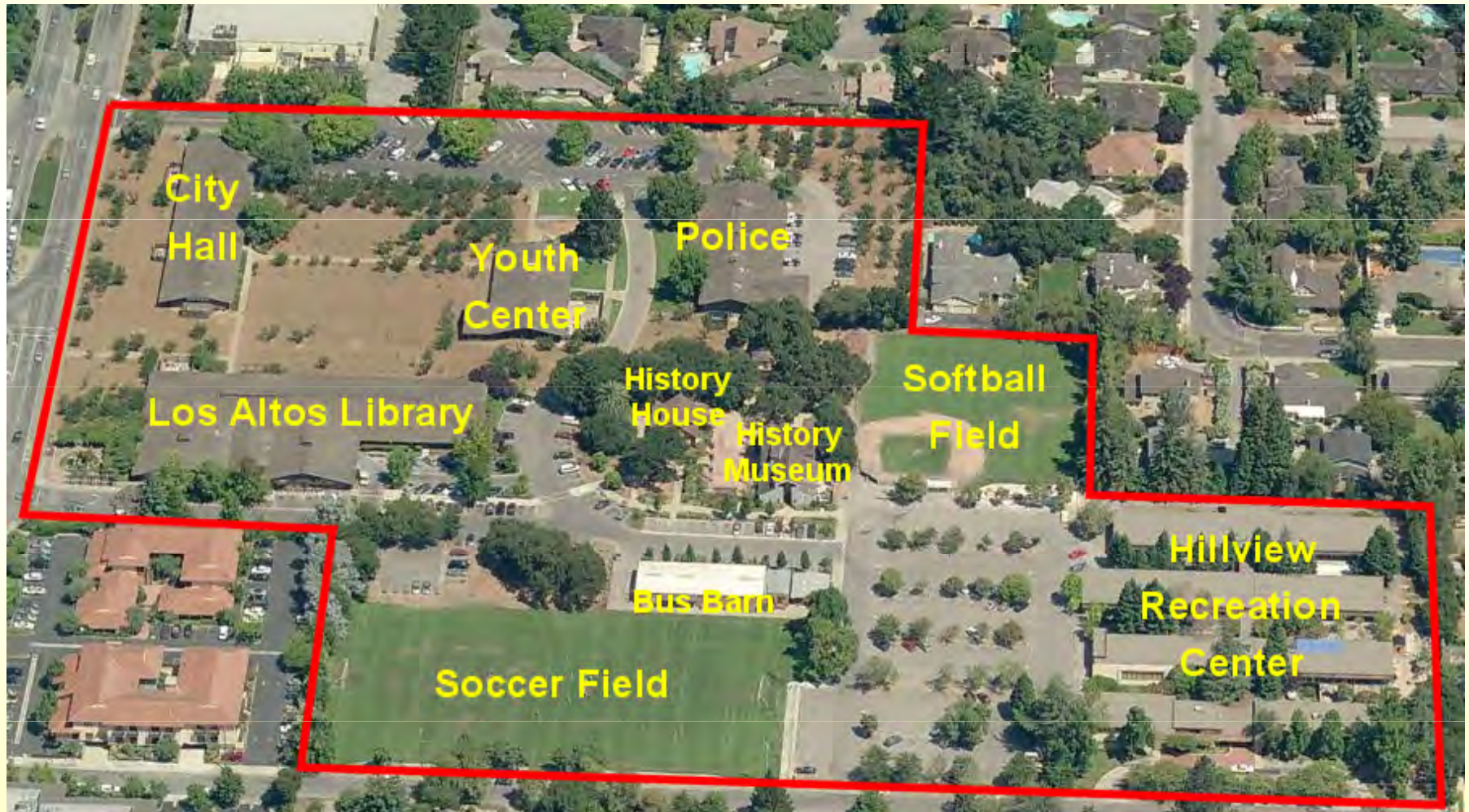


# Introduction

- 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

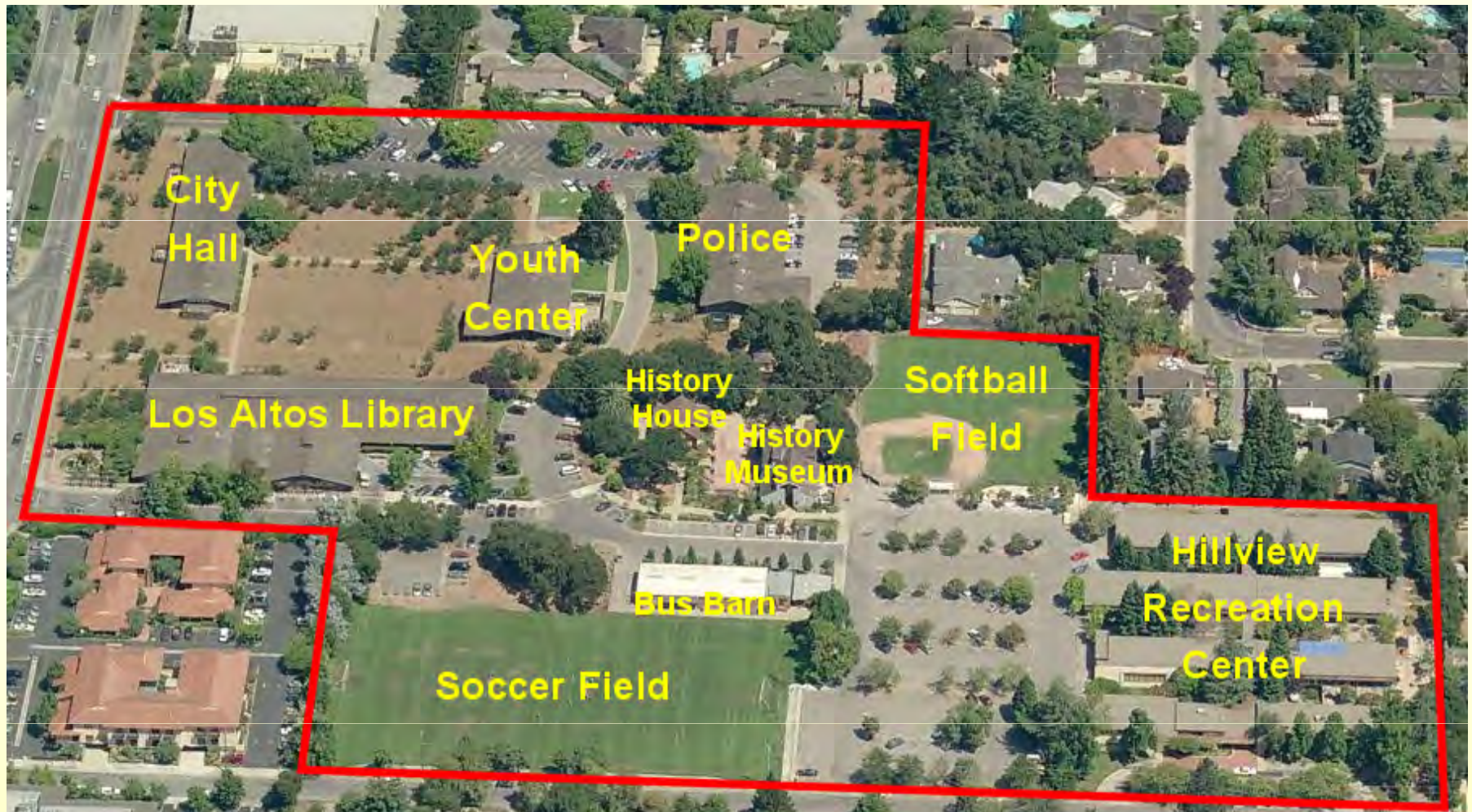
# Community Center History

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

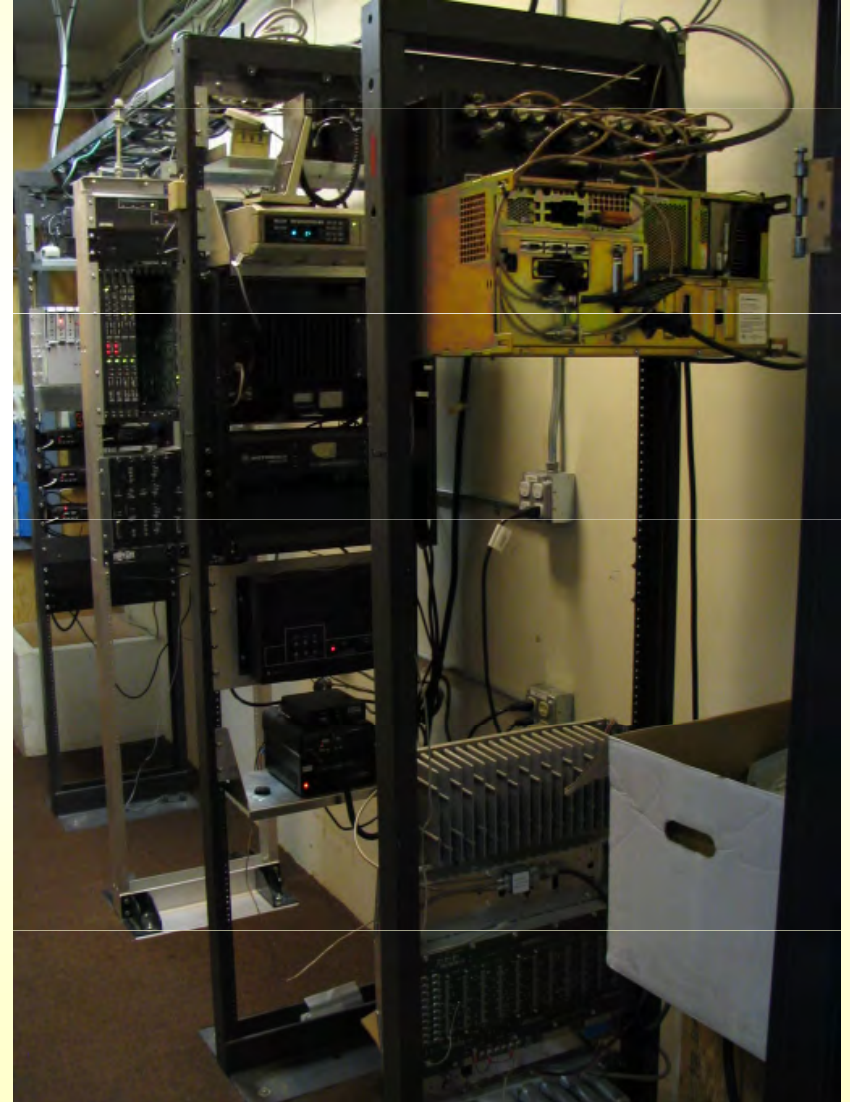


# Lack of Security



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

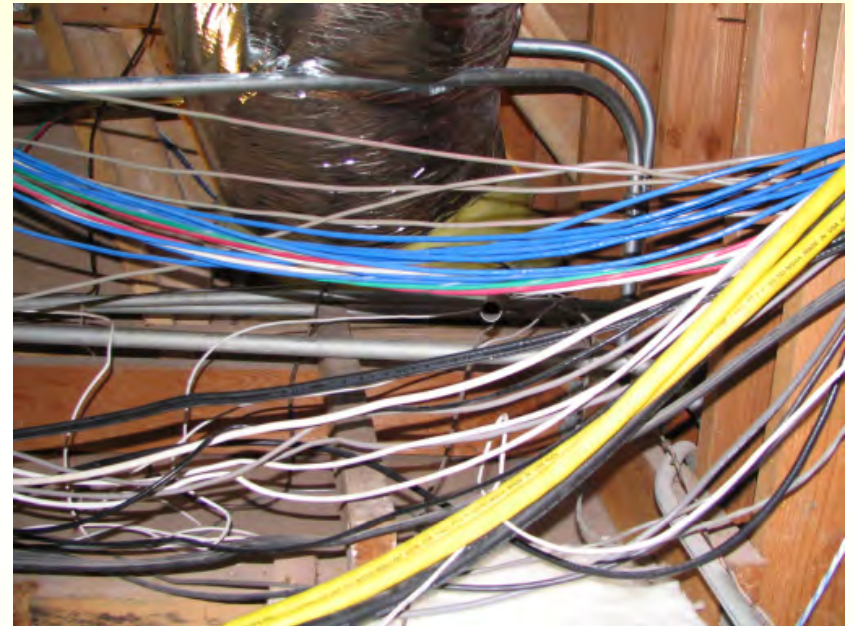
# City Wide Technology Operations



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

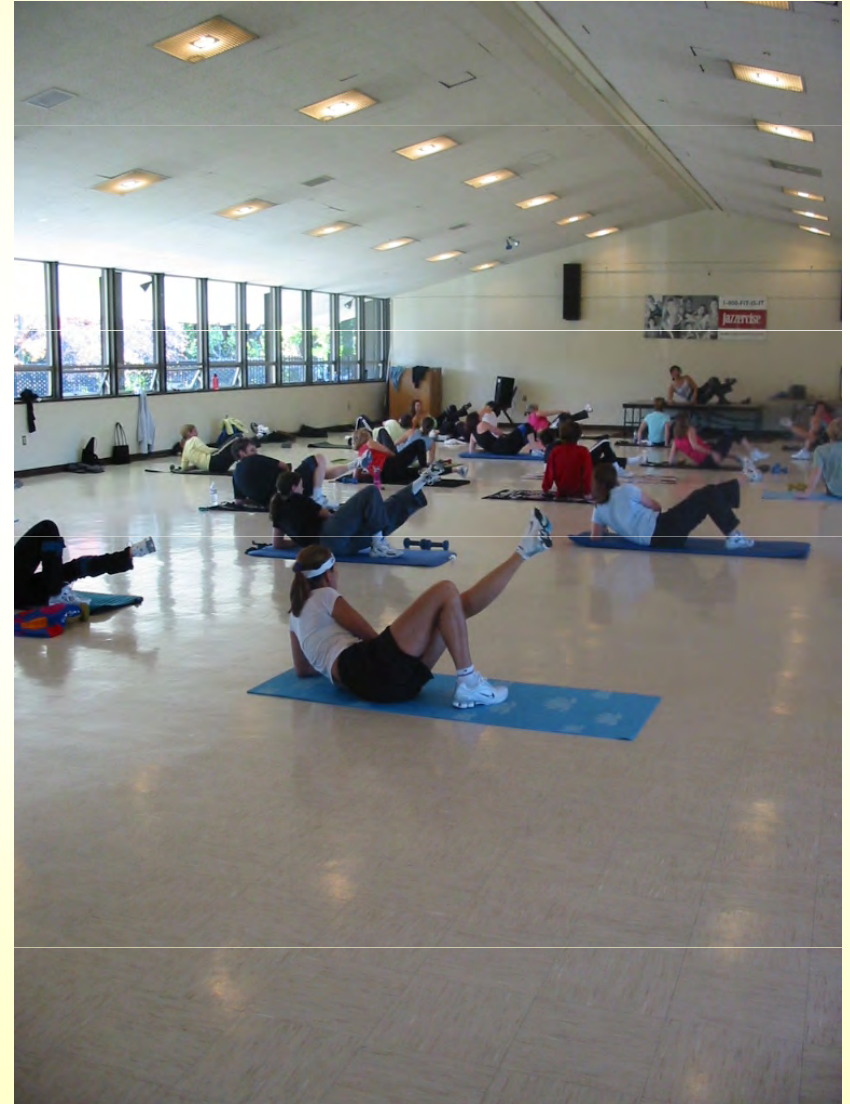


space around the Recreation Center  
is underutilized

# 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