



# City of Los Altos

Civic Center Master Plan  
Stakeholder Engagement Meeting  
Planning Focus

April 23, 2014





# Agenda

- Introductions
- Review Community Needs to Date
- Review Site Opportunities & Challenges
- Community Center – Planning Focus Input
- Summary of Findings
- Public Comment
- Conclusion

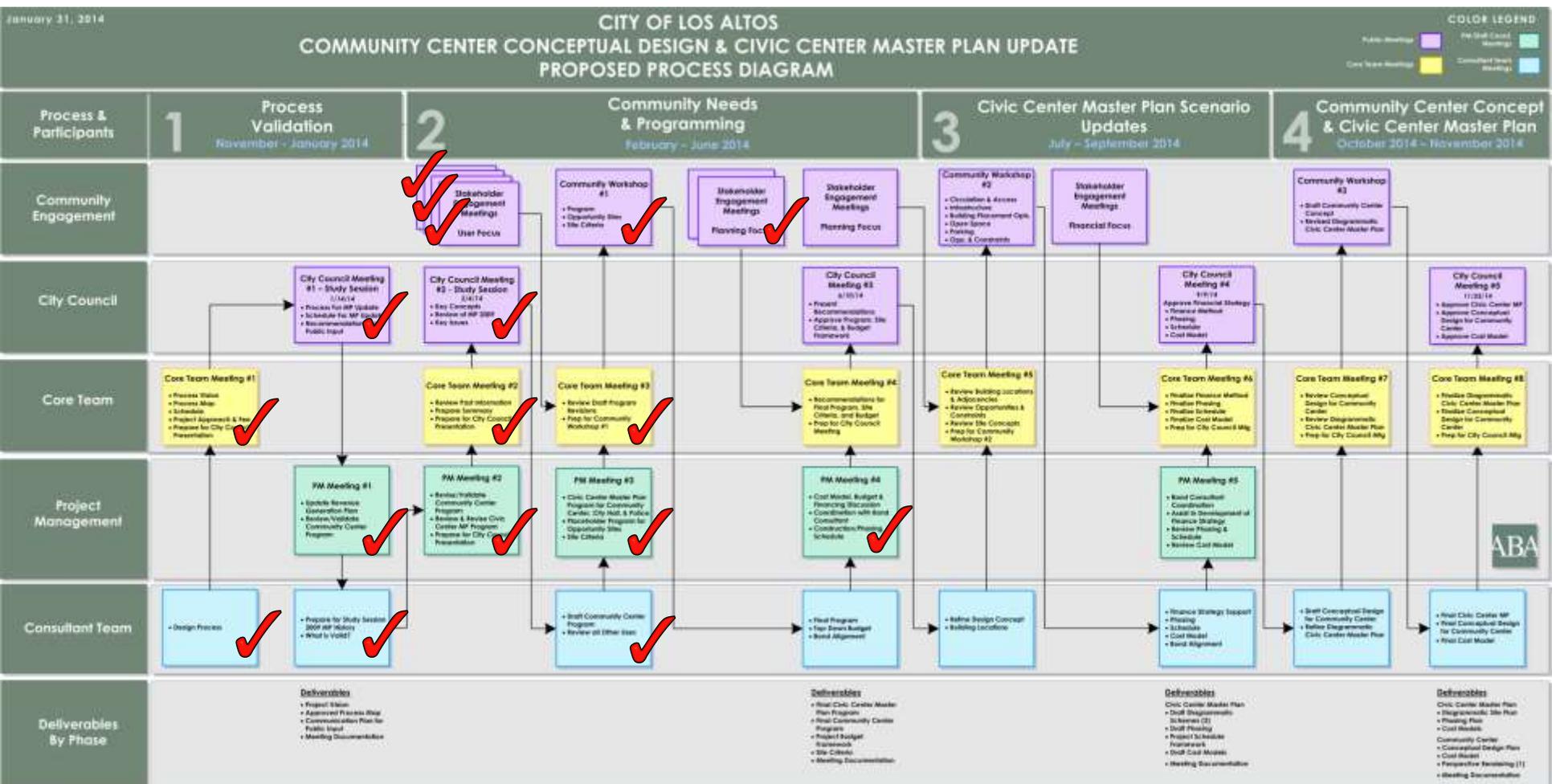


# Introduction of Participants

- Name
- Years in the Community
- Who do you feel you represent?
- What is most important for the Community Center?



# Process Overview





# Community Center Needs Assessment

Service Priorities Checklist

Recommended Draft Service Schedule

Recommended Draft Program





# Recommended Interior Services

## Listed by Priority Rank (1 of 2)

1	Large Group Activities	●	●
2	Social Gathering, Seniors Only	●	●
2	Social Gathering, General	●	●
4	Fitness (w/o Equipment, sprung wood floor)	●	●
5	Special Interest Classes	●	●
6	Camps (Summer, Winter, Spring Break)	●	●
7	Art Room	●	●
8	Staff Offices & Support Space	●	●
9	Table Games	●	●
9	Gathering w/ Kitchen	●	●
11	Fitness (w/ Equipment)		●
12	Music (with Acoustic Design)	●	●
13	Youth Theater Rehearsal	●	●
14	Social Gathering, Teens Only		●
15	Childrens' Services - Non-City Program	●	●
16	Theater Rehearsal (Los Altos Stage Company)	●	
17	<u>Dedicated</u> Outside Organization Spaces	●	
18	Gaming		
19	Social Gathering, Adults Only		
20	Adult Education from High School District	●	○

● = Current Activities

● = Activities Included in Recommended Program

○ = Activities that can be included in Design w/o Additional Program Space

\* = Provided at Current Level



# Recommended Interior Services Listed by Priority Rank (2 of 2)

21	Pop-up Clinic – Senior*	●	●
22	Meeting Space	●	●
23	Billiards / Pool Table - Senior		○
24	Theater		
25	Study Center, Teen Only		
26	Ping Pong, Senior Only	●	●
27	Performance Center		
28	Coffee Service	●	●
28	Maker Space (in Art Space)		●
28	Pool Table/ Ping Pong, Only		○
28	Technology	●	●
28	Basketball		
34	Temporary Storage	●	○

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# Recommended Exterior Services

## Listed by Priority Rank

1	Large Group Activities	●	●
2	Soccer	●	●
3	Baseball	●	●
4	Bocce Ball	●	●
5	Swim / Pool		
6	Adult Fitness	●	●
7	Skate Park		
8	Playground	●	●
9	Other Field Sports	●	●
10	Additional Soccer Field		
10	Basketball - Teen		
10	Softball Field		
13	Public Art	●	○

14	Picnicking (various locations on site)	●	●
14	Volleyball - Teen		
16	Dog Park - Teen		
16	Quiet Garden, Contemplative Space		○
16	Underground Parking		○
19	Hangout (food, sitting) - Adult		
20	Art- Senior	●	○
20	Environmental Exhibit		
20	Sports Court - Teen		

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## Suggested Services

Interior
Café
Flooring - sealed surface - Adult
Interior Art Elements
Kiln, ceramic studio, printing press - Adult
Lockers/ showers
Maker Space - Adult
Sinks- centrally located, not in center - Adult
Theater Costume Shop
School

Exterior
Cricket
Fountain - garden pool area

**Weekday Year Round**

**Morning**

		M	T	W	Th	F
Rascal Room (Sm Prog)	700 sf	Children				
Lg Program Rm	1,500 sf	Large Format Activities				
Strd Program Rm	1,000 sf	Large Format Activities				
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Strd Prog Rm w/Demo K	1,270 sf					
Art Program Rm	1,000 sf					
Art Program Rm	1,000 sf					
Music Program Room	1,000 sf	Large Format Activities		Children		
Fitness Prog Rm	1,000 sf		Dance			
Fitness Prog Rm	1,000 sf	Adult Fitness:				
Lg Fitness Prog Rm	2,500 sf	Step		Step		
Multi Purp Rm	5,000 sf	Jazzercise				
Sm Multi Purp Rm	2,500 sf	Yoga				
Fitness Equip Rm	2,000 sf	Low-Impact Classes			Trng/Workout	
Teen Lounge	630 sf					
Sr Lounge	1,000 sf	Social Gathering				
Game Room	830 sf	Social Gathering				
Card Lounge	730 sf	Puzzles, Card Games and Lessons				
Children's Prog Rm	900 sf	Children		Art		
Children's Prog Rm	900 sf	Mommy/Daddy and Me				

**Midday**

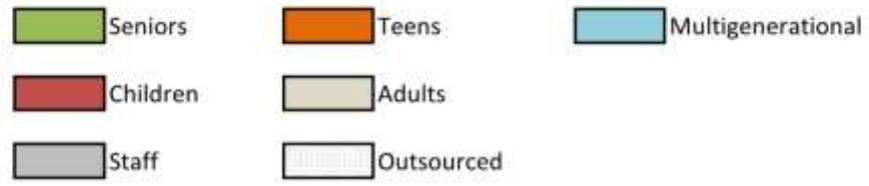
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	Adult Art				
	Dance				
	Bingo	Lunch	Movie		Lunch
	Low-Impact Classes			Trng/Workout	
	Social Gathering				
	Social Gathering				
	Puzzles, Card Games and Lessons				
	Children		Art		
	Mommy/Daddy and Me				

**Late Afternoon/Evening**

	M	T	W	Th	F
	Multigenerational				
	Adult Art				
	Rehearsal				
	Adult Fitness:				
		Dance			
	Yoga	Karate		Karate	
		Dance/Fitness			LAYC
	Adult & Youth Fitness				
	Workout			Workout	
	Social Gathering				
	Social Gathering				
			Art		



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## Program - Recommendation

- Maintain Architectural Program for Community Center with Scheduling Changes at **55,600 sf**



# Program – Recommended Possible Changes

## Increase

- Small Multi Purpose Room 2,500 sf
- Storage Areas 1,000 sf

## Decrease

- Teen Lounge 630 sf
- Senior Card Room 730 sf



# Workshop Input on Program

## Program to Include

- More Meeting Space
- Art Space
- Dedicated space for Friends of Library
- Indoor Pool
- Skate Park / Skate-able Art
- Outdoor path
- Maker's Space (in Art Space)

## Higher Priority

- Swim as Phase 1
- Theater



# Site Opportunities & Challenges





# Community Workshop- Summary of Findings

- Maintain Open Feel
- Preserve/Increase Green Space
- Connect Theater and Community Center
- Connect Pool and Community Center
- Flexible Space
- Connection to Downtown
- Underground Parking
- Improve Pedestrian and Traffic Flow
- Multi-story Buildings
- Shared, Multi-generational Use
- Offsite Possibilities
  - Police
  - Theater
  - Pool



# Community Workshop- Summary of Findings

- Maximize Land Use
  - Increase Efficiency
  - Similar Activities Together
  - Roundabout at San Antonio
  - Protect trees
  - Preserve Working Orchard / Maybe Moved
  - Purchase Corner Property
  - Community Facilities
- closer to Downtown
  - Incorporate food/drink
  - Education/Community Center
  - Pathways, plazas, and quiet gathering areas



# Site Criteria





# Top Prioritized Site Criteria from Workshop

1	Connectivity to Downtown
2	Establishment of Multi-Generational Facilities
3	Sustainably Designed and Efficient Facilities
4	Safe Vehicle and Pedestrian Access
5	Cost
6	Maximized Shared Use of Program Elements
6	Enlarged and Enhanced Open Space
8	Protection of Significant Trees
9	Contextual Aesthetic that Maintains a Village Feel
10	Neighborhood Residential Concerns
11	Neighborhood Commercial Concerns



## Other Site Criteria from Workshop

- Promotion of Los Altos History
- Minimizing Exiting to / from Hillview
- Phasing Strategy Impacts
- 2 to 3 Story Buildings
- Connectivity between all facilities
- Attractive Gathering Space - The Destination
- Underground Parking
- Move Police From Civic Center
- Café / Food on Site
- Need Small, Working Orchard
- Fun(People, Friendly, Inviting)
- Traffic Circulation
- Place High Pedestrian Volume Near San Antonio and Low Person Volume Near Residential Areas
- Preserve Open Space and Orchard
- Move Police to Municipal Service Center
- Move Police Closer To San Antonio



# Top Prioritized Site Criteria - Commission

- 1 Establishment of Multi-Generational Facilities
- 2 Safe Vehicle, Pedestrian, & *Bicycle* Access
- 3 Sustainably Designed and Efficient Facilities, *Environmental & Functional, Net Zero possibilities, Include multi-story building*
- 4 Protection of Significant Trees & *Orchard (location TBD)*
- 5 Maximized Shared Use of Program Elements
- 6 Connectivity to Downtown, *Ease of Access*
- 7 Neighborhood Residential Concerns, *Traffic Access*
- 8 Enlarged & Enhanced Open Space, *Sufficient*
- 9 Contextual Aesthetic that Maintains a Village Feel, *Fit Los Altos*
- 10 Cost



# Top Prioritized Site Criteria - Commission

11	<i>Adjacencies/Synergies btwn facilities (CC-Museum-Library-Theatre)</i>
12	<i>Neighborhood Commercial Concerns, Traffic Access</i>
13	<i>Parking</i>
14	<i>Underground Parking</i>
15	<i>Garden space plaza adjacent to meeting Space</i>
16	<i>Through access for Pedestrians/Bicycles - permeable design, through Neighborhood to Downtown</i>
17	<i>Support after sunset outdoor activity</i>



# Community Center – Planning Focus

Existing Site Analysis

Assumptions & Council Direction

Site Studies

Small Group Exercise



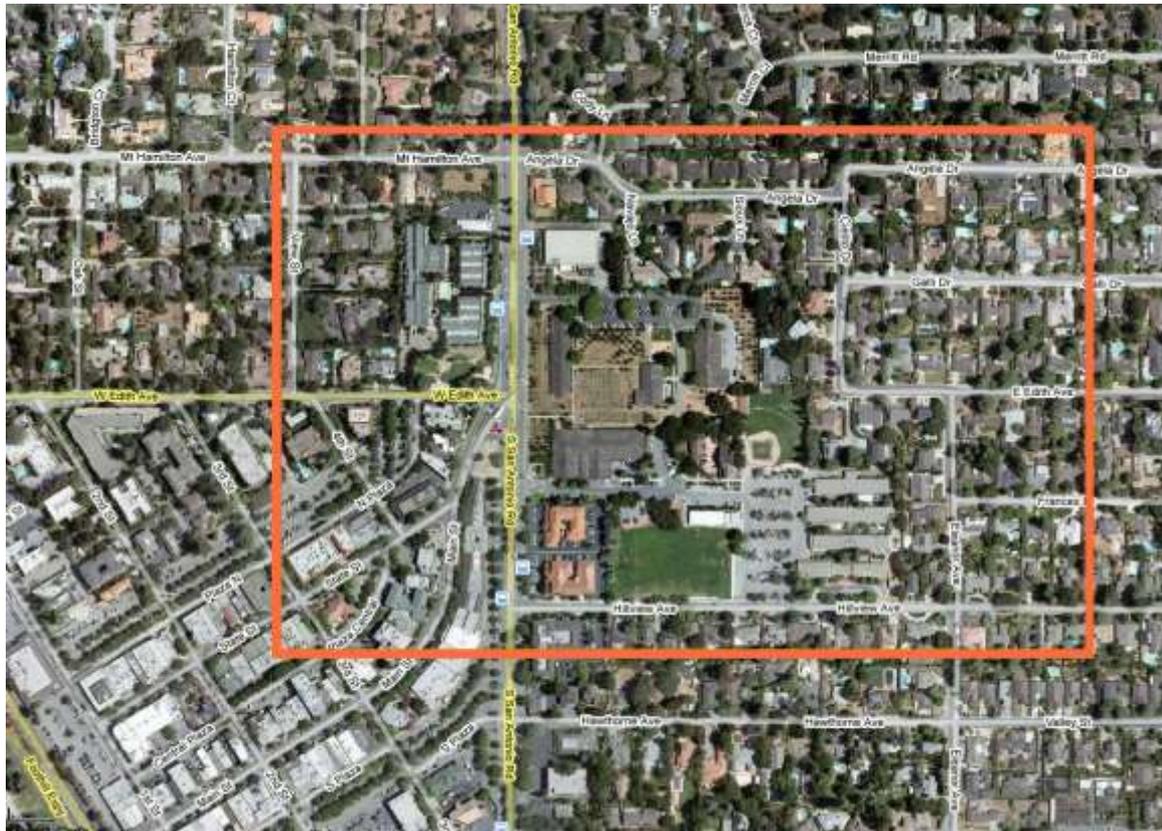


# Existing Site Analysis





# Los Altos Civic Center Site



SERVICE + ENVIRONMENT = EXPERIENCE





# Site Analysis – Overall Site Aerial

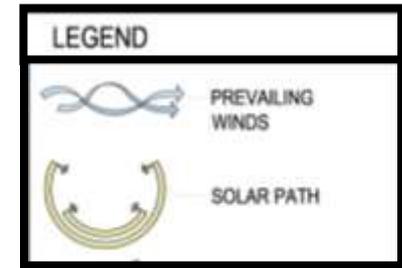


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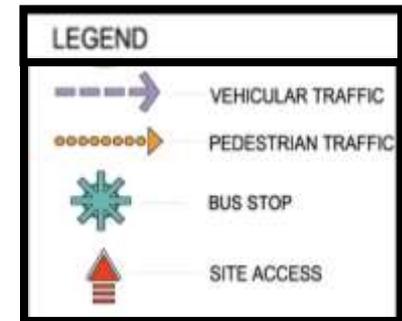


# Site Analysis – Sun and Wind



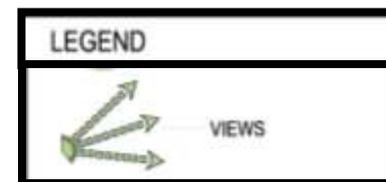


# Site Analysis – Access and Circulation



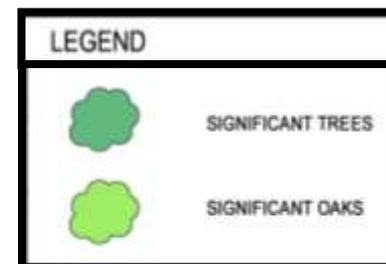


# Site Analysis – Views





# Site Analysis – Significant Trees





# Site Analysis – Existing Parking Spots



LEGEND	
	PARKING AREA
	PARKING COUNT

343 EXISTING  
PARKING SPACES





# Site Analysis – Neighboring Land Use



**LEGEND**

R-2 ZONING DISTRICT

### Zoning Designations

- R1-S Single-Story Overlay
- R1-10 Single-Family
- R3-1 Multiple-Family
- OA Office-Administrative
- OAD/R3-1 Office/Multiple-Family
- CRS Commercial Retail Sales
- CRS/OAD Commercial Retail Sales/Office
- PCF Public and Community Facilities
- PUD Planned Unit Development





# Existing Site Analysis - Summary





# Assumptions





## Assumptions and Council Direction

- Focus on building a Community Center as first priority
- Multi-generation facility supporting current and future needs of the community
- Budget that aligns to community support for financing
- Located on southeast quadrant of the Civic Center property
- Opportunities Sites will be included in the Civic Center Master Plan



# Site Studies





# Council Meeting Sept 2013 - Option 1



## Opportunities

- Good Orientation
- Security
- Closer to Other Civic Center Facilities
- Regulation Sized Soccer Field
- Continuous Community Center Services
- Increase Parking Near Library

## Constraints

- Temporary Loss of Soccer Field



# Council Meeting Sept 2013 - Option 2



## Opportunities

- Good Orientation
- Security
- Distributed Outdoor Space
- Phasing
- Visible Entry
- Stronger Relation to Hillview

## Constraints

- Isolated from Other Buildings



# Council Meeting Sept 2013 - Option 3



## Opportunities

- Parking Placement As-is
- Central Service Desk
- Solar Orientation
- Indoor Outdoor Relationships
- Intimate Outdoor Areas

## Constraints

- Separate from Other Civic Services
- Pedestrian Circulation
- Closer to Neighbors
- Separate Wings / Division
- Harder to Secure





# Council Meeting Sept 2013 - Option 4



## Opportunities

- Better Noise Control
- Clear Entry
- Easy Access from Parking

## Constraints

- Solar Orientation
- Farther from Hillview
- Farther from Other Buildings



# Council Meeting Sept 2013 - Option 5



## Opportunities

- Greens Space Adjacent to Field
- Parking as Buffer to Neighbors
- Closer to Other Buildings
- Phasing

## Constraints

- Lack of Parking During Construction
- Solar Orientation
- Weak Hillview Entry Statement



# Civic Center 2009 – Option 1



## Opportunities

- Civic Presence
- Vehicle & Pedestrian Access
- Open Space
- Promotes History
- Shared Use
- Good Commercial Neighbor

## Constraints

- Residential Neighbor Concerns



# Civic Center 2009 – Option 2



## Opportunities

- Good Village Aesthetic
- Protect Trees
- Good Residential and Commercial Neighbor
- Lower Cost

## Constraints

- Less Open Space
- Less Facilities
- Phasing less ideal



# Civic Center 2009 – Option 3



## Opportunities

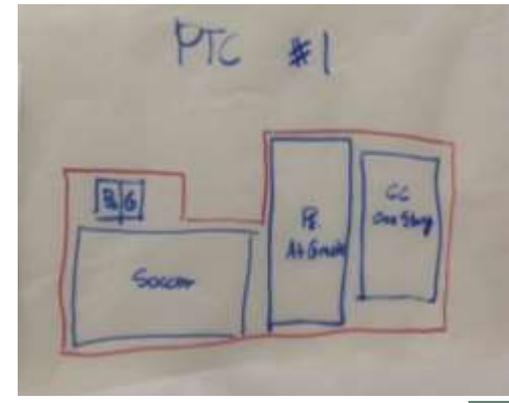
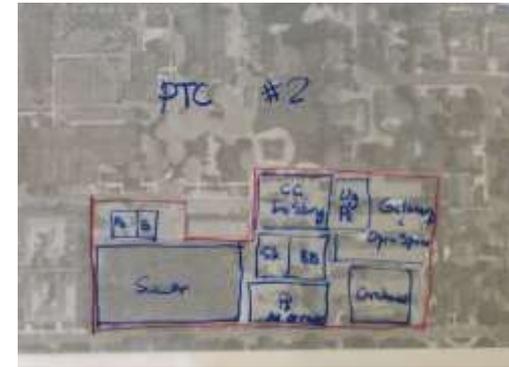
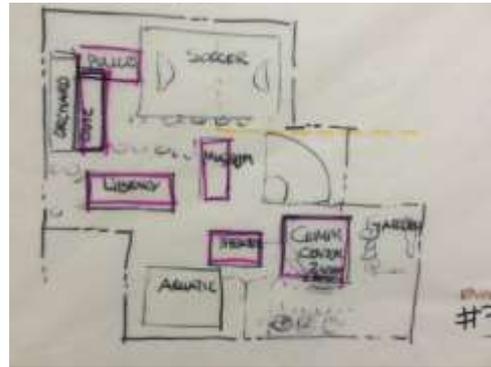
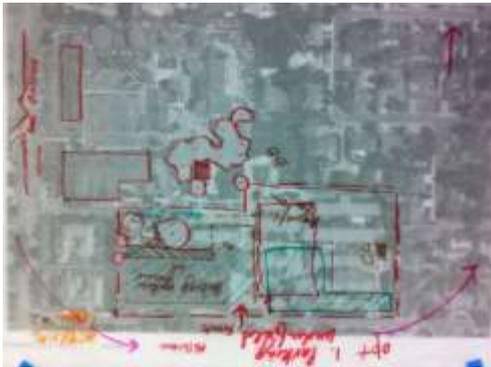
- Excellent Main Street Connection
- Promotes History
- Shared Use
- Multi Gen Facilities
- Good Commercial Neighbor
- Good Phasing

## Constraints

- Some Residential Neighbor Concerns



# Commission Sketch





# Bicycle and Pedestrian Option 1



## Key Points

- Orientation of building for sun light
- Community Center closer to downtown
- 1 & 2 story Community Center
- Soccer Closer to Residents
- Loss of some trees



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Option 2



### Key Points

- Moved Community Center closer to residential side
- More gathering space
- Community Center further from downtown-negative for connectivity
- Orientation not as good for sustainability
- Some underground parking



# Environmental Option 1



## Key Points

- 2 Story Community Center
- Orchard by History House
- 2 Story Library
- Move the Theater
- Included Pool
- Soccer with Buffer to neighbors



## Environmental Option 2



### Key Points

- Soccer not in SE Quadrant
- City Hall removed from site
- Community Center in SE Quadrant
- Parking under soccer field



# Environmental Option 3



## Key Points

- 2 story Community Center
- Moved orchard towards front
- Pool also included
- Not Enough Parking



# Historical Option 1



## Key Points

- 1 Story Community Center
- No clear entry
- Keeps orchard as is
- Parking under soccer



## Historical Optional 2



### Key Points

- Two possible entries
- Parking under soccer
- Community Center can either be one or two stories
- Orchard is main civic entry
- All playing fields kept to one end of site



# Library Option 1



## Key Points

- Orientation to take advantage of the sun
- Theater is closer to help adjacencies
- Setback from Hillview to allow access
- Parking underneath buildings



# Planning and Transportation 1



## Key Points

- Residential surrounding is main concern
- Use of 1 Story Community Center for Residential Area
- Area with trees, gathering, and playground



## Planning and Transportation 2



### Key Points

- Parking on Hillview
- Green space between neighbors and buildings
- Location is still far from downtown



## Small Group Exercise

- Review Site Studies with Site Criteria
- Present the opportunities, challenges and impacts for the Site Studies
- Large Group Presentation



# Summary of Findings





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# Public Comment





## Conclusion

- Next Steps
  - City Council Meeting, June 10<sup>th</sup>
  
- Feedback

