

## Westminster Municipal Courthouse Project

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### EVENT SUMMARY

## Project Open House #2

October 24, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

On October 24, 2024, the City of Westminster hosted the second Open House for the Westminster Municipal Courthouse Project at the Swim & Fitness Center. Representatives from the City of Westminster and the project's design team were on hand to provide updates and answer questions. Key areas of focus included:

- **Building Material Feedback:** Attendees explored a wide variety of exterior materials and masonry samples, offering their preferences and feedback.
- **Elevation & Perspective Renderings:** New 3D renderings showcased design progress, offering visual perspectives from multiple angles.
- **Playground Design Updates:** The project team shared updated playground designs, highlighting new equipment and color selections.
- **Family-Friendly Activities:** Halloween and Día de los Muertos-themed art activities provided fun and creativity for families, adding a lively atmosphere to the event.

To broaden participation, an online survey was released after the event to collect additional community feedback on building material preferences.



The project design team presented building material samples and updated project images to the public, illustrating conceptual elevation and perspective renderings of the new campus.

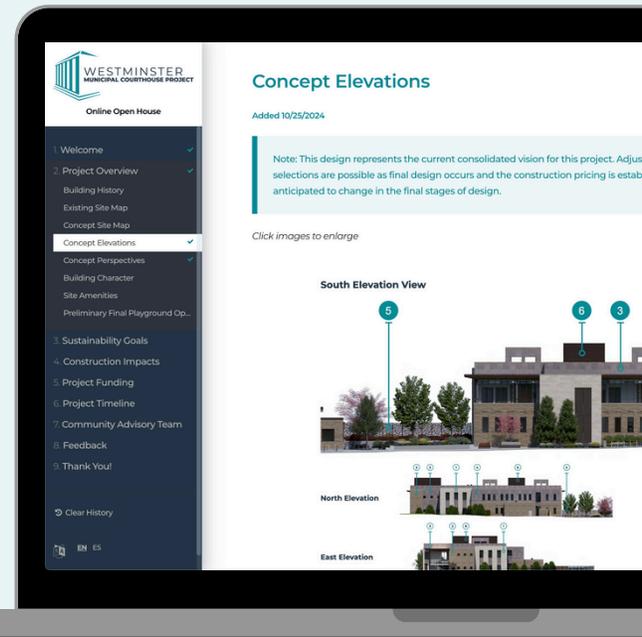
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*Following the project open house event, members of the design team shared feedback summarized from conversations with some attendees. Comments have been consolidated to generally represent consistent sentiments.*

### GENERAL COMMENTS

- Participants expressed broad excitement and support for the project and the future municipal campus.

### SAFETY & LANDSCAPING

- Some concerns were expressed about vegetation being used as a visual screen between the courthouse and the public, particularly in the context of patrons exiting the courthouse in an elevated emotional state. Suggestions included using thoughtful landscaping design and maintenance, such as pruning lower branches, to maintain safety and visibility.

### HISTORICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Discussion around preserving historical elements from the current facility, including reaching out to the Historical Society to salvage any items of significance.
- One community member inquired about whether the beloved dragon sculpture from the park would be retained.

### PLAYGROUND

- Interest in clear communication around the timeline for playground demolition and reconstruction.
- Questions regarding alternative playground options—especially important for families with children who visit the adjacent pickleball courts.

### CONNECTIVITY

- Desire for a new trail along Turnpike Drive to improve pedestrian access and connectivity.

### ADA COMPLIANCE & ACCESSIBILITY

- Positive feedback about the planned ADA-compliant features in the new facility, especially in contrast to the limitations of the existing building.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community members expressed appreciation for the open house and the opportunity to stay involved in the design process.

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