

Community Advisory Team - Meeting #3

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
6:30-8 p.m.

Meeting Summary

The meeting began with group members sharing points from the last meeting's discussion topics — site amenities, and accessibility, equity, and safety.

SITE AMENITIES

- Lighting
- Improving pedestrian access
- Relaxing outside area
- Finding the right architectural style that matches the area
- Incorporating trees and natural elements, but not too modern
- Landscaping
- Xeriscaping

Comments have been consolidated when consistent across groups.

ACCESSIBILITY, EQUITY, AND SAFETY

- Concern with building access.
- Lighting, concerns about instances of crime in the area; how we can help mitigate it.
- Public safety and being sensitive to neighbors
- What will happen with the Community Reach Center
- Creating a welcoming place
- Narrow sidewalks in the area
- Feeling of perceived safety
- Pride in building construction
- Traffic calming



Small Group Breakout Discussions

After finishing a recap of the last meeting, CAT members broke out into three small groups to discuss site amenities in greater detail and review playground design options. Upon returning to the larger group, a team speaker shared the group's discussion points with the large group.

SITE AMENITIES

- ADA accessibility
- Having quality construction
- Opportunities for art, sculptures, and murals
- Focusing on what makes sense for the space
- Including spaces for passive uses and small gathering places
- Shade is important. Ideally there will be trees, but also shade structures.
- Native plants, more natural elements. Durable features like stone benches.
- Picnic tables, benches, relaxing place for staff to have lunch
- Heated sidewalks to make it safer during the winter for pedestrian and wheelchair use
- Plantings, maintained planters
- Minimize opportunities for graffiti and skateboarding

PLAYGROUND SCHEMATICS

- All three groups preferred elements of 1st and 3rd design options
- Like shade and multi-levels
- ADA accessibility is important
- Interactive learning opportunities around civics
- Add swings
- Climbing and slides are important
- Potentially add exercise elements
- Include lights, musical elements
- Incorporate picnic tables
- Themed equipment is limiting if you're stuck with certain pieces to fit a theme. This can be cheesy/tacky.



The meeting closed with a discussion about next steps and a viewing of the concept site plan that incorporated previous feedback from the group.

About the project

The current municipal court is more than 60 years old. Originally constructed as two smaller buildings, which served as City Hall and the police station, the two buildings were merged to form the existing facility over multiple renovations and additions.