

City of Lafayette Request for Proposal

949 Moraga Rd. as a Downtown Community Center

Submitted by: Lafayette Community Foundation and the Lafayette Senior Services Commission

Submitted on December 31, 2013

Proposal to the City of Lafayette for Use of Building

Organization: Lafayette Community Foundation/Lafayette Senior Commission

Project Name: Downtown Community Center for multi-generational uses

Requested by: Lafayette Community Foundation/Lafayette Senior Commission

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Which Building do you want to use?

We have based our application on 949 Moraga Road. This would be an ideal building for our use. If it is determined by the City Task Force that we should consider the Old Library site we could adjust our findings to suit that site.

Mission Statement of your organization

Determine feasibility of developing a Downtown Community Center in Lafayette for multi-generational use. Make recommendations to the Lafayette Community Foundation including site selection, proposed uses, and means of fund raising to cover costs of acquisition, remodeling, ongoing operations, and maintenance costs.

Completed Application

How will your organization use the building?

Lafayette Community Foundation and the Senior Services Commission are interested in developing a downtown center for multi-generational services and programming.

The only community center in Lafayette is located in the Burton Valley area, on St. Mary's Road. Lafayette residents receive a lot of value out of the services and programs provided at that location. However, those resources are not accessible to a majority of Lafayette residents because of getting to the location requires a significant drive. Unmet demand for services exists in downtown Lafayette – for seniors who cannot drive or would prefer to not drive, families for whom the drive is too inconvenient, and middle school children who need a place to go after school. We are striving to extend and expand the services already delivered at the Community Center to downtown.

Based on our investigations, successful programming at the downtown site would include programming for special needs children, after school tutoring and classes, senior counseling, senior social activities, and evening classes/events.

Programs would generate income and pay for themselves. The build-out plan includes space that could be leased to compatible organizations, such as the Lamorinda Village. The development of the property could be and would be supported with community fundraising.

Other Details:

<i>Proposed days and hours of operation.</i>	<i>10am to 7pm or as needed</i>
<i>Minimum and maximum number of staff members in the building during operating hours</i>	<i>Contracted but depends on programming Senior staff as needed</i>
<i>Minimum and maximum number of patrons in the building at peak operating hour.</i>	<i>Depending on buildings occupancy and use guided by Fire Dept and other requirments</i>
<i>Number of parking spaces required.</i>	<i>Following City Parking regulations and requirements</i>
<i>Does your use require that permanent changes be made to the building? If so, describe.</i>	<i>Yes, see attached plan</i>
<i>For how many months / years would you expect to use the facility? If perpetual, write "perpetual."</i>	<i>Perpetual, willing to work with City on future needs</i>
<i>Will any chemicals be used for your operation, including cleaning materials? If so, describe.</i>	<i>Standard cleaning material. Will conform to all regulations</i>
<i>Expected maximum noise level:</i>	<i>Very low impact from noise to surrounding area</i>

How will the Community benefit from your organization's use of the space?

The entire purpose of our project is to provide a benefit to our community. The space's best and highest use is to provide services to the people who cannot be served conveniently or adequately by the existing Community Center.

The community itself will direct what programs and services are located there. Specifically, based on our initial research, we expect the following uses: programming for special needs children, after school tutoring and classes, senior counseling, senior social activities, and evening classes and events. However, the possible programming is not limited to these options – the programming would be responsive to the unmet needs existing in the community. Those needs and the resulting programming will change over time.

Proposed Budget for Downtown Community Center*

***Will be replaced with corrected budget on 1/17/2014**

PROPOSED SENIOR SERVICES BUDGET VS. 2012-13
 COMPARISON PROPOSED 641 MORAGE VS CURRENT
 EXPENDITURE DETAIL PROGRAM

41242

	Department Senior Services	
	Fund 11	Program 141
	Final	Proposed
	2012-2013	
	Expenditures	
PERSONNEL SERVICES		
702 Regular Personnel	\$47,556	\$75,000
705 Temporary Personnel	22,724	30,000
708 Overtime	0	0
711 Social Security	5,376	10,000
714 Worker's Compensation	729	1500
721 Fringe Benefits	26,197	38,000
Subtotal PERSONNEL	\$102,583	\$154,500

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

741 Office Supplies	\$500	\$500
743 Postage	2,110	2,110
745 Printing & Binding	7,634	7,634
748 Special Departmental Supplies	900	900
761 Maintenance of Equipment	835	835
771 Maintenance of Buildings	0	12000
801 Utilities-Water	0	5500
805 Utilities-Sewer	0	0
811 Utilities-Gas & Electric * solar offset	0	9600
821 Utilities-Telephones / Internet	660	1000
825 Utilities-Garbage Disposal	0	1200
831 Utilities-Street Lighting	0	0
835 Utilities-Traffic Signals	0	0
841 Rental Expense	1,800	0
853 Community Promotion	200	200
861 Contractual Services (Janitorial, Landscape, Security)	6,400	6,400
861.5 Reimbursable Emergency Response	0	0
885 Insurance and Surety Bonds (Additional)	0	2400
891 Claims Payments	0	0
866 Contractual-Recreation	0	0
892 Debt Service	0	0
Subtotal OP'S AND MAINTENANCE	\$21,039	\$50,279

CAPITAL OUTLAY

902 Land	0	0
906 Improvements	0	1,110,000
9XX Solar - for LEEDS certification	*	
907 Equipment (Technology and Furnishings)	0	15000
908 Depreciation-Capital Equipment	0	0
Subtotal CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	1,125,000

BASE PROGRAM COST	\$123,622	\$204,779
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$123,622	\$1,329,779
Revenue	2012-2013	2015
453 Senior Services (Additional Program Revenue)	6,000	35000
Addition to 2013-4 budget	16000	16000
Rent (LV)		12000
Rent Rooms		5000
Programs and Senior Trips		20000
		88000
Contractual Recreation	340,000	
Contractual Services	36400	

* \$35,000 comes from potential shown by Pleasant Hill charges AND getting our portion of Recreation Budget!

Information from 2009 Senior Needs Assessment Survey

Top Priorities: 2009 Senior Needs Survey

- Downtown Community Center Complex serves multiple key needs:
 - Assisting older adults with services to stay in their homes as they age
 - Improving the walkability of Lafayette
 - Increasing awareness of the services, activities, and programs available
 - Building a new senior center

Downtown Community Center Meets Multiple Top Priorities

Building a new senior center serves multiple key needs:

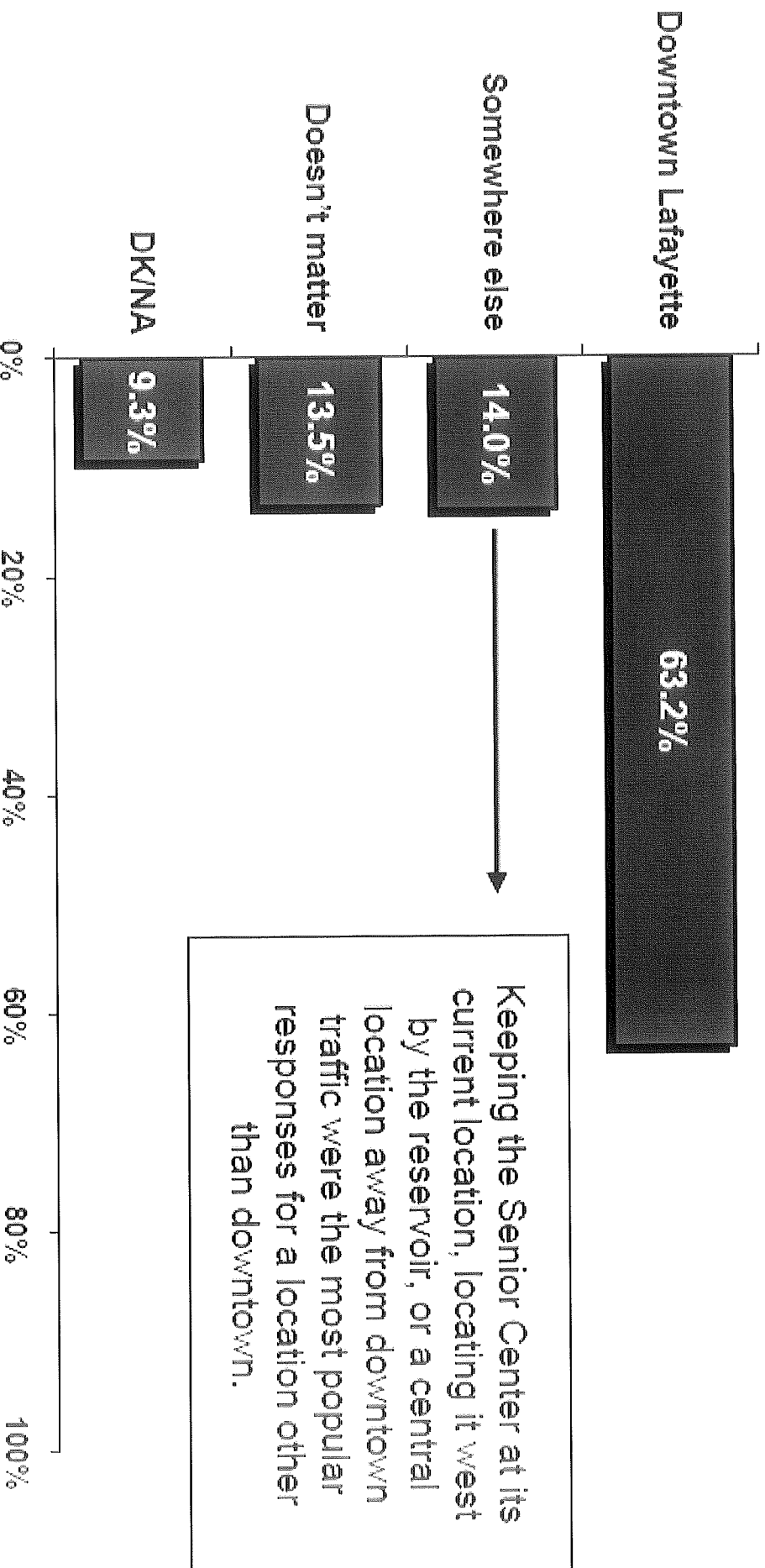
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NEW SENIOR CENTER PREFERENCES

Location

If the City were to build a new Senior Center, 63 percent of residents 55 years and older would prefer it be located in downtown Lafayette.

Figure 16 Preferred Senior Center Location



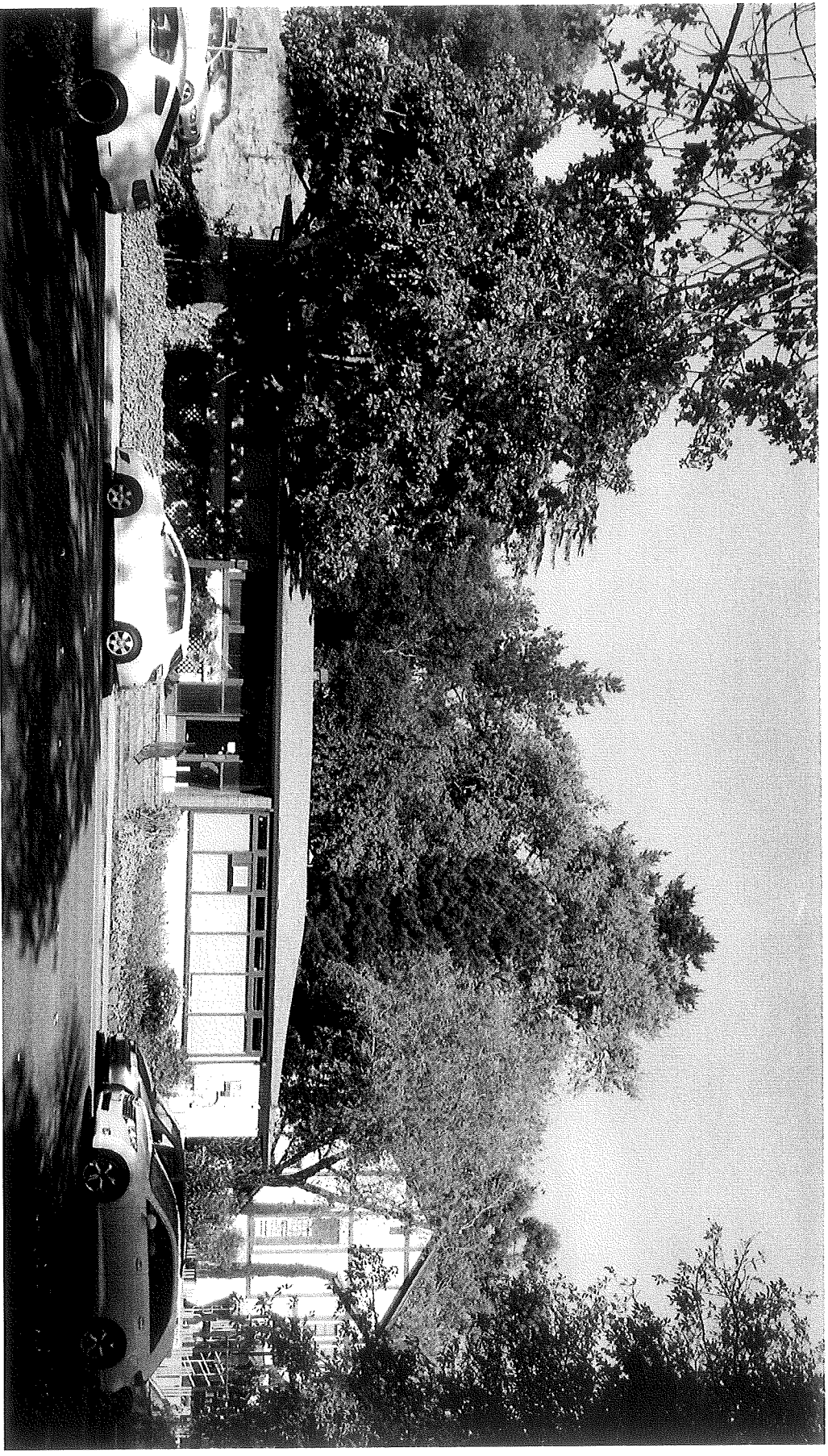
The Graying of Lafayette

AGE	1970	2000	2010
Under 5 years	1,249	1,308	1,179
	6.10%	5.50%	4.90%
5 to 17 years	6,345	4,878	4,777
	31.00%	20.40%	20.00%
18 to 64 years	11,587	14,275	13,965
	56.60%	59.70%	58.40%
65 years and over	1,303	3,447	3,972
	6.40%	14.40%	16.60%
Median age	32.1	42.3	45.2

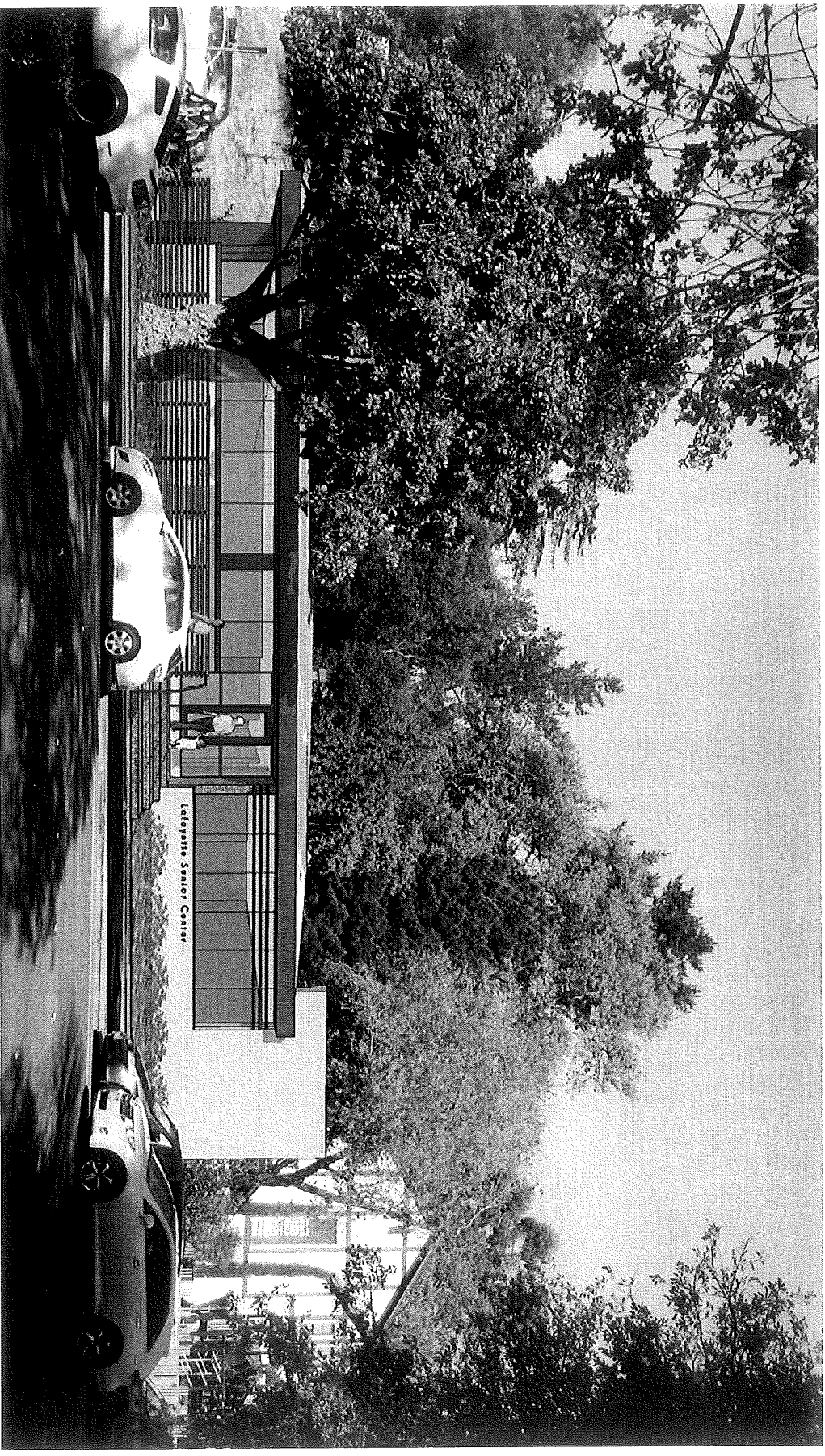
2010 Census

Building information and recommendations

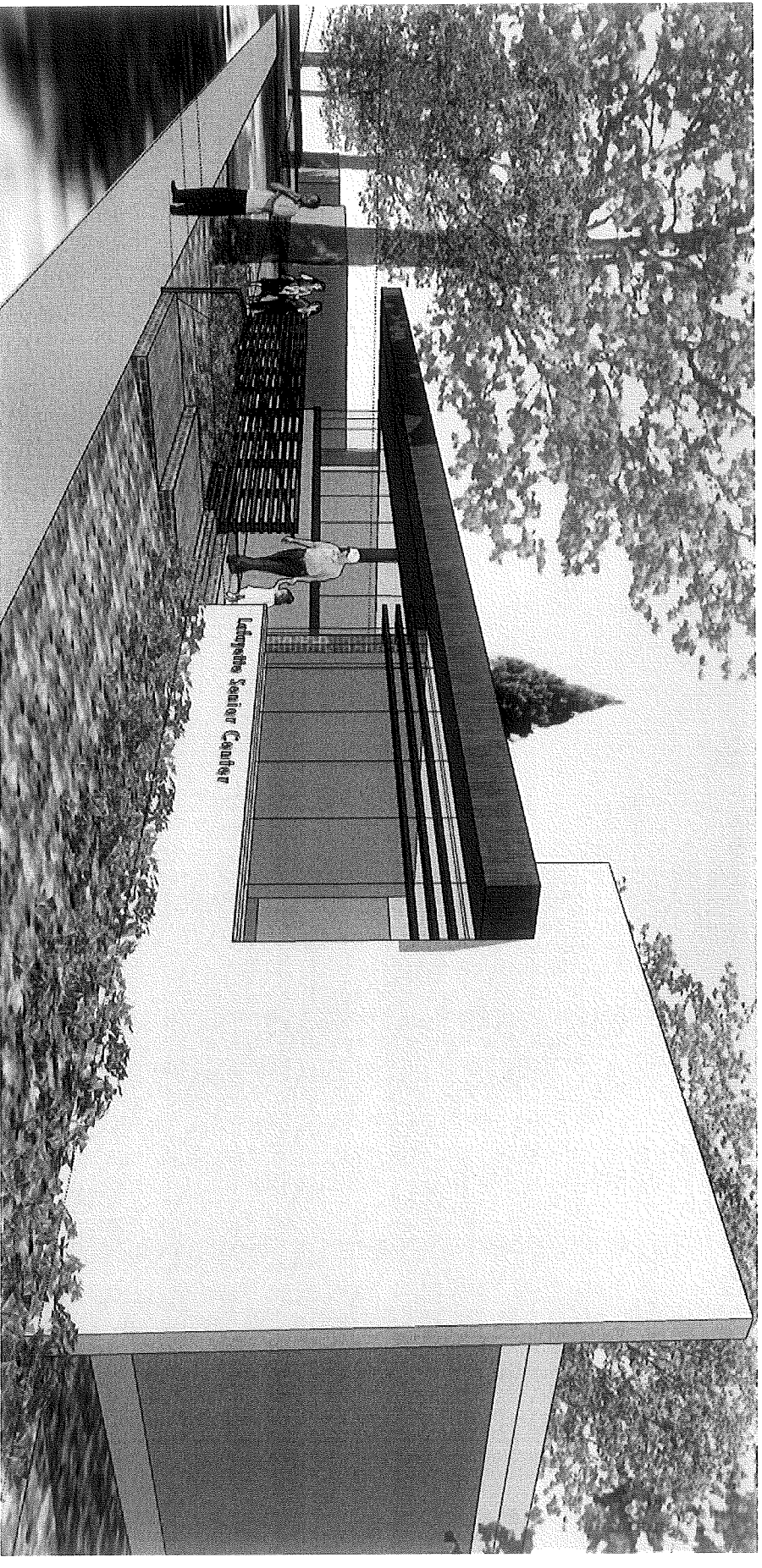
941/949 Moraga Rd - Before



Lafayette Community Center



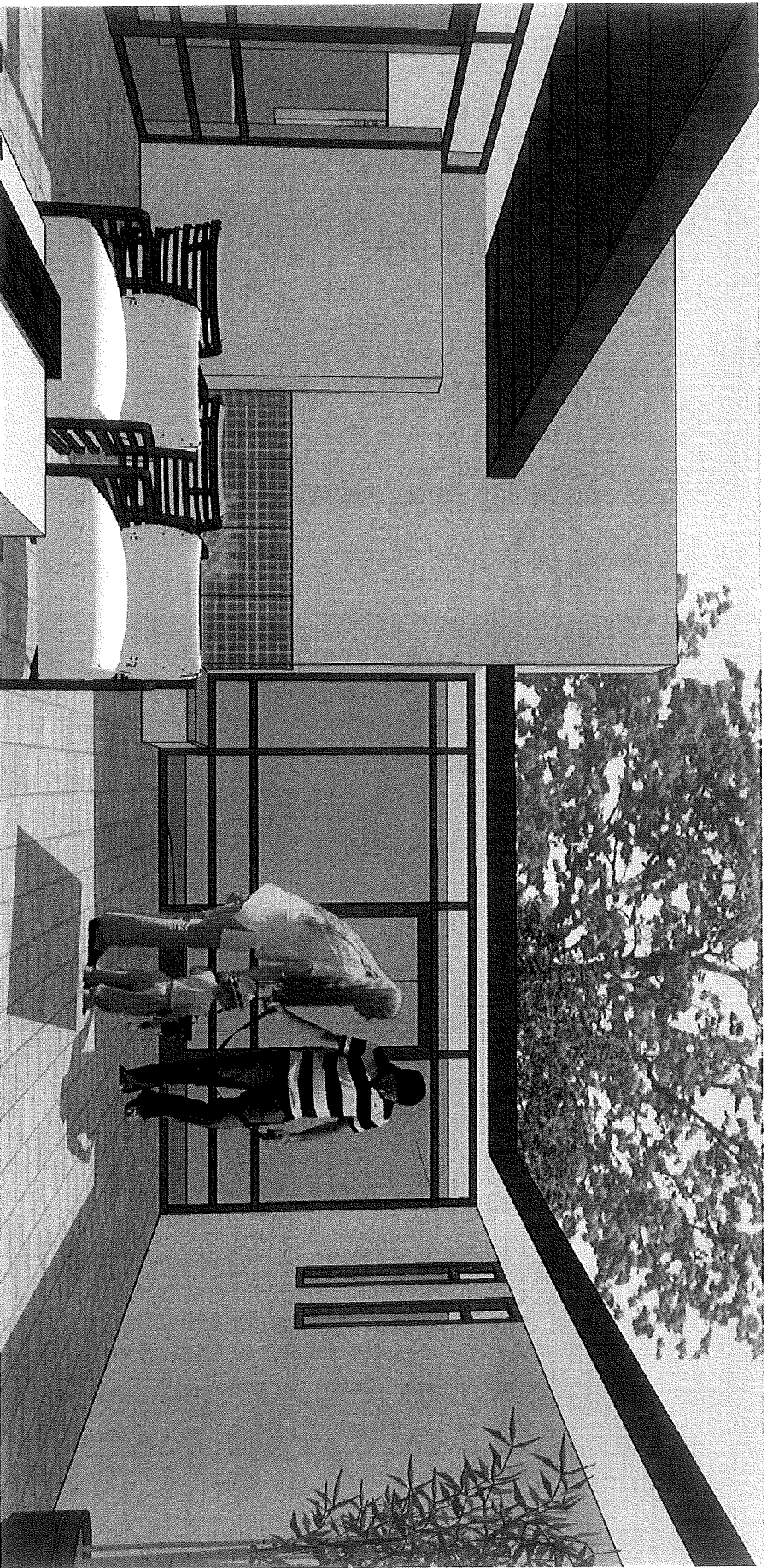
Lafayette Community Center



Community Center Courtyard



Courtyard

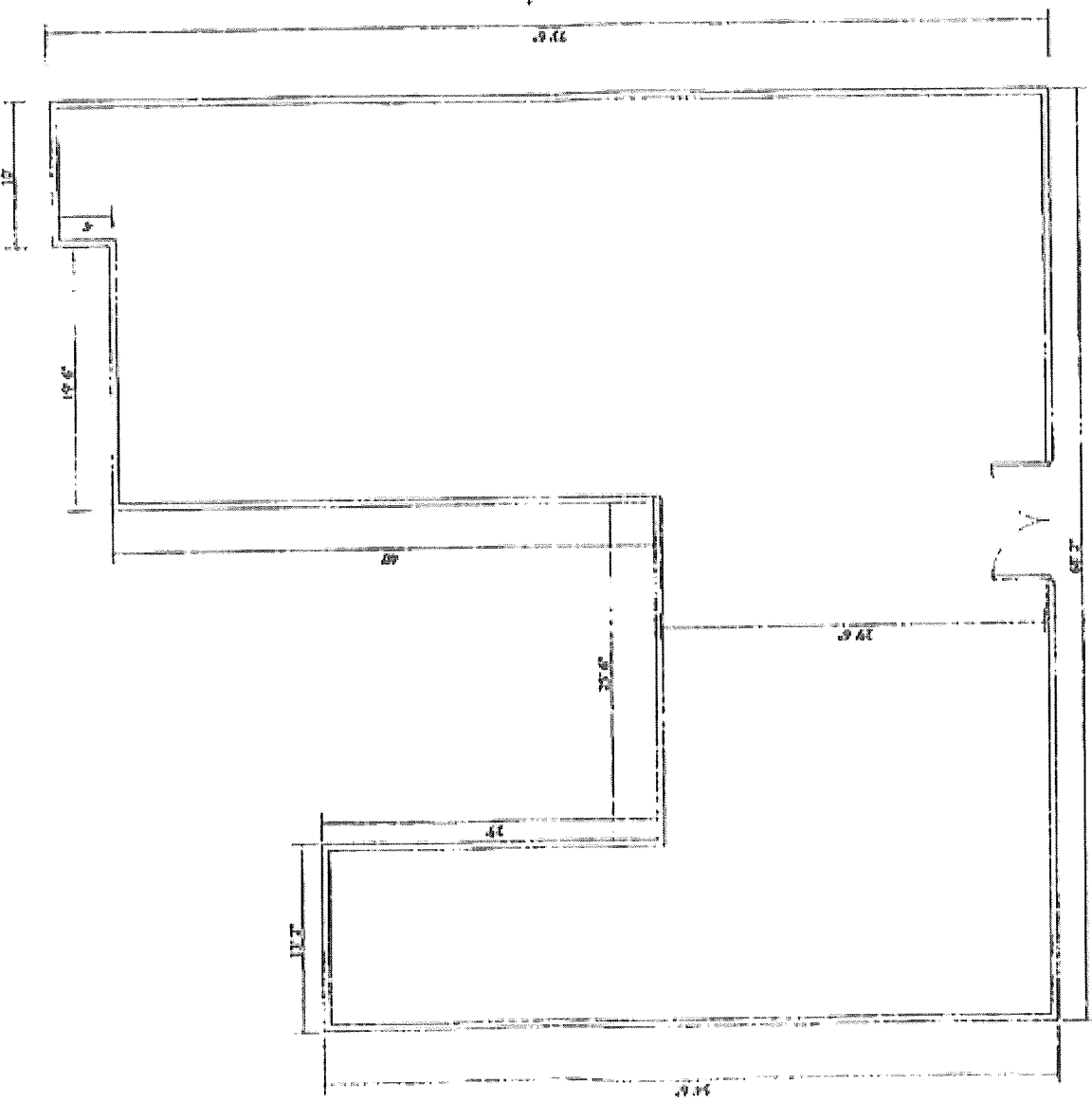


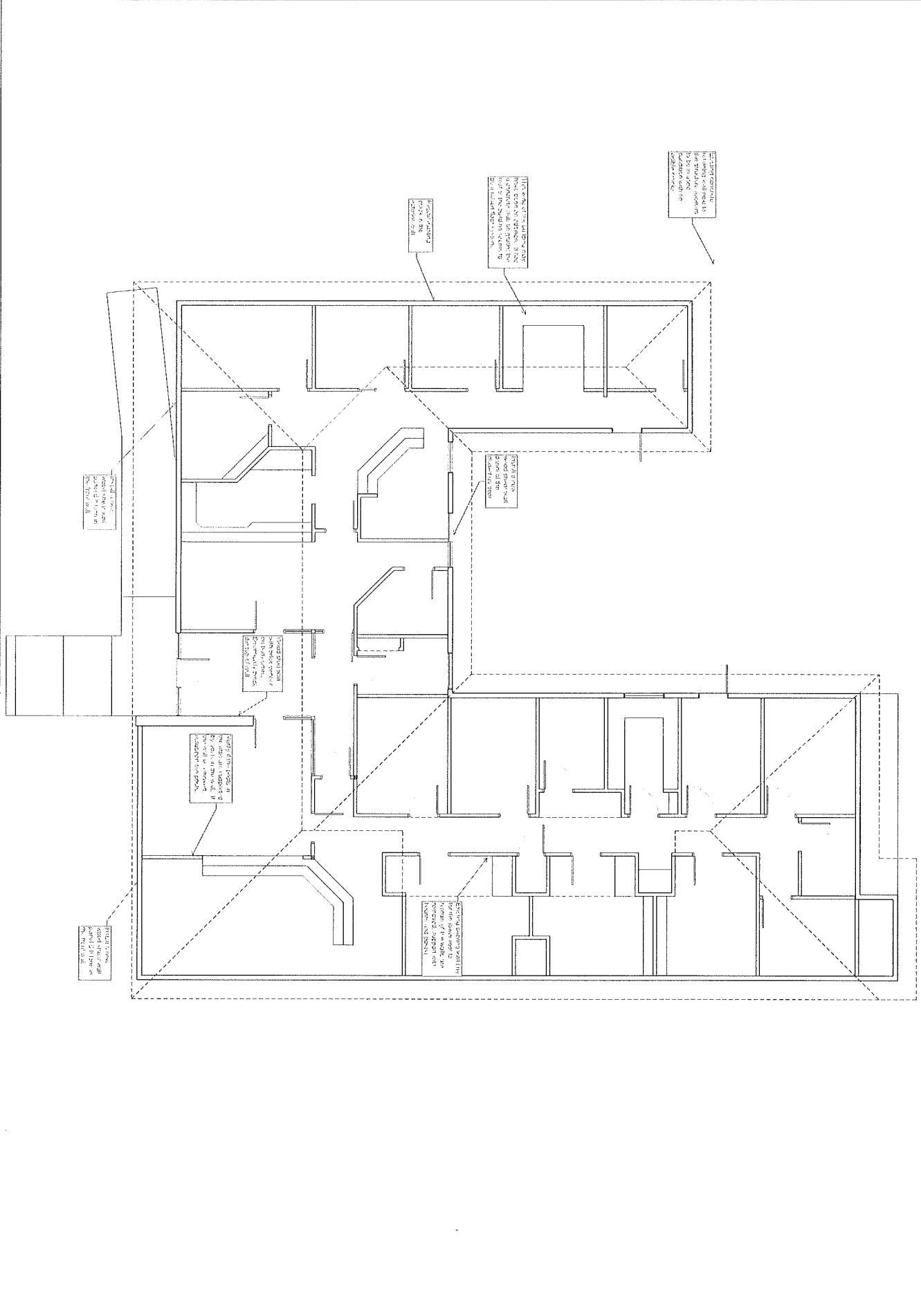
Basics of What is Needed

- 5 Offices
- 3 large classrooms
- Relocate AC units
- New roof
- New windows
- Upgrade: 2 ADA bathrooms and 1 kitchen

Floor Plan

Moraga Rd





MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/10/13
PROJECT: Lafayette Community Center
SUBJECT: Meeting Items from 10/02/13 regarding the renovation of 949 Moraga Dr.
TO: Matt Shriner
CC: Robert Swatt, FAIA

Michael Lehmborg at Swatt | Miers Architects has prepared the following Memorandum. Please notify Michael Lehmborg via email at mlehmborg@swattmiers.com or by phone at 510-985-9779 for any corrections or clarifications to the information noted below.

1.0 Past and Future Use

- 1.1 The existing building at 949 Moraga is an approx. 3,600 square foot single story wood frame structure used previously as medical offices.
- 1.2 Desired program for new community space is to provide 5 private office / interview rooms and 3 activity rooms / classrooms with additional space for tutoring, plus a kitchen area.
- 1.3 Swatt Miers Architects prepared some concept images in 2012 of the building renovation which conveyed a modern style building with generous window areas, a courtyard fireplace, and a shade trellis. It is acknowledged that these concept images represent a scale of renovation beyond the basic program needs.

2.0 Occupancy

- 2.1 Proposed use of the building would be classified primarily as a 'B' occupancy per current building code.
- 2.2 Office, interview, tutor, and kitchen spaces would be calculated at 100 sq. ft. per person and classroom spaces would calculate at 20 sf/ person.
- 2.3 3 classrooms at 500 sq. ft. each would equal 75 occupants (1500/20).
- 2.4 The remaining occupied space of roughly 800 sq. ft. would equal 8 occupants (800/100).
- 2.5 For planning purposes, future use of the building should accommodate 83 occupants.
- 2.6 2,300 sq. ft. of the building is figured to be these dedicated uses and 1,300 sq. ft. is figured to be circulation, restrooms, utility spaces, storage, and structure for a total of 3,600 sf.

3.0 Design Issues

- 3.1 For life safety purposes, this occupant load will require at least two exits with sufficient distance apart, clear and unobstructed access, no dead-end corridors over 20 feet, and clear exterior pathway leading away from the building. Currently, exit ways leading into the courtyard do not provide code compliant pathways.
- 3.2 Basic code required accessibility will be required for primary entrances, restrooms, etc.
- 3.3 A suggested design idea is to change the primary building entrance to the wall facing the parking lot.
- 3.4 Seismic codes will require some additional lateral stability in the form of shear walls or braced frames.
- 3.5 Energy codes may require upgrades to the performance of the building envelope in the form of insulating glass windows or additional floor, wall and roof insulation.
- 3.6 Relocating the courtyard compressor units and front wall package unit has been a stated renovation desire.

4.0 Project Scope Variations

- 4.1 For project cost estimating purposes, the scope of the project can be defined and analyzed in successive stages of scale, complexity, and expense.
- 4.2 Stage one vision can be termed the basic code compliance upgrades necessary to secure an occupancy permit. Stage two vision would involve sufficient renovation to bring about the stated basic program needs. Stage three vision would represent the work needed to achieve the renovation imagery conveyed in the conceptual renderings presented last year..

- 4.3 Stage 1 Vision – Occupancy Permit: only the work required to meet minimum code required upgrades as well as any repairs to basic building systems. Repair and replacement of finishes as necessary to put back fit and finish affected by required upgrade work. New roofing. Stage 1 hard and soft costs minimum budgeting at \$45-50 / square foot would provide \$160,000 funding target.
- 4.4 Stage 2 Vision – Basic Program: Stage 1 work plus demolition and renovation work required to achieve the new building program as stated above. Complete upgrades to the comfort systems, new lighting and finishes throughout. Stage 2 hard and soft costs minimum budgeting at \$150 / square foot would provide \$540,000 funding target.
- 4.5 Stage 3 Vision – Community Center: Stage 1 and 2 work plus demolition and renovation work required to achieve the new building program as stated above, as well as exterior improvement to provide an exemplary new facility for the City. Window walls, new entrance, Courtyard fireplace and other improvements, structural framing to achieve larger window expanses, re-routing of utility services, plus selected site improvements. Stage 3 hard and soft costs minimum budgeting at \$275 / square foot would provide \$990,000 funding target.
- 4.6 These target estimates are opinions of minimum probable costs and don't account for unforeseen contingencies.
- 4.7 These estimates are intended to be complete for each variation described if taken as a whole. If taken in phased increments, there would be some added costs as some work from earlier phases may need to be re-done in later phases.

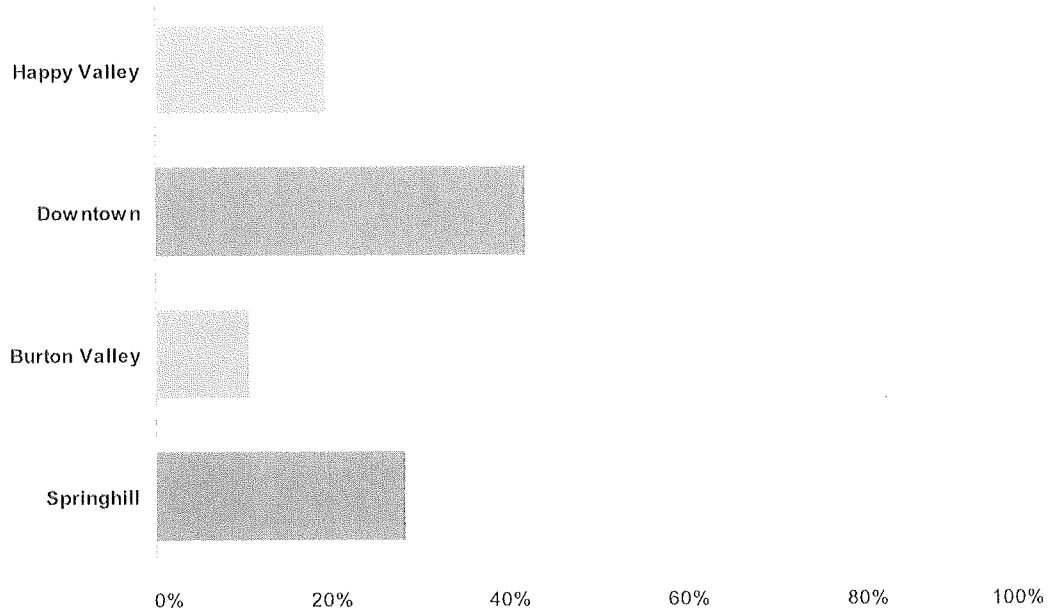
Michael Lehmborg

**Information from Downtown Community Center Survey
November 2012**

Interest in Downtown Lafayette Community Center

Q1 In what part of Lafayette does your family reside?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices

Happy Valley

Downtown

Burton Valley

Springhill

Total

Responses

19.42%

41.75%

10.68%

28.16%

20

43

11

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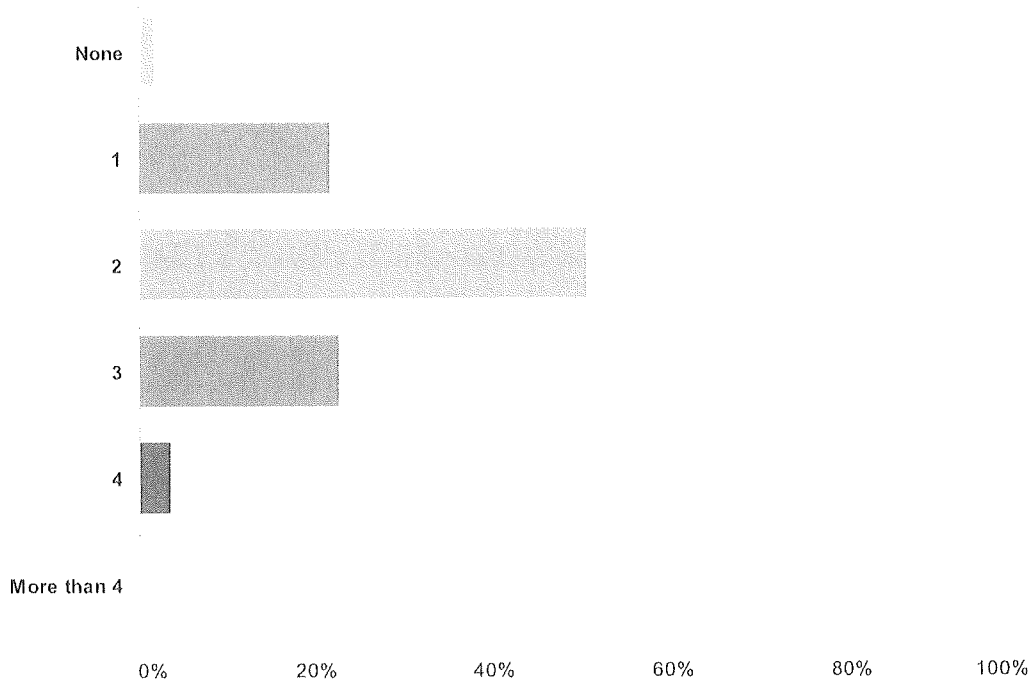
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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Hamlin Rd.	10/29/2013 7:29 PM
2	Lafayette Meadows	10/22/2013 8:24 AM
3	Trail neighborhood	10/22/2013 8:15 AM
4	Pleasanton	10/21/2013 12:16 PM
5	Off Windsor Drive, by White Pony School	10/21/2013 9:39 AM
6	near reservoir	10/15/2013 10:43 AM
7	Neighborhood across from the Veterans Memorial	10/14/2013 3:25 PM
8	Saranap	10/14/2013 8:20 AM

Interest in Downtown Lafayette Community Center

Q2 How many children age 17 or younger live in your household?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices

None
1
2
3
4
More than 4
Total

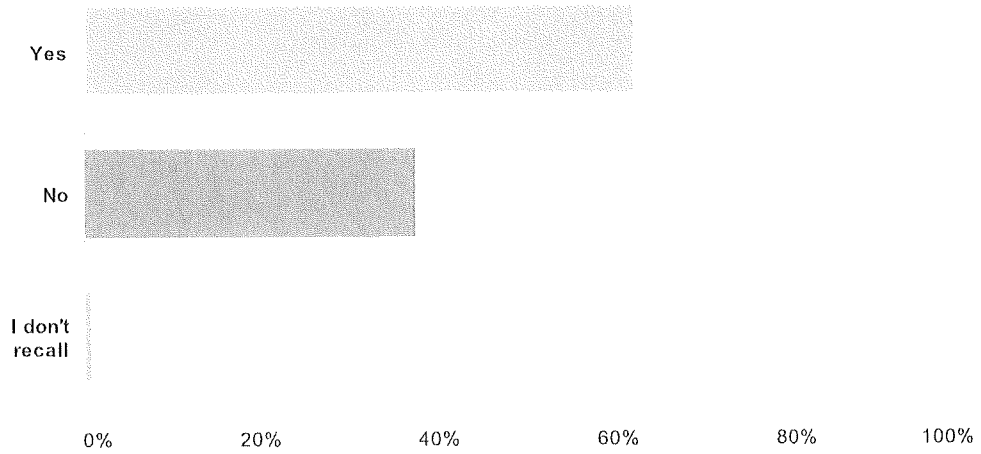
Responses

1.80%	2
21.62%	24
50.45%	56
22.52%	25
3.60%	4
0%	0
	111

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Q3 Has anyone in your household attended any programs at the Lafayette Community Center (on St. Mary's Road) in the past year?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 1



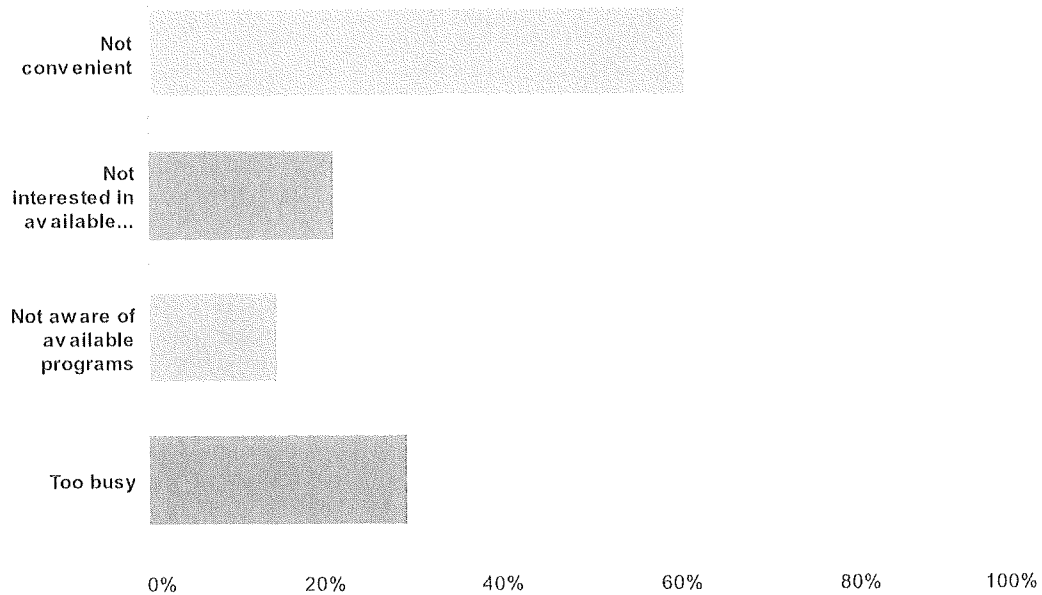
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	61.82%	68
No	37.27%	41
I don't recall	0.91%	1
Total		110

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We considered a class but conflict with the day/time	10/14/2013 8:20 AM

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Q4 If no one in your household has attended programs at the Lafayette Community Center in the past year, why not?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 63



Answer Choices

Not convenient
 Not interested in available programs
 Not aware of available programs
 Too busy

Responses

60.42% 29
 20.83% 10
 14.58% 7
 29.17% 14

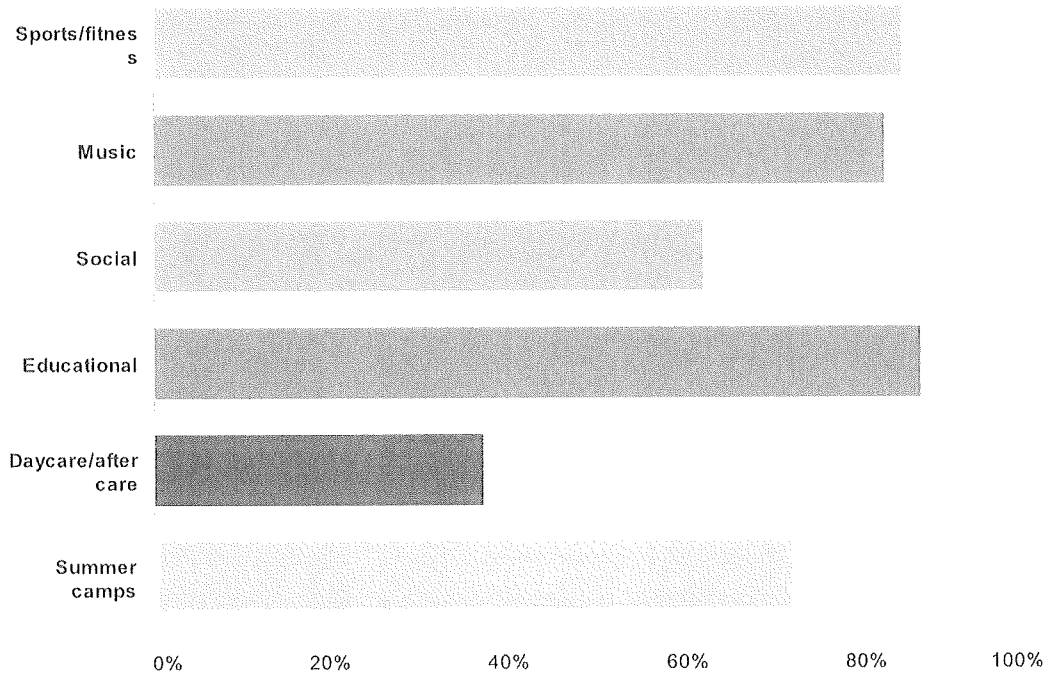
Total Respondents: 48

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	to far away for releiz valley families over over past springhill. should be in a central lafayette location.	11/8/2013 12:33 PM
2	Just moved to Lafayette	11/4/2013 7:25 AM
3	Location is not central; can't walk or bike easily	10/29/2013 7:59 PM
4	Would attend more if there was better bus service for after school activities	10/28/2013 7:01 AM
5	switched to theater	10/25/2013 12:23 PM
6	most offered during weekdays, when I work	10/22/2013 9:05 PM
7	Recently moved to neighborhood.	10/21/2013 9:33 AM
8	Very little targeted for teens in the late afternoon/early evening on school nights. 7:00 is too late.	10/14/2013 8:20 AM

Interest in Downtown Lafayette Community Center

Q5 What types of activities would your members of your household be interested in attending if they were located in downtown Lafayette?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices

Sports/fitness
 Music
 Social
 Educational
 Daycare/aftercare
 Summer camps

Responses

84.31% 86
 82.35% 84
 61.76% 63
 86.27% 88
 37.25% 38
 71.57% 73

Total Respondents: 102

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Indoor playspace that is drop in. Flexible space maybe toddler equipment in the day, basketball and volleyball in the evening.	11/13/2013 1:58 PM
2	Art classes	11/4/2013 9:35 AM
3	Music is very important to my family, so is yoga, pilates and TRX for youth and adults. Youths not interested in team sports are underserved in this community.	11/3/2013 10:19 PM
4	Yoga	10/29/2013 7:59 PM
5	Art!	10/25/2013 12:23 PM
6	Art	10/21/2013 9:31 AM

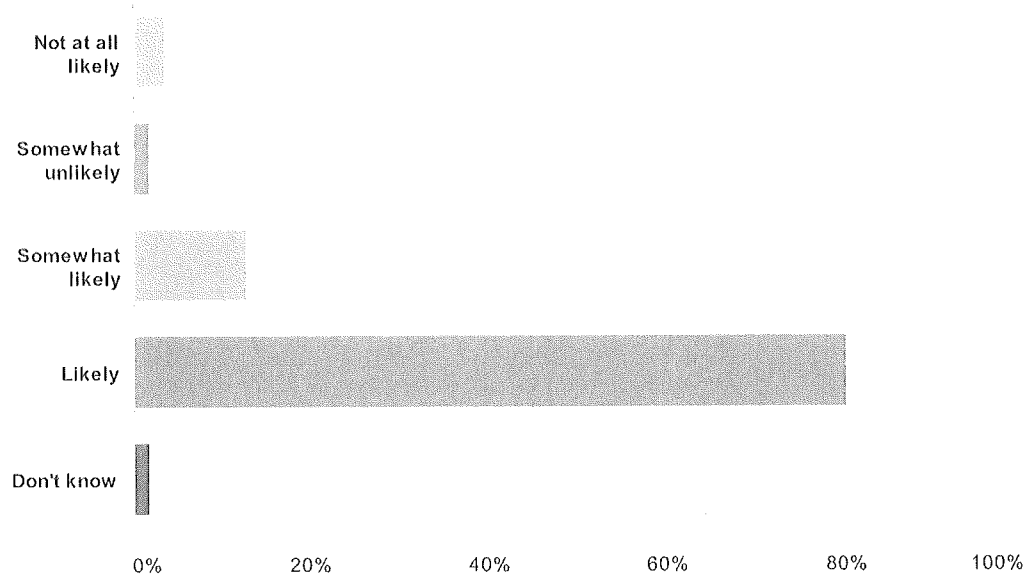
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7	We already have a community center	10/21/2013 7:35 AM
8	Special needs programs	10/19/2013 10:03 AM
9	foreign languages	10/17/2013 10:42 PM
10	none-would go to the existing community center on St. Mary's	10/17/2013 3:05 PM
11	None in particular. Current location is very convenient for us.	10/15/2013 8:40 PM
12	Senior services	10/15/2013 2:47 PM
13	Special Needs Classes!!! There are so many families with children with Special Needs, like Autism, Down Syndrome, Rhett Syndrome Etc. yet there are no classes or places that are safe JUST for THEM!	10/15/2013 11:38 AM
14	I would LOVE to see programs for people with Special Needs, especially Autism. They are so ostracized by the community right now!	10/15/2013 10:19 AM
15	Dog Training	10/14/2013 11:33 AM
16	Yoga, Core strength training for girls, cooking for 12 - 18, jazzercise open to adults and 12-18. / Krav Magra, fencing for teen/adults	10/14/2013 8:20 AM
17	Foreign language for kids	10/13/2013 8:09 PM
18	Specifically, after school (middle & high school) homework help e.g. Classroom Matters in Berkeley's program	10/11/2013 3:06 PM
19	Indoor pool with a water slide would be nice. Colorado has rec centers with these all over the state.	10/11/2013 8:36 AM

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Q6 How likely is it that members of your household would attend recreational programming if it were offered in downtown Lafayette?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Not at all likely	3.64%	4
Somewhat unlikely	1.82%	2
Somewhat likely	12.73%	14
Likely	80%	88
Don't know	1.82%	2
Total		110

#	Please explain:	Date
1	I would be able to walk there so that is a big draw!	11/5/2013 3:36 PM
2	But the current location is just fine too.	11/4/2013 9:35 AM
3	The last thing we need is more jock sports in this town. I would like writing, poetry, music, art, cooking, etc.	11/3/2013 10:19 PM
4	Depends on the quality of programs offered.	10/30/2013 2:09 PM
5	Depends on offerings times and how busy we are. We would be more likely to go to them if they were downtown.	10/29/2013 7:59 PM
6	We can walk there.	10/22/2013 9:05 PM
7	Traffic is too bad down town, would go to the existing community center on St. Mary's	10/17/2013 3:05 PM
8	Would love recreational programs in downtown. Easy access, close proximity to at least 3 schools + neighboring pre-schools. A vibrant addition to the community.	10/15/2013 4:17 PM

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9	If the community center was closer, my family could walk or bike. We would go more often if it were in town.	10/15/2013 11:42 AM
10	I BELIEVE that the OLD LIBRARY is in the perfect location for a Community Center! Kids and families are ALWAYS walking by--they'd be sure to SEE the fun things happening there & so, want to join!	10/15/2013 10:19 AM
11	If it provided things to do as a family at an affordable price.	10/11/2013 8:36 AM

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Q7 If you have any additional comments or suggestions, please provide them here:

Answered: 53 Skipped: 53

#	Responses	Date
1	There are a couple of great rec centers in San Francisco. Upper Noe Valley Rec Center and Eureka Valley Rec Center. Both of these would be great inspiration for the project.	11/13/2013 1:58 PM
2	The facility in Burton is inconvenient. I've been using Orinda's instead because it's quick to get to & the park has a field for little kids sports. I really wish Lafayette had a nice park downtown or on the north side!	11/8/2013 9:19 AM
3	Currently, many of the classes that I'm interested in are offered only in the evening (cooking, etc.) when I'm busy with the family. Would love to see more daytime offerings. Been attending classes at Acalanes Adult Ed the past few years.	11/5/2013 3:36 PM
4	It would be wonderful to have a downtown community center, accessible to students after school, for enrichment programs, recreational sports, clubs, etc.	11/4/2013 11:25 PM
5	Downtown would be harder to park, so why spend all that money?	11/4/2013 9:35 AM
6	It's important for our children to have a place to go after school other than the library. I see too many kids hanging out at Safeway or loitering around the Peet's area. It would be great if there were other alternatives. Thanks for reading!	11/3/2013 10:51 PM
7	this survey does not ask meaningful questions. Nor does it provide enough information to answer in a meaningful way.	11/3/2013 10:19 PM
8	This would be a great addition to downtown and give it a better sense of community!	11/2/2013 9:34 PM
9	Wonderful idea!!	11/2/2013 8:09 PM
10	It would be great to have more programs available for young children with quality instructors, curriculum, etc....	10/30/2013 2:09 PM
11	Would love to see afterschool classes for kids in music, sports, crafts, etc as well as morning and evening classes for adult fitness/ sports/ yoga.	10/29/2013 3:07 PM
12	Would love a downtown park, playground with play structures for kids and open grass area that is not immediately accessible to street (current park at Moraga rd and Mt Diablo is too scary with kids running around	10/29/2013 12:36 PM
13	Parking is an issue in downtown so if there is a buildout, please consider parking and traffic.	10/29/2013 11:13 AM
14	This space is mainly used for a parking lot for most of Lafayette elementary school families and staff. Parking is limited for LES. I think that the building needs to be torn down and a parking lot should be put in place.... We have a community center already we don't need another one.	10/29/2013 9:27 AM
15	I would be especially interested in after-school programs located downtown. Driving three kids to three different activities in the 3-7 pm time frame is a burden. But if middle schoolers could WALK to a downtown community center after school - as they do to the library - that would be good for them, good for the environment, good for my neighborhood (which already gets a ton of traffic from after school sports practices and doesn't need more), and easier for me.	10/28/2013 8:51 AM
16	Would love a "Boys and Girls Club" type of place where kids could visit after school and have enriching activities with supervision. With a cost that is reasonable. Like \$10/week.	10/28/2013 7:01 AM
17	The only impediment to our attending would be horrible parking! There must be plenty of convenient parking available.	10/27/2013 5:07 PM
18	I'm all for it! We need safe, positive environments for our kids to go to. A social gathering spot that is not the library. If you can see me email, contact me, I would like to be a part of the planning.	10/25/2013 12:23 PM
19	More kids classes offered during times convenient for working parents (after school, weekends, etc.). We've had to go to Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek for classes. A downtown park would also be a wonderful addition!	10/25/2013 10:23 AM
20	If the Community Center was geared towards children of all ages (classes, perhaps a good modernized playground, etc) as well as adults (fitness gym?), that would be fantastic!!	10/23/2013 10:50 PM

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21	Kids need more downtown play space. For a community of this size, it is incredible not to have a downtown space or play / recreation. Downtown is a great location. What about the big open space adjacent to the parking lot at the Olympic / Reliez trail head. Such a traffic heavy area, at the trail head, ideal for playground! Downtown also very good idea. Thanks!!!	10/23/2013 9:34 PM
22	we would love it!!	10/22/2013 11:45 PM
23	The current community center is not conveniently located, and the rec offerings are clustered during the daytime, during the week. I welcome more activities on Saturday and Sunday.	10/22/2013 9:05 PM
24	Please consider adding afternoon or evening drop-in childcare. Tot Drop is great, but it's only for small children and it ends at 1. Your date night programs are great, but way too rare. Offering drop-in date night childcare on a weekly basis would be WONDERFUL (please consider this even if you decide against the downtown center.)	10/22/2013 1:50 PM
25	Count us in!!!	10/22/2013 9:44 AM
26	Would love class that I can take with the kids.	10/22/2013 9:32 AM
27	Perhaps a "rec room" for kids to drop in and hang out? Fooz ball, ping pong, places to read, etc. Better than having them hang out in front of Safeway or Starbucks!	10/22/2013 9:17 AM
28	would love to see a community center with a gymnasium, after school fitness programs and educational support for kids, such as tutoring. Would be nice to have Fri and Sat night programs for teens. A place for them to gather.	10/22/2013 8:24 AM
29	We would definitely take advantage of it especially if it was downtown. A pool would be VERY NICE!!	10/21/2013 2:17 PM
30	We are looking for activities for special needs. We live in Pleasanton and our daughter Julia is 12 years old. Thank you.	10/21/2013 12:16 PM
31	Favorite themes: arts&crafts, sewing, science, cheerleading, music, building.	10/21/2013 9:33 AM
32	I don't think we need another new building downtown.	10/21/2013 8:52 AM
33	make a leash free area for dogs.	10/21/2013 8:06 AM
34	While a Community Center is vital, the current location is so far away. The only issues would be traffic to/from a downtown location for drop-off, traffic problems created by bringing a busy resource like this to the downtown, the horrible management of the current LCC would hopefully not be coming along to the new site. A location at the lesser developed end of town (near Park Hotel) would be great access and even have more appeal to WC residents and thus a more robust program.	10/21/2013 5:57 AM
35	Please consider including programming inclusive or specific to special needs. My son has autism and attends springhill elementary school. Id like to see staff at the proposed community center that has training in how to include and accommodate kids with special needs. With one in 88 kids with autism there is a great need for our kids and others with special needs to have a place in our community to go to and feel included, safe, and understood.	10/19/2013 10:03 AM
36	make sure you do not overlap activities found at the Lafayette Library	10/17/2013 10:42 PM
37	We love the current location o the Community Center. It is of the reasons we moved to this neighborhood. We like that it is on the bike path, it is easy to navigate (for kids to find their way around) is surrounded by other activities -- playgrounds, hiking, bike trail, sports fields. We wish there was a bike park here too. Downtown has too many distractions for our kids to travel there by themselves (bike). Parking/traffic would make a downtown center unappealing for our family. I think a downtown center is no more convenient for other neighborhoods b/c there is not safe infrastructure or kids or adults to walk or ride bikes to downtown from any area. Thus it will pull even more cars into an already congested area.	10/15/2013 8:40 PM
38	Thank you for considering having a LCC in downtown!	10/15/2013 4:17 PM
39	I think it would be useful to have senior services downtown, as that would be convenient for more people.	10/15/2013 2:47 PM
40	This issue is long over due! I have a middle school, elementary aged and baby. We would ALL enjoy having a community center downtown. The traffic on st Mary's road makes it in undesirable to take class there. All of the middle school kids whom often hang around the shopping area would have somewhere safe and fun to go after school. For myself and my other children, being able to walk to classes or event would be great! I highly support a community center downtown!	10/15/2013 11:42 AM

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41	I am a mother with Autism and am the Founder of The Friend Tree Autism Center which is seeking funds and opportunities to bring a Special Needs center for all ages and all needs. Services would include respite Playcare, Enrichment activities and classes geared towards these children and their interests, parent & sibling support programs, family fun nights & activities, sensory-friendly calming rooms, teen hang out spots for special needs, employment training and help for young adults etc. SO MANY POSSIBILITES and lots of families who want to see a center like this come together to support all of Lamorinda. Please call if you would like to discuss further. 925-268-7588 (Melissa)	10/15/2013 11:38 AM
42	There are a ton of UNDERSERVED groups in the community. Partnerships could easily help many more people. Why not get Seniors to come read to elem. school kids? Have Scouts, Kiwanis, Lion's Club functions? Have Rec. Center & other vendors provide classes? Have a tech. center to promote computer & smart phone usage, ("How to" classes to get teens to teach seniors how to operate their current tech. items). There are a ton of partnership possibilities. 2 local high schools MANDATE volunteering, so, get their advisors to whip up some jobs/trainings that could be ongoing at the new center. Did you know that not one after school care center or "enrichment classes" are able to take kids with Special Needs? Sure, legally, they are "open" to all, but, in reality, there is not one place that allows Sp. Needs kids. You have a huge population that is discriminated against, and, many are suffering. Please help! I'd like to help! TaxiMama@comcast.net for further ideas/input.	10/15/2013 10:19 AM
43	Downtown isn't as convenient as the current Community Center. I do go to some of the Library events.	10/15/2013 9:44 AM
44	Sounds like a great idea. Our family would love more opportunities in Lafayette. We have participated in recreation and art programs through in Walnut Creek because of a lack of offerings in Lafayette.	10/15/2013 8:57 AM
45	This is a great idea that we would strongly support!!	10/15/2013 7:53 AM
46	This would be terrific!!!!	10/15/2013 7:45 AM
47	We're okay with the current location/offerings in St Mary and not sure that it's worth building another center. That said, depending on the location, it may be more convenient.	10/15/2013 7:32 AM
48	A downtown community center in Lafayette would be hugely convenient and successful! It could only benefit our community... from small children to our senior members. Love this idea and hope it gets approved immediately!	10/14/2013 3:25 PM
49	A place for kids to have constructive after school activities... especially our middle and high school students would be wonderful. The LLLC seems to be bursting at the seams and so many kids there detracts from its purpose as a library.	10/14/2013 11:33 AM
50	A downtown location would be great for adults who could take a class or exercise after work, especially if it was walkable from BART. As a parent, the current location is an issue if classes are only an hour - hour and a half long as you are just dropping them off when it's time to pickup. Love the idea of putting something closer to town center! It's also in line with the Downtown Specific Plan that the city adopted last year. Thank you!	10/14/2013 9:44 AM
51	We used the current community center alot until our children we about age 9 then it became less relevant. The middle ages 12 - 16 are not well represented nor are they allowed to attend adult classes with an adult. My college age son would attend summer programs .	10/14/2013 8:20 AM
52	Would love to turn the old Park theater into a community venue. I'm well aware of the current owner situation but am throwing it out there anyway - there is so much we as a community could do with the Park	10/14/2013 7:03 AM
53	That's the biggest downside to classes/camps at the community center, that it takes at least 20 mins each way to take kids there. We would use it way more if it was closer to downtown.	10/13/2013 9:59 PM
54	We would love to have this downtown!!	10/13/2013 8:12 PM
55	We would also love to have a downtown playground/playstructure with bathrooms	10/13/2013 8:09 PM
56	I'm a small jewelry business owner located in downtown Laf. I'm very much interested in offering jewelry making classes to our community.	10/11/2013 9:03 PM
57	We have a homework room at the LLLC and various vendors (Laf Academy, Mathnaseum) that are geared towards school help in a particular subject. Would love to see a service (fee based) with after school homework management/support/assistance for a child's whole curriculum (e.g. Check school loop together, prioritize assignments, work on what's due with assistance as needed)	10/11/2013 3:06 PM
58	A community fitness center. The city of Newport Beach has something like this and it is quite popular. If a downtown community center were built having it trail accessible would make my family much more likely to use it since we try to walk and ride bikes as much as possible and it would provide an incentive to do so.	10/11/2013 8:36 AM