

NewCAL Open Office Hours Discussion Topics

Comments

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Shuman Center

Need to define the role of the EBC + ABC.

Project will be a multi-generational facility funded by the Operating Budget. City wants to examine the project having a broader scope – may have to continue getting feedback beyond Nov./Dec. – will continue working through the steps.

Need parameters for inter-generational center. Section of building for seniors? A time reserved for only seniors? Those using the Senior Center want to feel ownership, safety in that space.

It is expected that some residents will be anxious about change. Create and reinforce sense of community and residents may realize that their fears were not justified.

Avoid using the term “senior.” Some residents are offended by it. How about older residents? Average age of those using the Senior Center is 70 – 75 years.

Senior Only

Inter-generational

Multi-generational

What do they mean?

What does dedicated space mean?

There is no explanation of why inter-generational use will be good. What does research show?

Seniors want their space to be social – warm and fuzzy – coffee and tea (not a formal café). Want to socialize – make relationships – quieter rooms. They want their space to be with seniors, to see the movies that they love. They don’t want to lose control. Some need mobility assistance.

Natick Senior Community Center feels like a Senior Center with some inter-generational programs. Building monitor at night – they rent out space – gym, etc. Programs are segregated by time.

Randolph lacks Senior Center feel. Missing core elements that are needed, such as space for Visiting Nurse, etc. Time management is important. Open every day and later at night – an advantage.

Need to research multi-generational.

Set of programs to serve larger group – not going to engage unless it has something to offer that doesn’t exist now.

Ways to put people together, side-by-side. Programs that put people in contact. Opportunities to connect people.

By keeping seniors alone, they don't get the benefit of what a multi-generational facility has to offer.

What has to be preserved from the current space to a new space? What makes the space a community?

- Space
- Programming
- People

How can we make better use of more places (schools, etc.) around the City? People identify with their particular neighborhoods.

Need: Core Mission Statement with goals that are defined.

What is the role of the Advisory Groups?

What is the vision of what we need?