


Newton Center for Active Living (NewCAL) project

NewCAL Working Group Meeting					
Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2022					
Date: Zoom Meeting (online)					
Time: 9:30 AM					
Attendees:					
Working Group		Present	City Staff		Present
Susan Albright	<i>City Councilor</i>	X	Seth Bai	<i>Veteran's Services</i>	---
Sandra Butzel	<i>Community Member</i>	---	Devra Bailin	<i>Planning</i>	---
Jayne Colino	<i>Senior Services Dir.</i>	X	Nicole Banks	<i>P&R Commissioner</i>	---
Jini Fairley	<i>ADA Coordinator</i>	X	Amanda Berman	<i>Planning</i>	---
Bea Goldsmith	<i>Community Member</i>	---	Barney Heath	<i>Planning Director</i>	---
Joan Belle-Isle	<i>COA Chair</i>	X	Ellen Ishkanian	<i>Mayor's Office</i>	---
Maureen Lemieux	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	---	Zachery LeMel	<i>Planning</i>	---
Brooke Lipsitt	<i>Community Member</i>	X	Jack Neville	<i>P&R Commission</i>	---
Josh Morse	<i>Public Buildings Comm.</i>	X	Rachel Sherman	<i>City IT</i>	---
Richard Rasala	<i>Community Member</i>	X	Linda Walsh	<i>Public Health</i>	---
Sue Rasala	<i>COA Member</i>	X	Tom Rooney	<i>Public Buildings</i>	---
John Rice	<i>Community Member</i>	X	Consultants (BH+A)		
Nancy Scammon	<i>P&R Department</i>	X	Joel Bargmann	BH+A	---
Alex Valcarce	<i>Public Buildings</i>	---	Dan Chen	BH+A	X
Jonathan Yeo	<i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	---	Camile Wimpe	BH+A	---
			Catherine Brownell	BH+A	---
Consultants (NV5)			Wendy Zhuo	BH+A	---
Frank Kennedy	NV5	X	Kim Yehwan	BH+A	---
Tom Murphy	NV5	---	Mike Kelly	BH+A	---
Melissa Gagnon	NV5	---	Canston Fitzwater	BH+A	X
Maria Hernandez	NV5	---	Nancy Johnson	BH+A	X

Online Zoom meeting opened at 9:30AM.

The purpose of this meeting was for BH+A to share the design of the furniture for the three floors and the design of the façades.

1. First Floor

- a. Library – the furniture presented was: 3 square tables with 8 seats in the center area among 2 loveseats with a coffee table in the center, 3 computer stations on the southern wall, perimeter sitting on the north and east wall, the bookshelves will be located on the west wall.
 - The proposed bench shall be replaced by (2) armchairs.
 - Focused lightning shall be considered to make reading easier for users.
 - Electrical outlets shall be considered for the optimal function of the space.
- b. Reception – Design is in development.
- c. Lounge Area
 - Trash receptacles shall be considered.
 - Juice bar and island are 34” tall, ADA accessible.
 - Magazine racks shall be considered.
- d. Restrooms
 - A small table will be added in each restroom to place belongings.
 - (2) sets of (2) chairs and a table to be added outside the restroom area (in the corridor)
- e. Activity Room – Monitors/screens will be considered for people in the back of the room to be able to see the speaker in the front.
- f. Kiosk – To be re-located from the central hallway to be across the reception.

2. Second Floor

- a. Ceramics – Furniture/equipment is being developed.
- b. Activity Room #3 – Although the furniture is presented in a classroom layout, there is flexibility to be rearranged depending on programming needs. BH+A shall further study increasing the size of the storage room.
- c. Senior Services – The entry closest to the Shine room shall be shifted northward so that the staff restroom is accessed from within the Senior Services program area.
- d. General – A coat racks/hooks will be needed in each room. Lower and higher hooks will be included on the backs of bathroom doors.

3. Third Floor

- a. Game Room – BH+A presented the furniture layout: (2) pool tables, (1) ping pong table, multiple sets of (2) chairs/table along the perimeter. Per feedback at the last community update meeting a juice bar was added in the southern right corner of the room.
 - TV monitor shall be considered; location to be determined.
 - Multiple sets of (2) seater arrangements along the north and west walls shall be replaced by individual chairs with smaller tables along the north wall only.
 - Pool tables shall be rotated and shifted slightly to the west to create more space to accommodate square tables with (4) chairs/each.
 - Ping pong table shall be stored in the storage room.
 - Revised layout will be presented at the next Working Group meeting.
 - Juice bar in the game room shall be removed for circulation and cleaning purposes.
- b. 3-D Interior Perspectives – Rendered images were presented showing refinements since last week with regard to the lobby view at entry, lobby communicating stair, lobby view towards multipurpose room, gymnasium and walking track.
- c. Exterior Elevations - BH+A presented (4) design alternatives for the North, South and West elevations, proposing different brick patterns and materials.
 - There was consensus to extend the white horizontal banding across elevations to emphasize the building horizontality. It was noted the added brick pattern above the horizontal banding generates a more dynamic façade.

Upcoming Meetings (all online with remote participation via Zoom):

- 01/10/23 Working Group Meeting – 9:30 AM
- 01/17/23 Working Group Meeting – 9:30 AM
- 01/19/23 Community Update Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 01/31/23 Working Group Meeting – 9:30 AM

NV5 shall coordinate with the City of Newton in distributing Zoom info for all meetings noted.