

Community Recreation Center



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Open House Meeting #2 Summary

May 23, 2024

6-8pm

Adult Community Center, Grand Fir Room

Event Format

The open house format of this meeting was designed to optimize the time that participants were able to offer, providing information in a self-directed way while also maximizing the people available to talk to with questions or ideas. To share the progress the team and the community has made in developing this concept plan, the following interactive displays were set up around the room:



- The sign-in station with opportunities to sign up for updates (on paper or using a tablet)
- “Why/How” station with displays of the project goals, history of the project, and the timeline
- “What” station with photo examples of the activities and spaces determined by the community in Phase 1
- “Where” station detailing the site context and analysis, along with current site activities
- “What” station with site concepts created by the steering committee and the design team
- An additional scaled site image with puzzle pieces representing the community’s preferred building program, for participants to explore how pieces fit on the site and together;
- A looping presentation showed inspirational images, with copies of images for collaging on the wall

Each station included a feedback board and the opportunity to add post-it notes to any board with ideas, questions and comments, project team members, including steering committee members, Park and Recreation Advisory Board members, City staff, and consultants were available to help get notes written down and posted.

Participation

The sign-in sheet recorded 59 participants. Additional participants may have come in without signing in.

Feedback

The following are transcribed notes from the boards that represent the majority of the feedback recorded during the event. An image of the board with the notes still attached is included for reference. Any comments from conversations with the team will be captured as we continue to refine concepts.

Concept Design: West View – Main Entrance.

- Terrible color
- Consider landscape features while the ground is broken. + fountains + garden space + irrigation.



Concept Design: East – Wetland & Park View

- Outdoor running & calisthenics circuit. Dips, pullups.
- Backyard habitat certified would be awesome.



Concept Design: Upper Level Multi-Use Fitness View

- Do we need more gyms? (Maintenance) Is it the highest and best use?
- Heavy bags and gymnastic rings.
- Don't put classes where the weights are.



Concept Design: Upper Level Walk-Jog Track View

- What's there for seniors?
- Love this.



Please Share Your Feedback on the Concept Design.

- We have plenty of walking areas – don't need a track. Not in favor of pool.
- MS and HS kids need a place / areas like this to meet / hangout/ work out! 😊 yes!
- Appreciate universal changing rooms.
- How is parking accommodated?
- Creates jobs!
- Is the cardio/weight area big enough?
- Phase 1 and 2 obstruct my privacy and view! Suggest funding a plan that doesn't ? existing – long term residents nights! Barking creates undesirable noise and chaos to my home!
- Identify the need for space for comm. events and classes.
- Space for people that work from home.
- This is a design for fam with kids – not older adults. We use the center too.
- This will increase our home value...Let's do this.
- That's a large parking lot. Interested to know how building/flow/ traffic fits into current residential area.
- Too expense.
- Love it! Kids need a space to hang out too!
- Please please make sure this is tween/teen accommodating! Not a space they will get pushed out of.
- Themed days – age based hours for use: Senior – Youth – Teen/young adult – working aged – general.
- Classes – cooking – art – electronic design – crafts
- I like the park the way it is. DITTO!
- Activities/space for neurodivergent children or adults would be great.
- Are you collaborating w/ PGE on solar options?
- Do not put a field where you plan to put a pool. People will not give up a field. There are not enough. We will not get a pool if you have to remove a field from the...
- Are there any planned water stations?
- Possibility to play pickleball in gym at fixed hours?
- Would there be any transportation options from non-walkable areas in the city or schools?
- A dedicated tween/teen room seems like a great addition given the vicinity to middle school and lack of other options in the city. I AGREE!
- Noise study for surrounding neighborhoods???

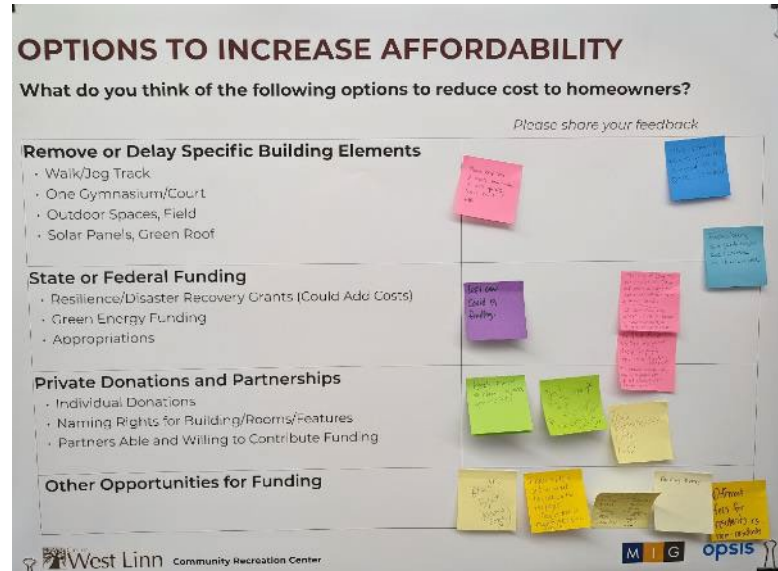


- Saunas in locker rooms, clothing mandatory.
- Utility sink and area for wet crafts
- Why didn't you accept Lake Oswego's proposal to use their new facility?
- EV Charging / E Bike Charging
- Kids need a place to hangout. Not Safeway!
- I don't think this is a good use of money. Don't need taxes for only a few that will use.
- Not necessary! Not fair to raise taxes on people who would use it! We cannot afford it! The new LO Facility is available to us!
- Childcare would be awesome!
- Have we exhausted use in all the buildings in West Linn! What about a partnership with the schools to offer more?
- Survey the residents that have a rec center and get their feedback. What do they like, not like, how has it helped/not helped their community, use that feedback to push the messaging.
- Yes to solar panels & green roof.
- Consider options for space rentals for different revenue streams. + garden space + art space + office space.

Options to Increase Affordability:

What do you think of the following options to reduce cost to homeowners?

- **Remove or Delay Specific Building Elements**
 - Please keep the 2 courts otherwise it will quickly limit multi use.
 - This is one of the top reasons to create this space. It is a must.
 - Firstenburg is a profitable rec center in Vancouver.
- **State of Federal Funding**
 - Left over Covid 19 funding.
 - The city of Boise, ID joined with the YMCA and build a wonderful recreation center/swim pool in west Boise. I don't know the exact cut off to become a charter member but it was a huge success.

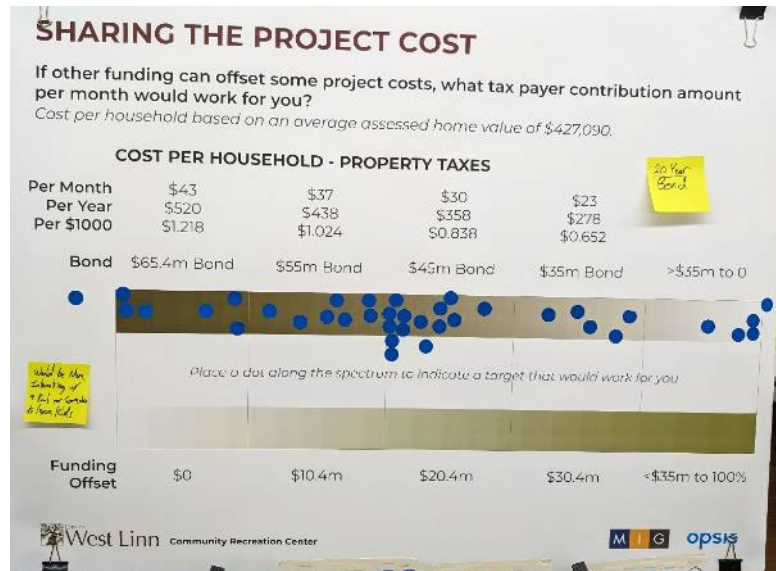


- The YMCA offered life-time free guest passes for people that were “charter members”. The charter membership applied to people who joined when it was newly-opened.
- Private Donation and Partnerships
 - Really should explore corporate sponsorships.
 - Don't raise taxes for this that benefits a few. Private is fine.
 - Too expensive, use LO
- Other Opportunities for Funding
 - Blue zone project (Redondo Beach, CA).
 - Partner w/ Ican and see what they can do for the project. They've done so much for West Linn already.
 - Nike, Intel, Boeing, PDX, CCC/PLC, Garmin, Xerox, Amazon, Etc. (Others listed were hard to read.)
 - Parking meters.
 - Different fees for residents vs. non-residents.

Sharing the Project Cost

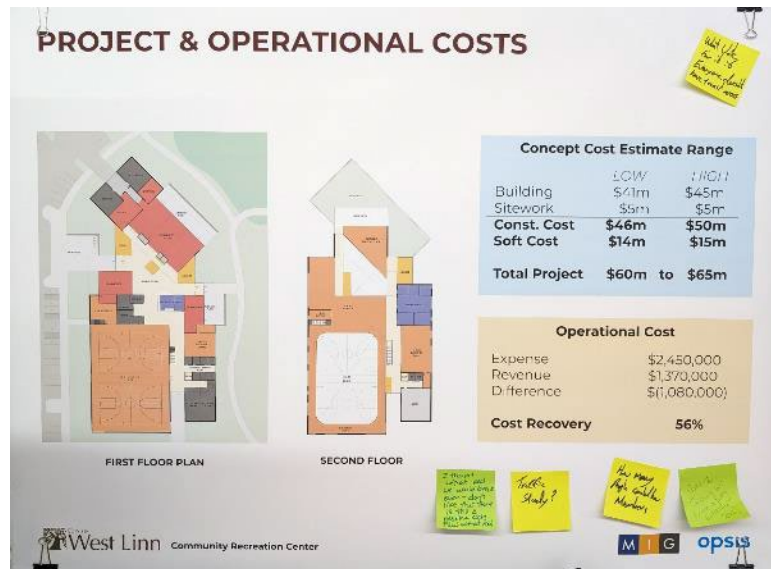
If other funding can offset some project costs, what tax payer contribution amount per month would work for you?

- 20 Year bond.
- Would be more interesting w/ a pool or somewhere to leave kids.
- \$43 or more per month – 7 dots.
- \$37 per month – 7 dots.
- \$30 per month – 14 dots.
- \$23 per month – 5 dots.
- Lowest bond tier – 5 dots.



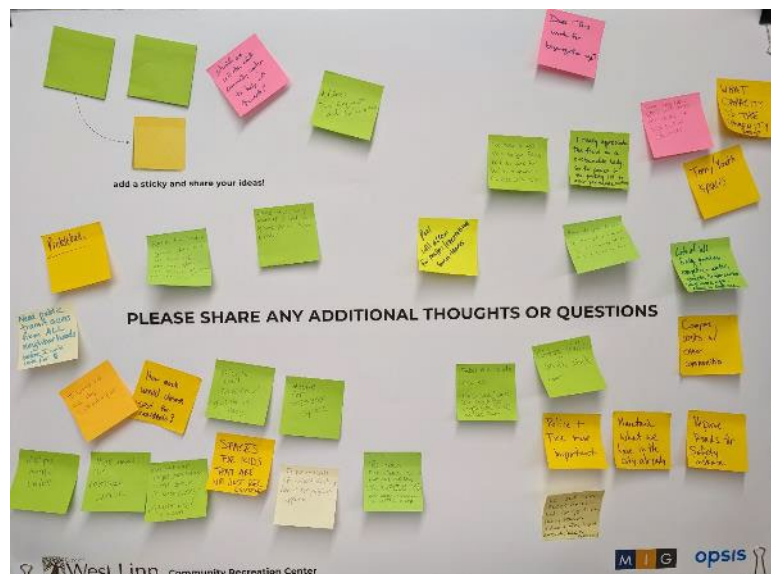
Project & Operational Costs.

- Won't vote for it if everyone doesn't have transit access.
- I thought without pool we would break even – Don't like that there is still a negative cash flow without pool.
- Traffic study?
- How many people could be members?
- Cost of joining will cover ongoing maintenance and admin?



Please Share Any Additional Thoughts or Questions.

- Should we sell the adult community center to help with the cost?
- Address pool requests and pool concerns!
- Does this work for large gatherings?
- Need free/low cost activities for middle and high school students.
- What capacity is the community room?
- We need a good plan to get folks out to vote for this. Especially families with kids.
- I really appreciate the focus on a sustainable bldg. Go for pavers in the parking lot or other permeable surface.
- Teen/youth spaces.
- Pickleball.
- Need public transit access from all neighborhoods before I will for \$.
- Keep the limited green space that we have left. Open sky, space to run around, fly ? will go away.
- Would use way more if it had a leisure pool. I have 3 kids!
- Pool will allow for ms/hs/ recreational swim teams.



- I would not use this without a pool.
- How much would classes cost for residents?
- Pickle ball inside/good for all ages.
- Desire for conference space.
- Pickle ball courts. Movies. Make sure hours are good for people who work before 8am.
- How do you decide if enough members of community NEED this infrastructure?
- Lots of WC funding priorities – camping, water, streets, infrastructure, prop taxes high, need to balance.
- Climbing walls on the outside cool!
- Compare costs w/ other communities.
- Helps home value.
- Huge need for teenage space.
- Excited for large community event space in West Linn/ disaster relief ice storm.
- Spaces for kids that are not just rec centers.
- Involvement of school district/ board for project support.
- Re-open pickleball courts that have already had \$ spent on them and are already built! Add indoor pickle ball for winter months.
- Police and fire more important.
- Maintain what we have in the city already.
- Repave roads for safety instead.
- We need more places for our kids to go during rainy season. Police and fire have already been addressed.

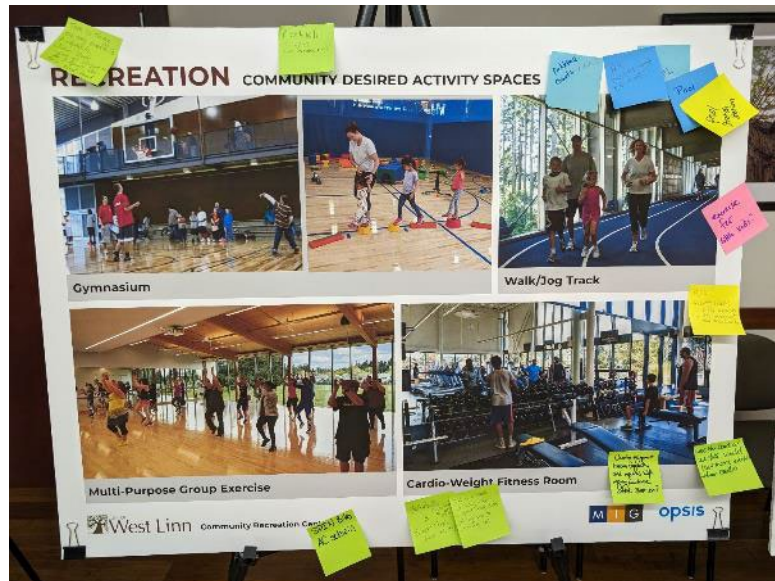
Concept Design: Site Plan -Phase 1.

- Parker Road.
- Have we done traffic studies on Salamo and other roads?
What is the impact?



Recreation: Community desired activity spaces.

- There is always too many treadmills & ellipticals. Indoor track – look at Newport, OR Rec & Aquatic Center for a good layout.
- Pickleball courts with portable nets.
- Pickleball courts – 2nd this!
- Pool, there isn't enough pools in Oregon!
- Pool.
- Pool.
- Pool, stretch station.
- Exercise for little kids?
- SPIN Bikes, AC Schwin.
- Kettlebells (Amazon brand are cost effective) & bumper plates – Amazon and ebay.
- Put in a couple of heavy bags, a speed bag, dable end bag, and a wrestling mat.
- Cardio equipment breaks frequently and requires high ongoing maintenance costs. Best use?
- Love the cardio/weights, would love more weights than cardio.



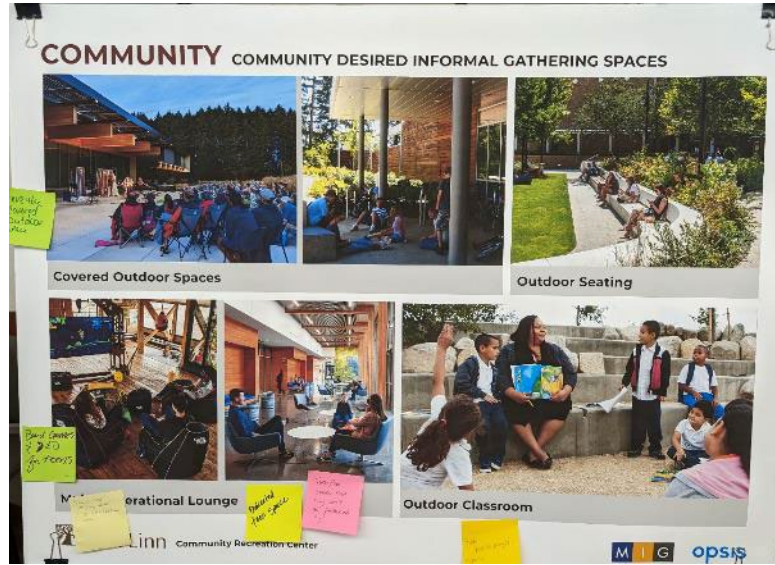
Community: community desired activity spaces.

- Indoor projector for winter movies.
- Would love a safe space for kid's camps! Yes!!
- Will the athletic clubs like WL Teams have access?
- Capacity compared to other centers.
- Indoor playroom for younger kids.
- Game/card rooms.
- Make sure that there is enough storage for 300 chairs.
- Pool.
- Pool.
- Pool! Yes!!
- Place to have parties (rentable space) ex – Kid's birthday parties during winter season!
- Pools are too expensive and will not get used. Build a pool at riverside HS for swim teams.

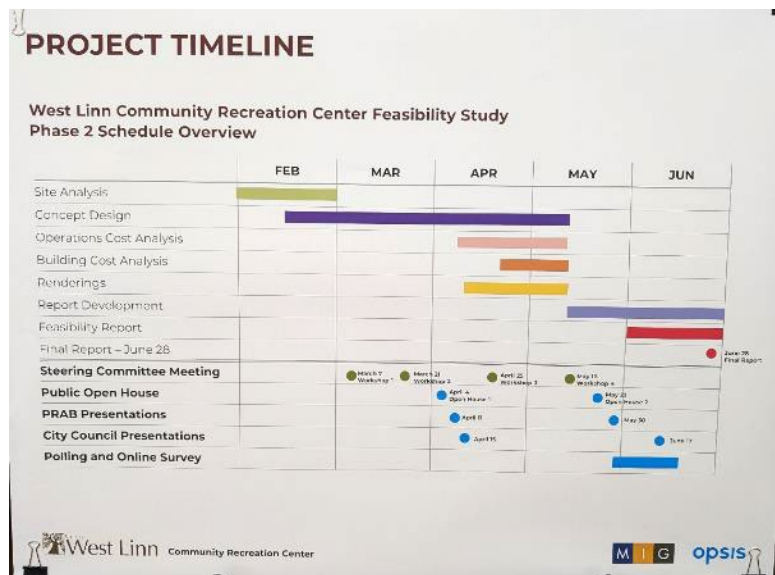


Community: Community desired informal gathering spaces.

- Love the covered outdoor space.
- Board games & D&D for teens.
- Snack area selling water & granola/protein bars.
- Dedicated teen space.
- Tween/teen spaces that they won't get pushed out of!
- More multi-purpose spaces.



Project Timeline.



Project Goals.



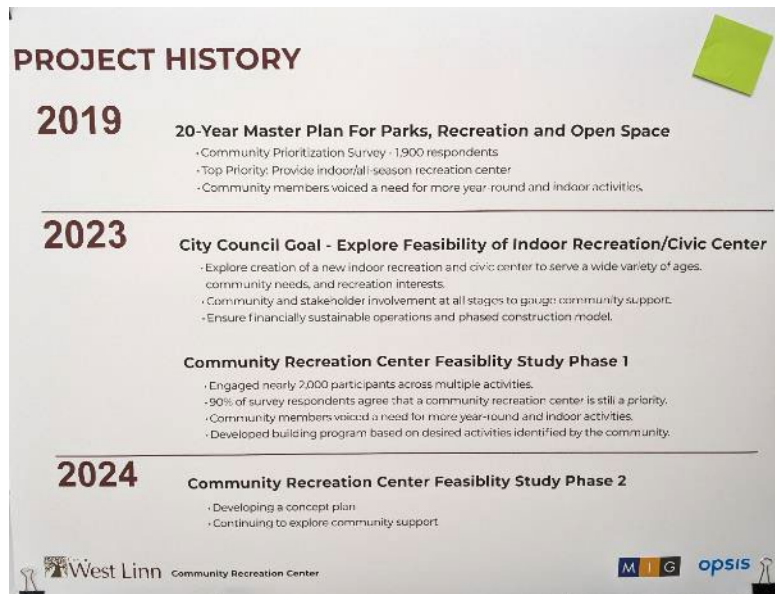
PROJECT GOALS

- Multi-generational facility accessible to all and welcoming year-round
- Flexible, sustainable, and operationally efficient
- Maximize revenue and cost recovery
- Plan for future aquatic addition and associated parking
- Integrate into the park setting, including programmable outdoor space
- Support existing community/recreation amenities
- Compelling vision with public support

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Project History.



PROJECT HISTORY

2019

20-Year Master Plan For Parks, Recreation and Open Space

- Community Prioritization Survey - 1,900 respondents
- Top Priority: Provide indoor/all-season recreation center
- Community members voiced a need for more year-round and indoor activities.

2023

City Council Goal - Explore Feasibility of Indoor Recreation/Civic Center

- Explore creation of a new indoor recreation and civic center to serve a wide variety of ages, community needs, and recreation interests.
- Community and stakeholder involvement at all stages to gauge community support.
- Ensure financially sustainable operations and phased construction model.

Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study Phase 1

- Engaged nearly 2,000 participants across multiple activities.
- 90% of survey respondents agree that a community recreation center is still a priority.
- Community members voiced a need for more year-round and indoor activities.
- Developed building program based on desired activities identified by the community.

2024

Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study Phase 2

- Developing a concept plan
- Continuing to explore community support

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