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AGENDA ITEM # 5

**TO:** Hillview Community Center Project Task Force

**FROM:** Noll & Tam design team

**SUBJECT:** Small Group Exercise

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### **BACKGROUND**

The design team has developed (3) design concepts for the Los Altos Community Center. All (3) concepts are approximately the same area.

#### **Concept A: Courtyard**

- Plan organization around an interior courtyard with one connecting gallery hallway
- Majority of parking oriented west of building
- Main entry at west elevation/facing San Antonio
- Cafe/Lobby/Reception at Northwest corner of site with adjacent outdoor plaza/terrace
- Seniors accessible from lobby and potential independent entry
- Teens with adjacent outdoor space on north side near ballfield
- Kinder prep separate entry
- Community Room at East side of courtyard  
Adjacent outdoor space potential to both east and west

#### **Concept B: Linear**

- Linear plan organization with program spaces all accessible from an interior double-loaded hallway with views out to the south
- Main entry at west elevation with secondary entry from south
- Majority of parking south of community center
- Community Room prominently located off lobby which can be a breakout space for events
- Seniors located northwest corner with strong relationship to the lobby
- Teens with adjacent outdoor space on south side  
Potential for separate entry
- Kinder prep at south side of hallway

#### **Concept C: Triangle**

- Plan organized so that three building legs create a triangular outdoor courtyard
- While main lobby provides interior access to the seniors, teens, admin, and the community room, the other program spaces are accessible from exterior covered walkways off the courtyard.
- Majority of parking will be south of community center

- Main entry at west elevation with secondary entry from south
- Strong indoor outdoor views and connections

## **DISCUSSION**

In small groups discuss the (3) concept options and then be prepared to report out to the large group.

Give each option approx 8-10 minutes.

The goal would be list the pros and cons of each concept, and then rank in order of preference.

The following questions are intended to facilitate your discussion

### **Plan organization:**

1. In general, which plan resonates with the community of Los Altos? Why?
2. Which plan resonates with the intent of a multi-generational community center? Why?
3. Which plan has the best indoor/outdoor potential relationships?
4. Do you like the building entry?
5. The lobby is in the same relative location for each concept. Which works the best? Why?
6. The community room is located in different places per concept. Which works the best? Why?

### **Design Character:**

1. For overall design character, which concept resonates most with community of Los Altos? Why? (overall design character includes roof shape, color, windows, entrance)
2. Which concept is most inviting? Why
3. Which roof shape is most preferred? Why
4. In each concept, how do you like building entry?
5. Which concept, if any, is timeless, speaking to the past and future of Los Altos?
6. Do you feel materials presented with each concept are appropriate for the concept and Los Altos? If so, why?