

# Patrick Henry Recreation Center Feasibility Study

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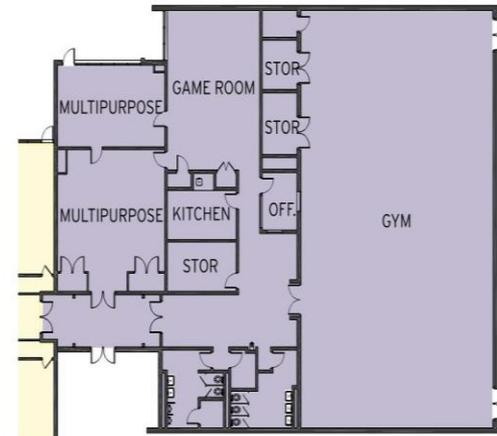
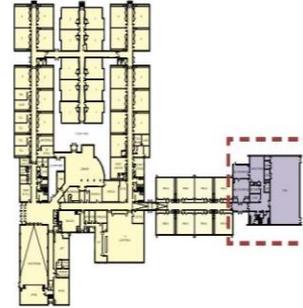
Community Meeting on Programming Options

# Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

*We support the well-being of Alexandria's residents by ensuring access to a variety of quality recreation, park and cultural experiences.*

RPCA Mission Statement

# Patrick Henry Recreation Center Today



The existing Patrick Henry Recreation Center is a 9,400 SF wing on the north side of the Patrick Henry Elementary School Building

# Patrick Henry Recreation Center History

- \* The City built a recreation center addition to the school in 1973, providing a small gymnasium for shared use with the school
- \* 2006-2008 the City identified concerns about the center and studied the need for renovation
- \* In 2008 the community identified needs that included a larger gymnasium, daytime community use of the recreation center, senior programming, a fitness center, multipurpose room(s), and a walking/running track at Patrick Henry
- \* The study recommended to double the size of the existing center as well as to add a new gymnasium in the future

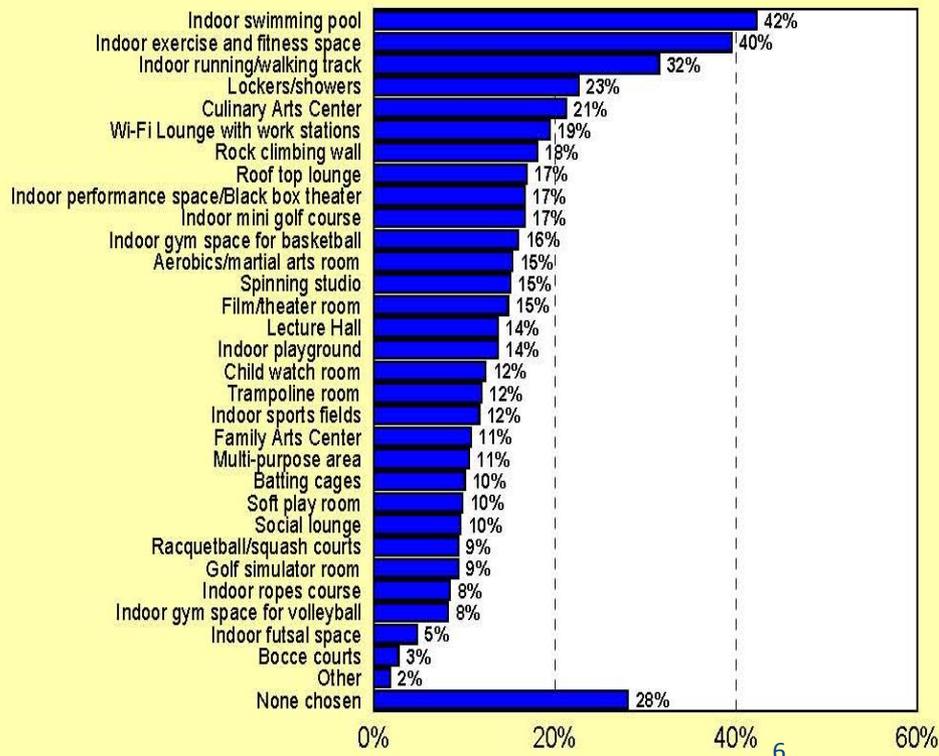
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- \* A growing population and aging school facility led to ACPS identifying a need for a new or expanded school
- \* The City opted to undertake the school and recreation center project together
- \* Joint feasibility study and related community engagement initiated in 2014
- \* RPCA conducted Neighborhood Needs Assessment to determine recreational needs for a new center in July 2014

# 2014 Neighborhood Needs Survey Findings

## Q8. INDOOR Recreation and Cultural Arts Facilities Respondent Households Would Use if Developed at the Patrick Henry Facility

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections possible)



Source: ETC Institute for the City of Alexandria Patrick Henry Survey (September 2014)

**86%** respondents do not use the current Patrick Henry Recreation Center, showing the existing program and facility should not simply be replicated if we are seeking greater use.

# Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Feasibility Study

- \* Joint feasibility study tested a recreation center option that would meet most of the community identified needs
- \* ACPS determined need for a new K-8 school that will include a new full size gymnasium and the study provided various options



# Developing a Recommendation for a New Patrick Henry Recreation Center

Ongoing community feedback on recreation center programming options to guide recommended facility needs:

- \* Community meetings June 4 and 6
- \* Online programming options survey June 2-15
- \* Park and Recreation Commission public hearing June 18

# Patrick Henry Recreation Center Programming Options

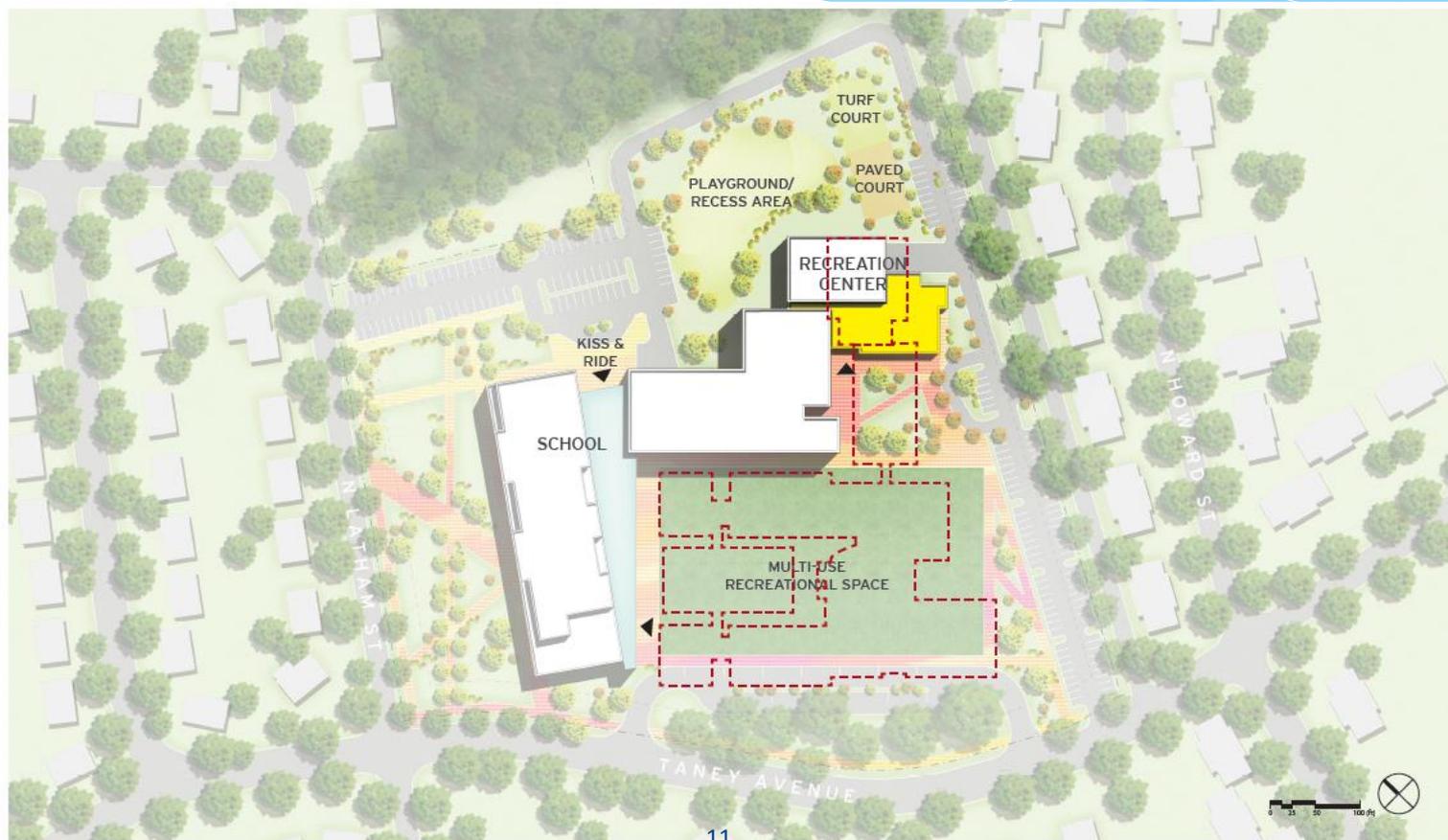
- \* **School Centered Scenario:** Focuses on before and after school care and programs for the students and their families enrolled at Patrick Henry preK-8 school.
- \* **Neighborhood Recreation Center Scenario:** This model has a market focus of the 1-mile radius surrounding the site, in addition to the Patrick Henry students and families.
- \* **Community Recreation Facility Scenario:** This model includes programs that attract users from the entire City.

# School Centered Scenario

## Types of Programming Available:

- School Year Power-On: Ages 6 – 12
- Summer Power-On: Ages 6 – 12
- Summer Before Care: Ages 6 – 14
- Youth Basketball League
- Meeting Room

# School Centered Scenario

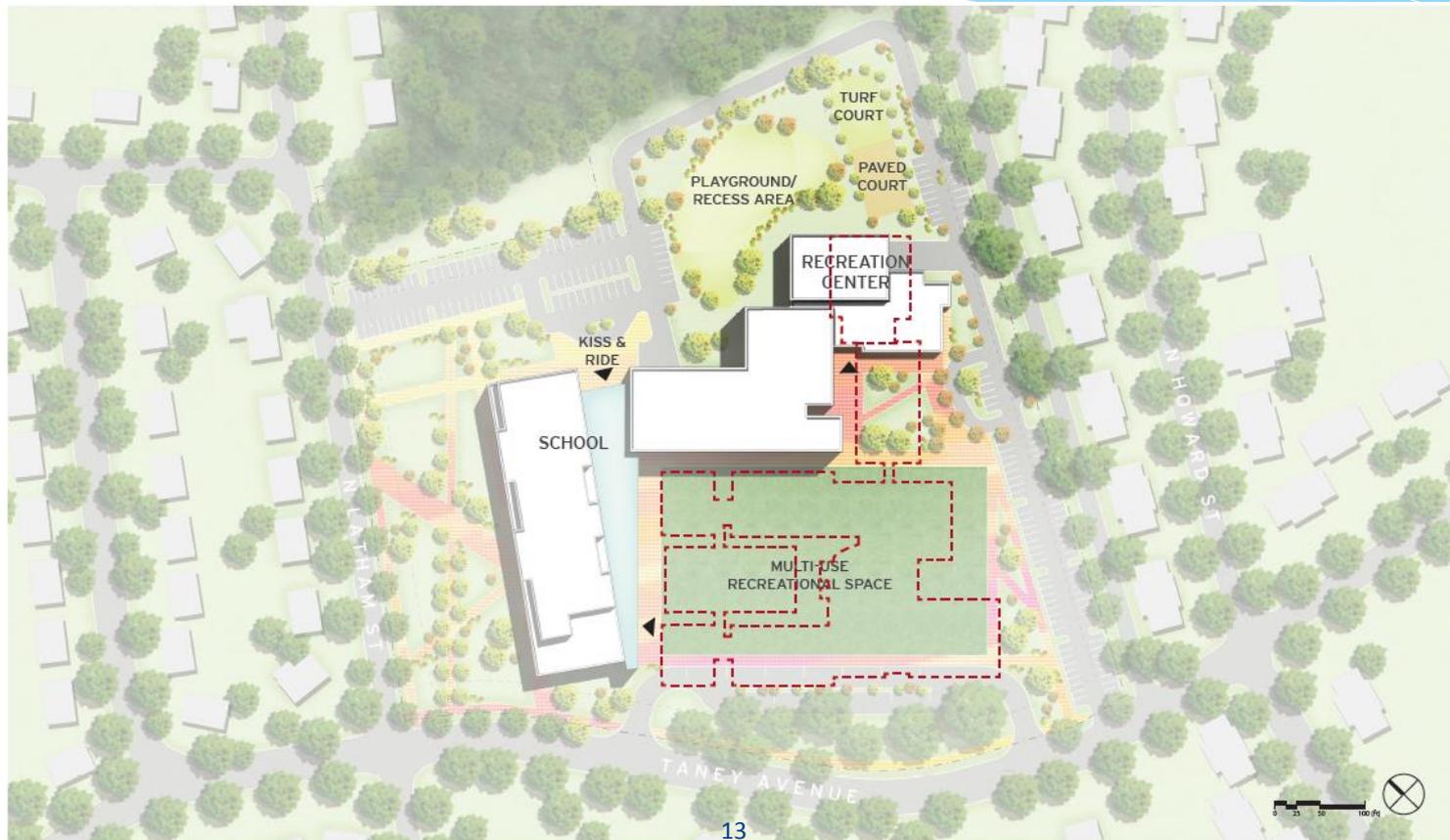


# Neighborhood Recreation Scenario

## Types of Programming Available:

- School Year Power-On: Ages 6 – 12
- Summer Power-On: Ages 6 – 12
- Summer Before Care: Ages 6 – 14
- Youth Basketball League
- Meeting Room
- Soccer: Ages 3 – 5
- Parent & Child Soccer: Ages 2 – 3
- Youth Flag Football League
- Specialized camps, including nature, “build it,” art, theatre
- Drop-in fitness room
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Aerobic Dancing
- Senior club programs

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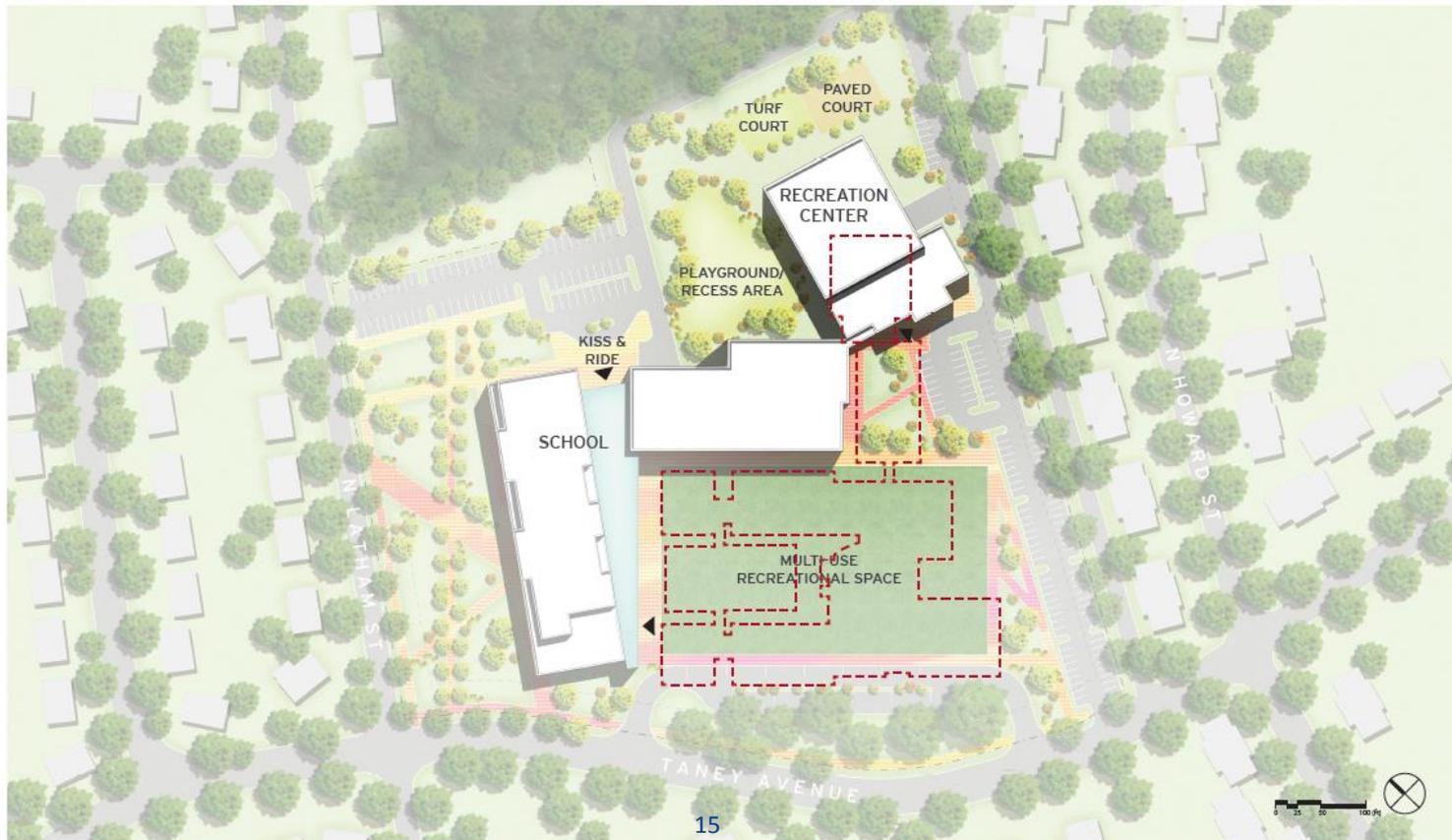


# Community Recreation Facility Scenario

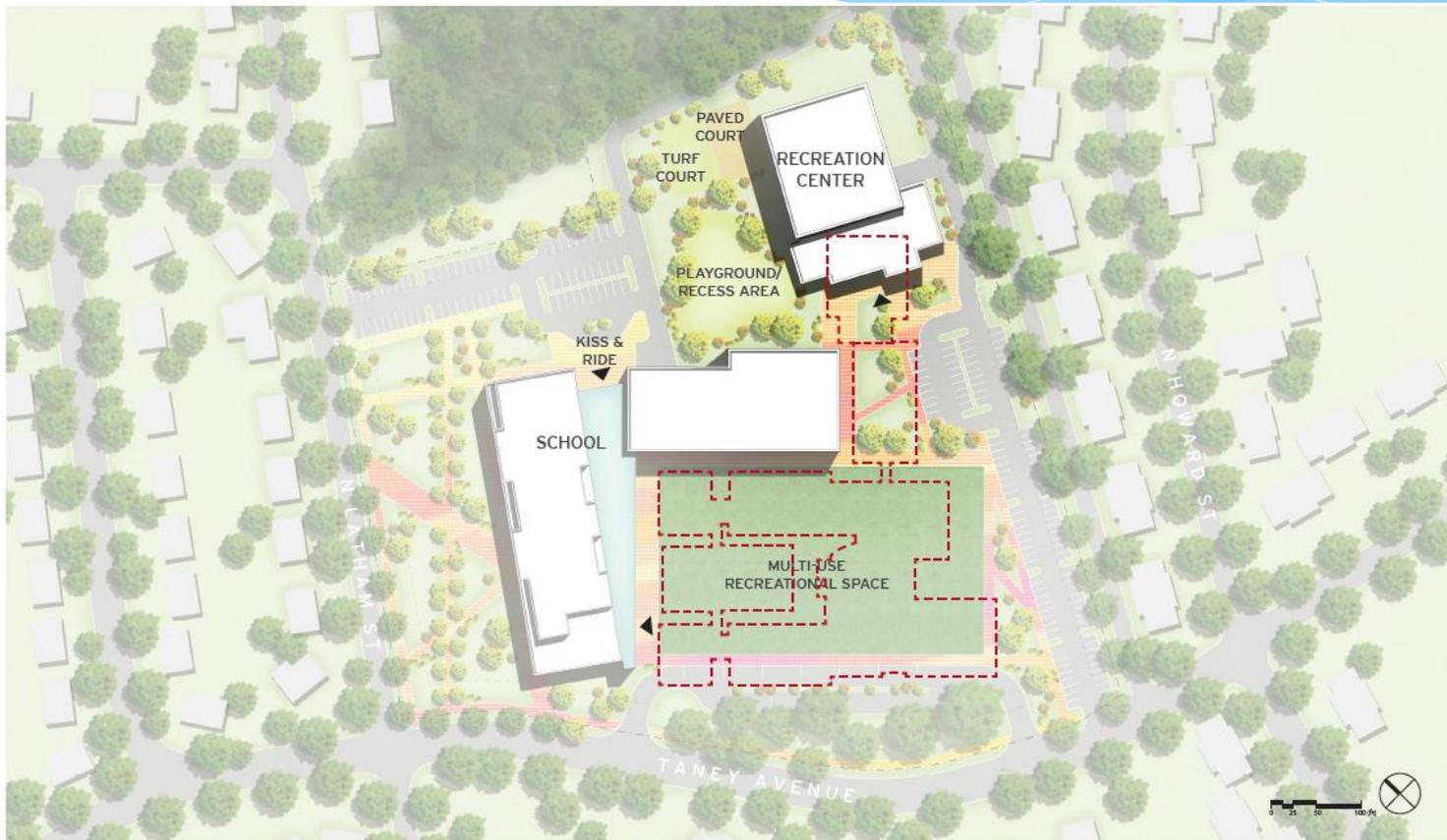
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- Summer Before Care: Ages 6 – 14
- Youth Basketball League
- Meeting Room
- UK Elite Petite Soccer: Ages 3 – 5
- UK Petite Parent & Child Soccer: Ages 2 – 3
- Youth Flag Football League
- Specialized camps, including Various fitness programs, including: Zumba, Boxercise Fitness, BeFit, High Intensity Interval Training, Functional Fitness for Older Adults, Yoga & Pilates, Cardio N Tone, Youth and adult fencing, Pickleball, Adult Volleyball, Racquetball, Youth & Adult dance
- Youth & adult computer programs
- Preschool age programs including: Soft Play Story Time, Soft Time Players, Music Together, tumbling, art, lil gymmies
- Specialized camps, including, computer, chess, bike, sports, nature, “build it,” art, theatre
- Drop-in fitness center
- Indoor sports
  - Soccer/ Futsal
  - Lacrosse
  - Football
  - Rugby
  - Track/walking path
- Gymnastics
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Aerobic Dancing
- Senior club programs

# Community Recreation Facility Scenario



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# Outdoor Recreation

All of the scenarios would include the following outdoor recreation elements:

- \* Playground for younger (non-school aged children)
- \* Multi-use field(s)
- \* Walking paths
- \* Maintaining the wooded/natural area

# Your Feedback

- \* Based on the potential offerings provided under each programming scenario, please rank the scenarios from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred).
- \* For each option, indicate if you would use the recreation center if it provided the program types listed. If yes, how often.
- \* Provide any additional comments you have related to your needs for a new Patrick Henry Recreation Center.

# Next Steps

- \* Refine site concept diagrams and cost estimates based on preferred programming options
- \* Develop staff recommendation
- \* Park and Recreation Commission public hearing on staff recommendation - June 18
- \* City Council meeting on staff recommendation - June 23