

# Survey Report

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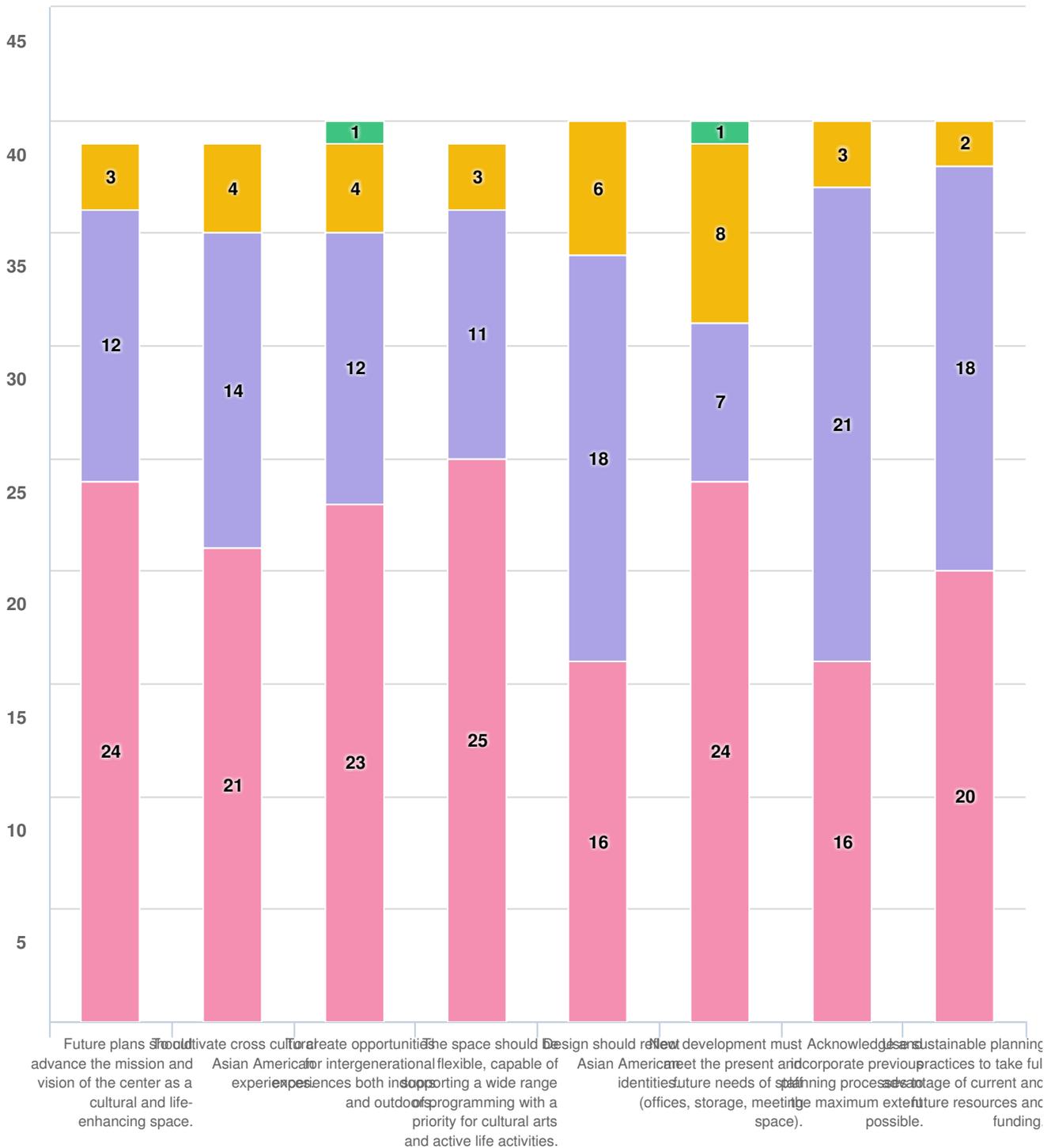
# Master Plan Values- Concept Questionnaire

PROJECT: Asian American Resource Center Master Plan  
Update

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**Q1 Please rank how well Concept A responds to each of the following values statements.**



**Question options**

- Not at all
- Somewhat
- Well
- Very Well

Optional question (40 responses, 8 skipped)

**Q2 | Share your thoughts on Concept A.**

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:17 AM

Concern with both designs is parking - at recent Night Market event at Braker and Lamar, congestion and parking was a nightmare, almost dangerous - concept parking situation and expected capacity don't seem to be aligned consider parking garage

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:18 AM

Build space to be multi-use.

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:21 AM

I like the convenience of the dropoff point relative to the existing & planned space. The open concept seems more open to the rest of the neighborhood, but I think it may dilute the impact of the actual facility.

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:25 AM

I like the more organic feel of the plaza, the Clear Creek cul de sac entrance. I'm less of a fan of the "wall" idea. I prefer inclusion to exclusion. I prefer the treatment of the pond/floodplain area in Concept A, particularly the path directly engaging the creek. Overall a more "natural" and organic design which I prefer, apart from the front partition concept.

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Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:28 AM

Do we need a bridge over the pond?

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:31 AM

I like the 3 access points from Cameron Rd with the circular drop-off point being in the center is much more convenient than drop-off point for Concept B. I also like the varied orientation of the new bldgs to the existing bldg. I like boardwalk across pond

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:44 AM

Comments written next to values: [To create opportunities...] Very Well (especially, learning garden next to library) [The space should be flexible...] Somewhat ("1 Building" should be flat, I think, because many people want just huge hall, not theater proscenium, or space with stairs) [Design should reflect...] Well - I can't see any facade in this plan, and also in master plan, there are not any symbolic design for Asian Americans.) [Use sustainable planning...] Very Well (because "19 space" is remained open for the future) But I'm not sure about the funding 7 - circular system would be good for drop-off, but I'm not sure if it's really necessary 1 - I think this building is going to be main building of new ones, so I want it to be more clearly designed and planned. 11 - I don't think sculpture garden need to be added in the masterplan because there are already sculpture garden next to the existing building. Rather than that, how about commercial cafe for renting??? With one commercial cafe, the outdoor space would be more safe. 15 - Library and learning garden is sooooo good idea, I think!! 4 - Stage is also very good idea! :) - Loda

Anonymous

1. Classrooms need to be grouped together for Asian Language Schools. 2.

3/29/2019 11:47 AM

Need to have a plan for \$7.5M Budget. (Phase - 2) 3. How do you keep existing AARC in operation when the existing road is gone. 4. U-shape seating area for performance ctr 5. Cameron St drop location has elevation problem

Anonymous

3/29/2019 03:56 PM

I like the bridge area. This will increase the appreciation for the nature surrounding the AARC. It is important to also incorporate education and reflection in the outdoor spaces. The buildings in the main area are not utilizing the space as well as plan B. Having a mix of structured outdoor and indoor spaces is nice.

Anonymous

4/03/2019 02:02 PM

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4/03/2019 03:16 PM

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Anonymous

4/05/2019 09:56 PM

In order to arrive at an intelligent and responsible opinion on either of these proposed concepts, it will require having the following : \*.Access to the cost and proposed budget foreach concept. \* What is the funding source for either concept? \*. The proposed time frame for beginning to completion.? \* Would the construction be opened to local bids? Without these important considerations , we would be like children who assume they have a secret Santa Claus that will just magically give them anything they that think would be fun to have. Totally irresponsible.

Anonymous

4/07/2019 12:15 PM

Like the open space between buildings and the turn around in between for dropping off seniors. I really like the greenspace, pond area, and riparian gardens.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 01:49 AM

I like the idea of larger buildings to accommodate large scale artworks and events. Areas can be sectioned off if needed so the plan is more flexible. Overall I think the design is cleaner and a nicer design. I like an open concept design.

Vincent Cobalis

4/12/2019 02:13 PM

I like the overall concept: passenger drop-off area, Clear Creek Drive entrance, the way the retention pond is incorporated. The Asian promenade is a very important element, but "B" allocates more space. Try to find a way that the Performing Arts theater can be flexible enough for other uses, such as large cultural events that don't use theater seating. Current auditorium is not big enough for many events. Outdoor stage location and size of outdoor activity lawn is better than "B"

Anonymous

4/14/2019 11:46 AM

Building cluster is more traditional.

Anonymous

4/15/2019 01:56 PM

Plan a is much better than b.

Anonymous

Will there be elevators because my tired knees can't handle going up and

4/16/2019 01:40 PM

down two stories

Anonymous

4/16/2019 01:44 PM

Better use of grounds by having 2 story building. Having a few less parking spaces negated by overflow parking. Onto the circular drive at the end of Clear Creek Drive will give a better flow for vehicles existing parking.

Anonymous

4/16/2019 01:45 PM

Boardwalk is an excellent idea

Anonymous

4/17/2019 01:36 PM

Overall, I like the feel of Concept A the most. I like the circular drop-off driveway between the buildings. I like the cul-de-sac turnout onto Clear Creek Drive, and a sculpture at that entry. I love the boardwalk going over the pond to the creek.

Anonymous

4/18/2019 09:40 PM

We don't want this to be built. Invest in what this city actually needs

Anonymous

4/19/2019 10:03 AM

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4/22/2019 09:11 AM

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Concept A has less of a footprint. The outdoor space/green space is larger. More flexibility to use the space. Having two stories will allow more use of storage and separation during events.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 10:15 AM

This does not allow for a larger hall with more seating space and enhanced acoustics, which is an issue with the art and culture events organized in the current space.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 10:48 AM

Concept A requires a smaller footprint and therefore leaves more greenspace available for current use and potential future expansion. The larger outdoor area provides greater opportunities for cultural, cross cultural and intergenerational experiences without being constrained within four walls. The two-story design of the building provides differentiated spaces front & back of huose requirements - e.g. storage in lower level & meeting spaces in the upper level. The 2 story building provides a better "canvas" for showcasing Asian inspired architectures.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 11:17 AM

In regards of reflecting Asian American Identities, please consider: Asian, Asian-American, Multiracial Communities (mixed race families). You have an opportunity for this to be a space that doesn't just promote mono-racial categories - since identity is a fluid concept.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 11:27 AM

- Not in love with the market space under event court. - It does no make more parking - No space labelled for staff.

Anonymous

Favorite overall. Like circular drop-off Like cul-de-sac entry from Cross Creek

4/22/2019 11:31 AM

Anonymous

4/29/2019 12:57 PM

Dr. with welcome sculpture Love Boardwalk to creek! Car-Ped bridge from parking overflow - Yay!

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5/01/2019 05:05 PM

Plan A we support

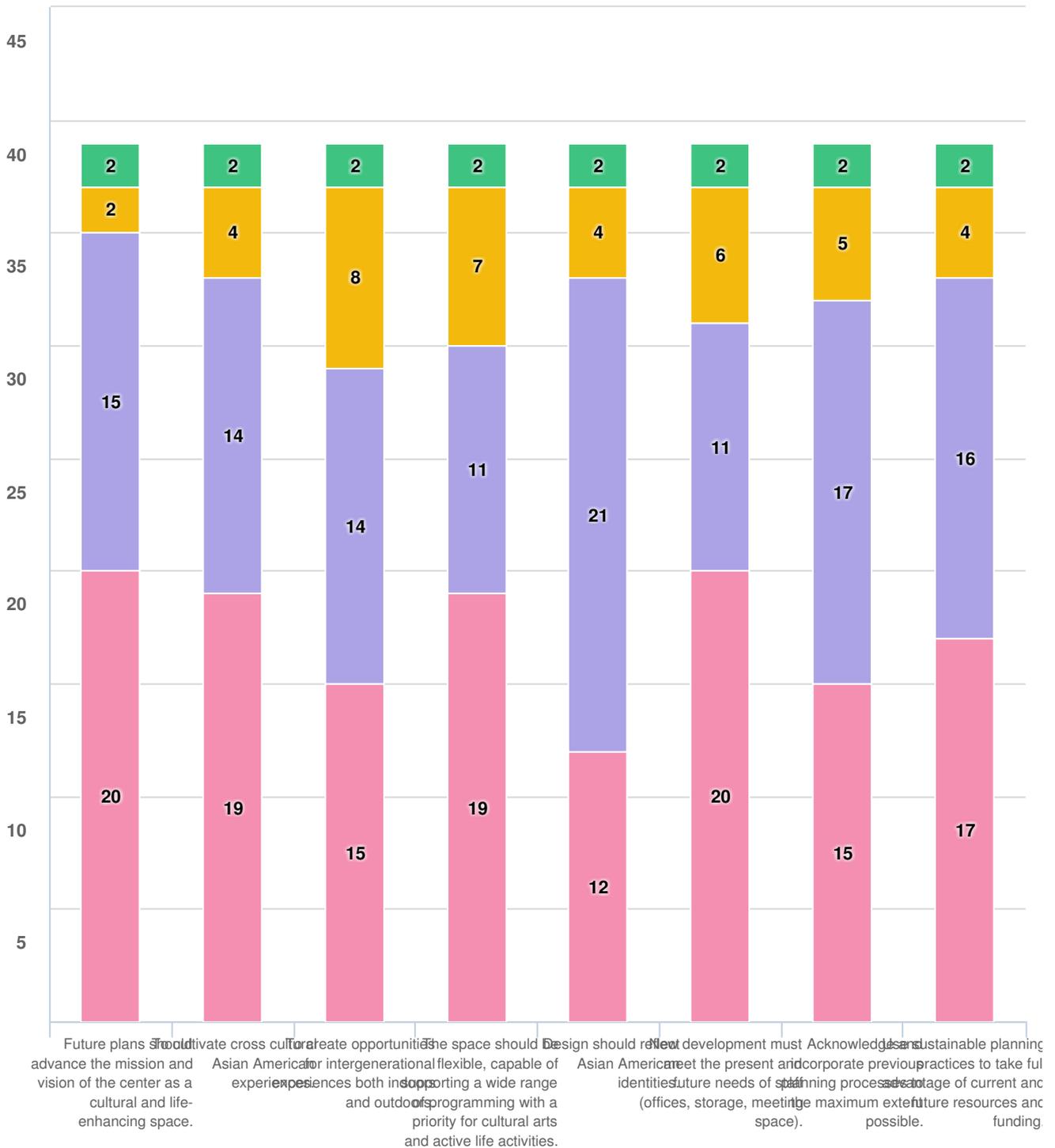
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**Optional question** (36 responses, 12 skipped)

**Q3 Please rank how well Concept B responds to each of the following values statements.**



**Question options**

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- Somewhat
- Well
- Very Well

Optional question (39 responses, 9 skipped)

**Q4 | Share your thoughts on Concept B.**

Anonymous

3/28/2019 01:57 PM

Overall I prefer concept b

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:17 AM

parking situation needs work consider garage

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:18 AM

not hard to answer all "very well"!

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:21 AM

Although this design is more closed off to Cameron Rd than A, the design feels more impressive -- creating a more enclosed space between the buildings for gathering space has more of a feeling of bringing people together. I also agree w/the speaker that there is an appeal to being able to view large crowds as you pass by the center. My only concern is that the walkway from the dropoff point to the building entrances may be too long for seniors or those with mobility issues.

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:25 AM

Concerned about the distance of drop off areas in regards to persons with disabilities. Natural area seems much less engaged and somewhat perfunctory. I'd like more engagement w/outdoors. I do like the lack of "wall" and more welcoming entryway, but the straight lines feel too formal. The Clear Creek cul de sac is reduced to an appendix, not good for traffic flow.

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This is the preferred option, but comments for option 1 apply here too. [From Concept A: 1. The new hall/proscenium (Building marked L) should provide a stage (better than what we have now) and a FLAT FLOOR, or it will only serve as a center for cultural performances and not all cultural events where a flat floor is needed. 2. The bridge to the APD parking lot should be for pedestrians only.]

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Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:31 AM

I don't like the center entrance in this concept, seems less grand and drop-off point is less convenient.

Anonymous

3/29/2019 11:44 AM

Comments written next to values: [To cultivate cross cultural...] Very Well ("5 Space" is very unique) [To create opportunities...] Somewhat (I don't think we need mural wall in the space of learning garden in Concept A) 5 The idea to make spaces for Asia street is good idea, but it needs to be more interactive with adjunct building. 3 cafe in this building might be noisy. I concerned. 5 & 15 How about making some furniture in 5 with connecting 15. 14 I want architects to consider the mural wall is the best for Concept B. 4 The direction of the stage in concept B is better than one of Concept A in terms that pedestrian and visitors can use whole space freely (5, 8, 9, 10, 23) - Loda 1. Classrooms need to be grouped together for language schools 2. Need to have phase plan for current \$7.6M in 5-yrs 3. Need to keep AARC phase-1 in operation during phase-2 construction 4. U-shaped seating area at

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performance ctr 5. Need to incorporate landscape concept of "A"

The tea house is a nice touch. The bridge in Plan A target the opportunity for the community to be further in touch with nature in the spaces offered. The actual building area for this plan is better because it utilizes the spaces between the buildings. I think that the outdoor areas connecting the buildings (the space dedicated to the artwork) could be smaller or offer more outdoor art spaces that can be rotated through with different collections. The smooth edges of the plan in this concept is very soothing to look at. And when executed it could be very nice for the community to see and walk through.

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Anonymous

4/05/2019 09:56 PM

Ditto concept A.

Anonymous

4/07/2019 12:15 PM

I dont like the buildings so close together without the greenspace in between. It makes it look like a monolithic structure where as concept A has a better integration with the outdoors and leaves more possibilities for beautiful outdoor spaces.

Anonymous

4/10/2019 01:49 AM

I think the design is fragmented and does not encourage cross cultural activities and presentation. I think it seems to isolate too much... and limits large scale concepts and ideas. The flow seems choppy and restrictive. Are the segmented lines within the buildings representative of movable walls? In that case the overall square footage seems larger and that would be a positive.

Anonymous

4/11/2019 05:40 AM

Concept B is far superior to Concept A in every way.

Vincent Cobalis

4/12/2019 02:13 PM

I like the tea garden concept in "B", but the outdoor stage location is better in "A". Asia Street better in "B" than "A". (might be able to access economic development funding). Hard to compare interior sizes, but I prefer the flowing design of "A" to the boxy "B" design. Clear Creek Drive entrance might flow traffic better in "A" than "B". Little Walnut Creek overlook good in both concepts. Be sure to consider staging the development based on available funding. Consider improvements to existing building, such as a divider for the auditorium.

Anonymous

4/14/2019 11:46 AM

Building design invites patrons to venture into other areas of the AARC complex.

Anonymous

4/16/2019 01:40 PM

It needs the bridge across the water and then it's perfect!

Anonymous

4/16/2019 01:45 PM

Multilevel structures will present problems for seniors

Anonymous

4/17/2019 01:36 PM

The ideas I like from Concept B are: the inclusion of a Tea House / Exhibit Hall; paved walkways through the picnic and play areas and around the pond, rather than just nature trails which would not be as accessible for some people. And on both - I love the vehicle and pedestrian bridges from the overflow parking on the south.

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I love the Tea House! The both plans are fabulous! Can we have the both community garden AND tea house?

Anonymous

4/22/2019 09:11 AM

- Still needs to be more parking. Recommended parking garage. RLC Overflow Parking cannot be relied on as the primary parking. Far walk from AARC, difficult during inclement weather, dark at night, not accessible for ADA. - would like more details on the "Asia Street" event court. What can be accommodated here? Number of tents?, etc. will it be covered? like the idea but needs to be executed well. - is nature play area a playground? need a playscape for children. safe area for kids to play during events. - no outdoor kitchen. need to utilize kitchen we already have. difficult to upkeep, monitor, and maintain. - tea house/gallery hall - is this exhibit space? seems very far and disconnected from building - no outdoor ping pong (too hot, weather dependent), definitely need dedicated indoor space for ping pong 3 tables) - each building needs to have dedicated office space for staff responsible for those buildings/activities - like the drop off in concept A. Definitely need drop off areas that do not impede traffic. particularly if parking will not increase significantly. - flexible spaces or need to determine the purpose and utility of each space in relation to the programs the facility will offer. - no cafe - too many logistics and operational requirements. - space for vending machines that does not impact aesthetics - must have plenty of storage space and office space for growth

Anonymous

4/22/2019 09:49 AM

Concept B is a bit much. Too much concrete space. Having one story is difficult to separate events.

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The building is TOO BIG - the AARC is not an event center or a performance hall. Once the building is built, that greenspace is gone forever. The single story design provides no differentiation in "real estate value" so that storage gets equal billing with community meeting spaces. This concept is trending towards an auditorium and not in the directions of the mission and vision of the AARC.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 11:27 AM

- Parking looks awkward. - Do not like having cafe in facility. - Not happy with layout as parking doesn't accomodate to all buildings.

Anonymous

4/22/2019 11:31 AM

Like addition of Tea House/Exhibit Hall. Like paved walkways for accessibility to picnic & play areas & pond. They both have great ideas & look exciting!

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5/01/2019 10:52 AM

Have been to some performances at ARC recently ( music concerts). Current set up and AV system makes it hard to enjoy the music. Having a theater style setting with a high quality AV system will encourage the community to use the PAC more often

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