



## DESIGN WORKSHOP #1

### Morse Recreation Center

Meeting Minutes from the September 21, 2021 Public Meeting

Meeting started 6:34 PM

Franklin High School, STEAM Academy Classroom

Workshop #1 Initial design presentation by CCSD Development Department and Barker, Rinker and Seacat Architecture firm.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Question:* What green technology or initiatives are in place?  
CSD has adopted a climate action plan (CAP). Calgreen Tier 2 building codes highest priority discussed. Building will use sustainable materials, no natural gas, all electric, solar, charging stations in parking lot. For landscaping water efficacy, using recycled water.
- Question:* What will be the parking capacity? Where will staff park?  
Increasing parking lot capacity. Working with Castello ES to facilitate offsite parking during tournaments. Walking and biking will be encouraged. Many programs will be moved to reduce amount of cars parked at the fields.
- Question:* How will you maintain privacy of neighbors? Will they be able to look out from the second level walking path?  
We are constructing the building to look out into the park. Sides of building will be constructed to face the neighboring houses. Walking trail will be extended to wrap around the street side of building. This will give more than a 100 ft. between houses and structure.
- Question:* What is the tax burden to residents?  
The budget is covered by developer impact fees that have been collected for the past 20 years. L&L fees will cover landscaping.
- Question:* What are the fees to use the facility?  
Daily, monthly, annual memberships and family memberships are still being discussed.
- Question:* Will there be a cap on memberships?  
These are still being worked out depending on how many types of programs the facility will offer, hours of operation and what level of service will be provided.
- Question:* Will there be native landscape and will wildlife be considered?  
Yes, we will use native and indigenous plants to create new habitats. Most of landscaping in the park is turf, but on the Bellaterra side, native plants will be prominent.
- Question:* Will there be a bike rack?  
Yes, there will be place to park bikes. Biking and walking will be encouraged.
- Question:* What will be the hours of operation?  
Our normal business hours at other facilities is 6AM to 9/10PM. This will be much the same but without late night rentals.
- Question:* Why was this location chosen?  
CSD analyzed which areas on this side of Elk Grove were not being served with special programming or indoor amenities.
- Question:* How will this building blend in with the neighborhood? Will it be futuristic?  
The building will not mirror surrounding houses. It will be designed to reflect Elk Grove and its identity. It will not be very modern.
- Question:* Are you going to supply the elevation renderings?



Yes, you will see updated designs at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

13. *Question:* Why so many basketball courts? Why no swimming pools?

There are already two aquatic centers in close proximity. There is only one gym, and that is at Wackford Community Center. District 56 has no gym space. We felt the need to expand because of the high waitlist for many of these programs that use gyms such as basketball, volleyball and pickleball.

14. *Question:* Will there be childcare programs offered to the adults using the gym?

Yes, there is a multipurpose space that could offer that service. The need for that is still being assessed.

15. *Question:* What measures are you taking for security?

We already have park rangers that monitor the park. We also have contracted security at our other facilities and will probably use those companies for this location as well.

16. *Question:* How many new jobs will be created?

This facility will need one Recreation Coordinator, several Recreation Leaders and many Recreation Specialists to help run the programs offered.

17. *Question:* Will you be a local business that encourages local hiring?

Yes, we will have quite a few opportunities to staff the facility with seasonal and permanent staff.

18. *Question:* What modern technology will be utilized?

Installing infrastructure to support modern technology for internet capability, televisions and audio visual.

19. *Question:* Will there be afterschool programs for teens such as tutoring?

Yes, the facility will be ready for all students coming to spend time afterschool. There may be the ability to partner with local business that offer such academic services.

20. *Question:* Will the walls open up? Will there be an open air design?

Yes, there will be plenty of windows to provide natural light.

21. *Question:* How will you incorporate the talent of local artists?

We can look into a public art structure or some sort of signature design elements to reflect local artists.

22. *Question:* Will there be a café where food and beverage can be purchased?

Not decided yet, but we are definitely considering options for food and beverage purchases to be made at the front desk.

23. *Question:* What will be the room rental impact on neighbors?

The focus for this community center will be on fitness and active components. There will not be late hour event rentals.

COMMENT FORMS – Submitted online after Workshop #1

What did you like about the proposed design?

- Outdoor and indoor fitness and recreation spaces for the community.
- It's always good to have fitness amenities that can be used in the summer heat.
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What did you not like about the design?

- No sand volleyball courts in design
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- No sand volleyball courts mentioned.
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**Additional comments:**

- Would be great to get well lit sand volleyball nets in Elk Grove. Only lit courts are in Folsom.
- Many Elk Grove residents are looking for indoor pickleball with outdoor surface, or outdoor pickleball courts that are covered.
- There is demand for outdoor volleyball here with groups of hundreds on meetup and Facebook. Would love to play here in Elk Grove.