



PROJECT: Edina Grandview Community Center  
HGA Commission Number 3857-001-00

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MEETING

Purpose: Community Open House - Resident Comments  
Date: January 21, 2016 Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: City of Edina Public Works

**Comments**

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**Regional Aerial**

- City Council and School Board need to integrate on planning
- Increase public space – less private more open space
- Connect don't isolate

**Site Aerial**

- What city facilities are located elsewhere?
- Do they need to be duplicated or moved here?
- Connection across to Jerry's is critical
- Vehicle transportation
- Dotted lines are on rail road property
- Parking need: build a walkway from the structure behind Jerry's
- This site is available, but is it the best site for the new art/community/senior center?
- Walking connected to near-by buildings
- Farmer's market area
- Enjoy Grandview without driving
- Landscape architecture important
- Billing access
- Pedestrian/bike access from Vernon
- A path from just south of the Jerry's building to cross Vernon
- Tie into the "high line" of Grandview
- Redevelop small strip mall to the north – or at least allow for the future possibility
- Consider bus side in Master Plan or else this becomes piecemeal
- Green space please
- Scenario 3 is dense
- Link with 9 mile creek trail for bike traffic
- Energy costs
- Are we being responsible?

- Co2 cuts
- How will energy and greenhouse gases be offset with this new facility to meet Edina goals – passive solar, solar power, etc.?
- Consolidate of bus garage space for parking and transit may give more space on Grandview parcel for others uses
- East/west communication across north end of public building
- Build a “high line” (NYC) park over the tracks
- Fantastic architecture
- Leading the state in artistic and energy efficient design
- Bike, pedestrian, transit access key?

### **Senior and Adult Programs**

- Probably (guessing) that total percent hobbies (knitting “portable” crafts) talked of bigger than “fine arts” and these clubs would like meeting space (hobby clubs)
- Fitness? (for grownups)
- Definition of senior is changing this facility should keep pace
- Senior is an antiquated concept, upcoming seniors want to be fit/active
- Seniors need to be integrated with all other age groups – not silo’d
- Functional movement – body pump
- Good
- Edina adults lack rec. opportunities – part of strategy to provide \_\_\_\_\_ to the new community center.
- It would be fun and interesting to have arts and hobbies expanded.
- Recreation brings all ages together multiple times per week
- Should be emphasized more if a referendum is required – consider voter demographics
- Therapeutic pool would add to existing senior programming
- Connect with other groups – share programs and spaces
- Yes to all this – but need physical exercise – important for seniors
- Need more detail on what this means
- Consider a pool only if there is a large gift to fund it! Expensive to build and maintain
- We like the senior center the way it is now
- We would not like it to change
- In-expensive space to rent for clubs, politics, etc.
- Yes, yes, yes
- Need real fitness for seniors, weights, therapy pool
- Cardio for seniors, too
- Some equipment as for others
- New programs for working seniors – 50-70 at night
- Now program just for “retired” and kids
- Anything “seniors” need everyone needs
- Make it for all
- Hate the word “seniors”

### Arts

- Studio arts – computers and printers
- More/large art exhibition space with appropriate lighting
- Focus on updated technology with arts
- Keep youth in
- Garden space and educational classes in gardening
- Writers and poetry groups
- Author's studio is running out of space at the EAC
- Have author's studio here – public works
- Need to have performing arts (small group) space with 250+ seats.
- Lighting and sound expenses
- Also rehearsal space and a \_\_\_\_\_
- Bring in writers and artists to do classes
- Use shared space for exhibit area – not dedicated
- Art is a small percentage of resident users
- Look at arts attendance numbers; general rec is needed to complement arts
- Loft classes
- Present art center is in an inspirational setting – can this be?
- Expand to include more fiber arts
- Exhibits integrated throughout building
- Would percentage of facility space reflect percentage of demand for art studios vs. other areas of demand? (like fitness/meeting space)
- Arts would be a good complement to a general recreation center, not for central focus
- Better location and synergy = great opportunity
- Media arts
- Cater to youth, film, design, etc.
- Many art center students respond to the idea of mornings – that would be dumb!
- What are numbers for arts attendance
- I love art, arts and alike
- I attend classes and events
- But there needs to be a lot of other programs, etc. including private enterprise (restaurant, pub etc.) to make this not a ghost town
- Good work!
- Many good ideas
- This is what we really need!!!

### Fitness and Wellness Programs

- Big percentage of population 60+ years, lots of baby boomers just retiring and still fit.
- Need place for exercise and more
- Food – local and organic – farm to table program
- Do we need to duplicate facilities that are at Edinborough – swim pool, track, etc.
- Walking and jogging space is the most requested fitness for center.
- We can't walk outside for three months of winter
- Body Pump classes
- Edinborough Park has indoor walking space that is under used
- Community center should be multi generation and all inclusive
- Swimming pool

- Walking track for winter use
- Unstructured space for kids to free play, me too!
- Swimming – look at national trends
- Look at data
- Look at Edina’s demographics when determining activities
- Would enjoy a gym space for badminton, pickleball and/or ping pong. Doesn’t need to be here, but someplace
- Yes, splash pool
- Look at the attendance numbers for general recreation
- General rec is needed to make the arts successful
- Fundraise the gym – expensive space – others underutilized!
- General recreation should be the central focus as it has the most attendance by far
- Program this place with lots of options, for all ages, synergy will keep this alive
- Fitness – cardio weights, group classes
- Things I do every day! Will get me and a lot of others in
- Can people really not find this elsewhere?
- Yes
- Gear toward younger families who live in NW part of Edina. Facilities in the south part of the city
- We need a place to exercise for folks over 55
- More space for fitness oriented community ed. programming
- Nature to be seen from inside looking out
- Need (and want: supported by data) fitness, walking, jogging, indoor gyms, multi-generation
- If too \$\$\$\$ adjust to be viable for community funding

### **Youth Programs**

- Space for early childhood education!
- Relocate 33 months and younger programming!!
- Pool for zero depth, young children and special needs
- Attracts young families
- Youth should be integrated with other age groups
- Yes to arts and performance and social groups
- Why drop in childcare when there are so many options available in the city?
- Free and/or reasonable fees for club/groups meeting space!
- As a new parent, an under represented demographic at these meetings, childcare here would be awesome
- I live right by Grandview, just google “daycare” on Goggle maps.
- This location is ideal. There is a void in this conversation \_\_\_ = daycare
- Area for young families to meet and connect
- Classes and less formal connections
- Discuss with school board whether 0-3 year programs could be moved to the new community center
- Yes to youth
- Easy drop off area
- Make it easy for young parents to park, drop kids off, infants can be hard
- Teens need more to do in this town
- Organized sports isn’t enough
- Need a place for families with young kids to hand out!

- Possibly a very central location
- Good idea
- Cooking, art classes for teens
- Outside space/playgrounds for kids
- Grandparents and grandkid programs together
- Market space for student recitals
- Informal hang out space for teens – ping pong, games
- How do we get school \_\_\_\_\_ to cooperate with programs?

### **Multipurpose Event Program**

- Attract the next generation
- We have to have 55% of the space for future
- Why is dance here? Fitness?
- Make it a desirable hangout when no programming present
- Consider that flex auditorium at Normandale is least used
- More large public meetings from entry hall
- Why private rentals and public meetings when we have City Hall and the performance center at the high school?
- Yes!
- Edina does need events/meeting space. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of high quality public meeting space
- Performing arts should be looked at carefully with respect to attendance
- Inexpensive space for clubs and politics
- Partner with YMCA or YWCA to provide dance and fitness – yoga, etc.
- Agree, seems there are redundant spaces within the city for lectures, meeting space
- All good but unsure if the demand is there.
- Would like to understand market demand? What about EPAC
- Yes to all of these
- Spaces available free to community groups and non-profits (for free meetings that are open to all). First come – first served sign-ups
- Meeting space for club/groups neighborhood organization in general which help strengthen volunteerism in Edina
- I suggest a focus for the building. I think one or two multi-purpose rooms is plenty
- Multi-use flexible spaces key to adapting to changing uses for the future Arts-fitness-meetings
- As active as possible – Hopkins center felt like a dead zone
- I completely support trying to be collaborative across interests and entities – but please not to the extent we lose focus of specifics necessary to specialized programs or centers
- Bird proof windows
- Exhibition space
- Informal gathering space interior and exterior
- Great. Have ones that can handle catering well. One or two spaces for lots of purposes – great
- Gathering space (fireplace) to present book club gatherings
- Authors
- Tutoring – Senior citizen, children for practice
- Speaker series
- Gathering space with fireplace for book clubs
- Senior citizen for \_\_\_\_\_ space

### **Community Hub Programs**

- Views to outdoor green spaces
- Can eye to green roof
- Bird/Butterfly considerations
- Interior green/plant
- Vertical
- Plantings/wall
- Consideration for bird proof windows (not fly into!)
- We must not forget “Grandview.” As a public facelift, allow for an awesome gathering space up-to (i.e., green roof, community room, scenic outlook) for everyone to enjoy the beautiful view
- ECE
- Educational garden space
- Demonstration gardens
- Increase Public areas
- Open and Outdoors
- Dining space that does not require purchase
- Early childhood facility
- Not sure of the utility of dining, options, if they would be used
- Good thinking
- Why a café/restaurant, catering, juice bar when Jerry’s is close
- Outdoor space and flex space (open in summer; enclosed in winter)
- Green building including green roof
- Green spaces that can be used not just observed
- What is the “front door concept?”
- Would use a small café for social and meetings
- Integrate history exhibit into whole building
- Running track
- Yes to healthy dining options on site; part of overall wellness
- Yes – green roof. Very possible and \$\$ smart, saves fuel costs, etc.
- Love everything mentioned...dining – brew pub, bar - young couples need these hangouts
- Telescope use viewing \_\_\_\_\_
- Bring fancy name back to Grandview
- Welcoming vibe important
- Green roof
- Good restaurant (like at History Center)
- Yes to informal gathering – both in and out
- What kind of all-day programming?
- A place for people to eat and mingle while the kids play
- An all-access building like the Oslo Opera House
- Please consider the planned space for future light rail access
- Green roof for outdoor activities
- Yes – green spaces. Edina resident info area for paper posting (paper still exists) not all web (internet.)

# Edina Grandview Community Center Region Aerial



City Council  
and School  
Board need to  
integrate on  
planning

Increase  
public  
space -  
less private  
more open

Connect  
don't  
isolate



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# Edina Grandview Community Center

## Arts

Art Exhibits

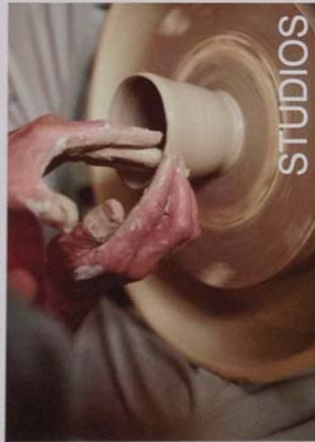
Educational Workshops

Gift Shop

Performing Arts Education

Studio Arts

- Book Making
- Glass
- Jewelry
- Metals
- Pottery
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Textiles



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### Comments

Notes on sticky paper:

- Garden Space! Educational Classes in Gardening
- Request Art Center (lighting, sound, etc.)
- Would percentage of facility space reflect priority of demand for art studios vs other areas of demand (Gym, fitness, meetings)
- Many Art Center studios inspired to the idea of meeting (could be double)
- Workshop in main area
- Good Work! Many great ideas
- FOCUS ON ARTS RECREATION w/ ARTS w/ ARTS
- Writers, Poets, & Artists
- LOFT CLASSES
- Look at w/ the audience #1's general recs to complement arts
- Authentic Studios (w/ space) w/ space at FAC
- Have Artisans (like local)
- Use shared space for exhibit area - not dedicated. Art is a small block of residential
- expand to include more fiber arts
- Better location + synergy = great opportunity
- I love art, arts, & alike... x. x. x. ATTEND CLASSES & EVENTS. ART. THESE WOULD BE A LOT OF OTHER PARTS TO MAKE THE CENTER THE BEST TO ADD THIS AT A COST THAT
- Studios arts - computers + printers
- Need to have performing arts (small group) open with rest seats. Lighting and sound systems. Also include space and "main room" performance space.
- Bring in outside and on site to help the site.
- Arts would be a good complement to a general recreation center that the central focus
- What are the #1s for arts attendees
- MEDIA ARTS. CASES IN YOURS... THEM, DESIGN, ETC.



# Edina Grandview Community Center

## Fitness & Wellness Programs



### Athletic Programs

- Flexible Gym Spaces
- Open Gym Times

### Health Programs

- Cardio
- Fitness Equipment
- Group Fitness
- Running Track
- Stress Reducers



GROUP FITNESS



WEIGHTS

we need to have a program that is flexible and can be used for a variety of activities. We need to have a program that is flexible and can be used for a variety of activities.

Find - Local Organic Farm to Table program

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SWIMMING  
Look at normal trends

yes  
splash pad

PROGRAM THIS PLACE WITH LOTS OF OPTIONS, BUT ALL AGES, ATHLETIC ALL REST THIS ALIVE.

More space for fitness oriented community and programming.

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t to be  
Viable for community funding.

Nature to be seen from inside looking out.

Fitness - Cardio weights  
Things I do every day I will get my metabolism up there

Get toward younger families who live in NW part of Edina. It's all in the south part of city.

Need to be supported by fitness walking/jogging - many options - multi-generational

RECREATION  
Fun for all ages

Fundraise the gym - explore space - other underutilized!

LOOK AT live attendance #s for general recreation - 15-20% of the city

look at Edina's demographics opportunities

OK - 17

Walking space - pool - walking on Track & Vela Winter

Boys' Life classes

Edina High School - under walking space that is underused

Universities - make sure it's inclusive + all inclusive

Would enjoy a gym space for basketball and/or ping pong. Don't need to be over, but simple.

General Recreation should be the central focus. As it has the most attendance

YES

We need a place to exercise for folks 75











