



Beacon Activity Center Program Update and Recommendations

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community
Services





Overview



- History/Background of Beacon Center
- Current Beacon Center Operations
 - Senior Services
 - Youth and Young Drop-in Center & Shelter
- Feasibility Study Recommendations



Beacon Activity Center



- Beacon Activity Center
 - Senior Activity Services
 - Operated by Korean Women's Association
 - Overnight Shelter services for young adults (18-24)
 - Operated by Comprehensive Life Resources
 - Feasibility study completed December 2018



Contracted Services for Seniors



- In 2018, the City moved from direct service to contracting with an external provider (Korean Women's Association) to operate Beacon Senior Center.
 - More than 300 unduplicated seniors attended Beacon since 2018

Beacon Center Services for Homeless Youth and Young Adults



- The Young Adult Overnight Shelter opened in 2015 as a temporary solution to providing shelter for young adults.
 - More than 180 young adults accessed shelter at Beacon Center during the past year and over 450 since opening.
 - Drop-in services for youth/young adults were relocated to the HYPE Center 2342 Tacoma Ave in July 2019 with the intent of co-locating at Beacon site after renovation.

Beacon Activity Center Feasibility



- The City evaluated the need for an overnight shelter and began work on the feasibility study for Beacon Activity Center to determine its capability.
- Study included consultations from both the Youth and Young Adult Drop-in and Overnight Shelter Operator and the Senior Center Operator.
- Conducted senior surveys and coordinated with Metro Parks Tacoma to determine seniors' interest in moving to People's Center (two field trips).
 - Field trips - People's Center not preferred by seniors
 - Survey results – comfortable with co-location at Beacon



Preliminary Programming



- Study was completed in late 2018 and provided recommendations for physical improvements to the Beacon Center to accommodate both Senior Services and Youth and Young Adult Services.
- The renovation will utilize the existing footprint more efficiently with minor building entry expansion, to develop a permanent youth and young adult drop-in center and young adult overnight shelter at Beacon.
- The renovation will create separate spaces for senior and youth/young adult services, and remodeled shared spaces such as a kitchen and/or fitness area to enhance the experience of all participants.



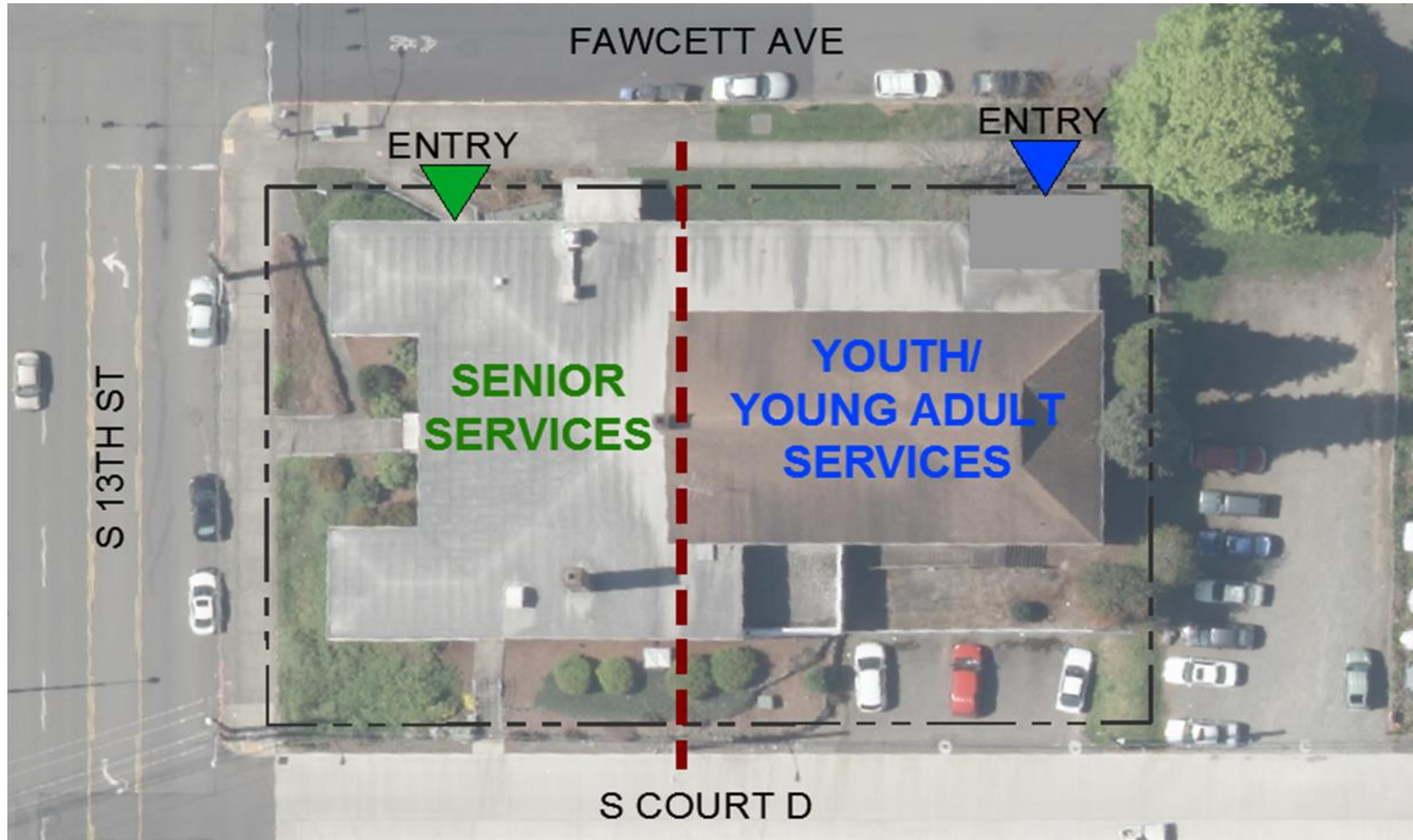
Proposed Renovation



- The renovation will accommodate:
 - 25-30 young adult overnight beds (potential for 50)
 - 35-50 youth/young adult day-use
 - 55 seniors day use
- The renovation will also address deferred repair and replacement needs including:
 - New Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning system
 - Upgraded electrical distribution
 - Fire protection enhancements
 - Upgraded plumbing
 - Exterior improvements such as a new roof and siding



Preliminary Concept





Anticipated Schedule & Budget

DESCRIPTION	2019		2020				2021		
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
A/E SELECTION & CONTRACT	■	■							
DESIGN PHASE		■	■	■					
PERMITTING & BIDDING				■	■	■			
CONSTRUCTION						■	■	■	■

- Current Funding: \$4.58M