

October 17, 2019 Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

At the meeting, participants had an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback on the overall renovation project and feasibility study that conducted by the City. [Click here](#) to view the meeting presentation slides.

Responses collected from the round table feedback sessions will help us shape agendas for future meetings and will be answered during future meetings as we dive more deeply into each of these topics.

Roundtable Feedback:

City Question: *What general questions do you have about the Beacon Center Project that you would like answered during our series of stakeholder meetings?*

Participant Responses:

- Will there be a change in services for seniors, such as mealtimes?
- Will there be full time security inside the building?
- Will there be transportation services and expanded parking?
- What is the relocation plan for the seniors during renovation?
- When the seniors relocate to Lighthouse temporarily, will there be capacity?
- What is going to happen with staffing at Beacon and Lighthouse?
- What will feedback look like for services and programming?
- Will there be an Advisory Committee? Will there be an email sent out?
- How much consideration from the seniors and youth/young adults are they going to take?
- What is the plan for relocation for youth?
- What services will be potentially lost for youth?
- How will the City of Tacoma communicate with homeless youth to advise them of updates?
- Is there historical status on the building?
- Will there be an area for military history (USO)?
- Explore different location options for the youth and young adult shelter - Kmart on 6th Ave., Hunt Middle School, YMCA.
- Explore the YMCA for the seniors to relocate temporarily.
- Explore possible second floor addition to building for the youth and young adults.
- Explore guidelines for neighborhood friendliness and a standard way of entry for the youth and young adults.
- Explore police involvement to address the many issues since HYPE Center has set up.

City Question: *What services would you like to be prioritized for youth and young adults and seniors who utilize the Beacon Center?*

Participant Responses:

Youth and Young Adults:

- Multi-disciplinary education and work opportunities
- Mentoring and networking opportunities
- Trauma counseling
- Beds/overnight bunk beds
- MHSUD & Mental Health services
- Trauma informed treatment
- Training & Computer access
- Life skills & basic needs
- Support & Transitional services
- Medical & Health services

Seniors:

- Supportive and collaborative staff
- Physical activities, crafts, & field trips
- Longer meal times
- Vocational/employment opportunities
- Medical, Health, & Mental Health services
- Nutritional services
- Housing & Energy assistance
- Education training for Youth & Young Adults
- Insurance assistance
- Parking & transportation services

City Question: *What would you like the City to consider in the physical design of the Beacon Center?*

Participant Responses:

- Youth and young adult entrance space and covered outdoor shelter.
- Larger fitness/exercise space.
- Better visibility and cameras at sidewalks, with external lighting.
- Physical accessibility of building is ADA compliant, ramps versus stairs.
- More parking with ADA accessibility and shuttle drop off area.
- Create an outdoor area that better utilizes space with functional sitting area.
- Local art and music on display.
- Laundry & shower facilities with extra restrooms.
- Have storage capabilities.
- Quiet spaces within the building for the seniors and youth/young adults.
- Programming times for shared spaces.

City Question: *What should the City be considering in plans to relocate services temporarily during the Beacon Center renovation?*

Participant Responses:

- Prepare the seniors and youth/young adults for the move.
- Do not change contractors during the renovation.
- Create a security plan for the HYPE Center site as the youth and young adults relocate.

Please reach out to vmclaurin@cityoftacoma.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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