

Veterans Memorial Senior Center – YMCA Project



At a Glance...

The Veterans Memorial Senior Center facility and Sequoia YMCA at Palm Park are aging and will require significant future improvements to meet Redwood City's changing needs. The Veterans Memorial Senior Center - YMCA project will be designed to meet Redwood City's growing needs and to enhance the community's health, wellness, recreational, social and arts resources for all ages.

After community discussions and several stakeholder meetings about whether to rebuild or renovate, the preferred decision is to rebuild and reimagine these facilities.

Public-Private Partnership

By fostering this public-private partnership, the City and the Y will leverage their unique strengths to better meet the long-term recreational, health and social needs of the Redwood City community and promote the City's strategic initiative of attaining 'A Community for All Ages.' The innovative partnership between Redwood City and YMCA of Silicon Valley maintains its vision for a shared multi-generational center while being responsive to community feedback. The Veterans Memorial Senior Center will keep its free and low-cost programs for seniors and the Y will continue to serve the community through programs and member engagement. Additionally, the partnership seeks to eliminate duplication of services between the City and the Y. By specializing in programs or amenities where each partner excels, efficiencies in operational and staffing costs will be realized.

Community Engagement

Before design approval at the City Council there will be many opportunities in early 2018 for community members to attend open house style workshops and other public meetings to share their thoughts and provide feedback. The initial workshops in January and February will be an opportunity to offer input on the latest iteration of the master plan, and will inform the design process.

Workshop #1: **January 17, 6-8 p.m.**

(Open House, Gallery Walk, Information Stations)

Workshop #2: **January 31 from 6-8 p.m.**

(conceptual master plan alternatives)

Workshop #3: **February 22 from 6-8 p.m.**

(preferred conceptual master plan)

**The above meetings will be held at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center*

Following the community engagement workshops the City is tentatively planning other public review opportunities:

- Potential review of a proposed conceptual design at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission in early Spring
- Discussions with the Senior Affairs Commission and the Historic Resources Advisory Committee
- A City Council meeting in March 2018 to review a proposed conceptual design
- A City Council meeting in May 2018 to review and consider a proposed schematic design



Two Entities, Combined Vision: To Serve the Community

Veterans Memorial Senior Center Proposed Highlights:



The proposed facility will provide current and new, **state-of-art senior services and programming**.



Plans will maximize **accessibility** and aim for **LEED certification**.



A generous lobby that will serve as the **“seniors living room”** for reading, conversation and relaxing.



A new 300- 400-seat, ADA compliant **theater** will allow for greater access for all community members and improved capacity to enjoy a wide array of performances and theatrical productions.



The **dining commons and chef’s test kitchen** will deliver a new community meal venue and improve access to nutrition-focused events and educational opportunities.



The Veterans Memorial Senior Center will include several **multipurpose, flexible spaces** to promote greater community access – from seniors, school children to teens.



Gallery exhibits honoring Veterans of Redwood City and highlighting NFL alumni of Northern California.



A roof-top **walk/jog track** and community **garden** space.



A new **mini-gym** will supplement gym space within the park, creating new programming opportunities for the community such as pickleball.



Non-profit partner space.

YMCA Proposed Highlights:



The Y will continue its **long history** of Redwood City community service in this new facility.



Based on input from extensive community outreach and Y member surveys, the Y will offer **expanded programs and services** to meet the evolving needs of the community.



The plan is to build a new Y which will provide **multi-functional, state-of-the-art facilities** for people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds and income levels; incorporating Universal Design criteria and LEED certification.



A new **aquatics center** will serve the diverse needs of the community, including athletic, recreational, therapeutic and instructional activities for kids, adults and seniors.



The Y will feature a much-needed **early childhood learning center**, as well as spaces for a wide variety of youth programming.



The new **wellness center** will include cardiovascular and strength-training equipment, studios for group exercise classes, and spaces for a variety of healthy living programs and activities.



The new Y will also feature places and programs for people to **connect and build community**.



New men’s, women’s and family/universal **locker rooms**.

