

# **Singing Arrow Community Center Facilitated Public Meeting**

February 7, 2017 6:00 – 7:30pm

Singing Arrow Community Center, 13001 Singing Arrow Ave SE,  
Albuquerque, NM 87123

## **AGENDA**

### **I. Bill Moyer – Facilitator**

#### **- Staff Introductions**

Albuquerque City Councilor Don Harris

Dawn Marie Emillio, District 9 Policy Analyst

Tom Menicucci, City Council Policy Analyst

Jess Martinez, Division Manager, Family & Community Services

Cassandra Vigil, Community Center Supervisor

Claudia Rivera, Community Center Supervisor

Rey Cordova, Community Center Supervisor

Steve James, City Architect, Department of Municipal Development

Tina Reames, President, Cherry/See/Reames Architects,

Steve Mora, Associate Architect, Cherry/See/Reames Architects

#### **- Purpose of the Meeting – to gather design input**

#### **- Agenda – City Presentation and Questions and Answers, Meeting will end at 7:30pm**

#### **- Ground Rules for Discussion**

### **II. Councilor Harris**

- Project Introduction – Purpose and need for project, need demonstrated by 2013 Study. Great addition to the area with improved City Services available to adjacent neighborhoods. A lot of erroneous information being sent out, please listen with an open mind, ask questions. Full funding is available for project using Capital Bonds and State Grants.

### **III. Cherry/See/Reames Architects**

- Presentation of six boards describing location, site analysis, programming needs, and design strategies, ask for input

### **IV. Facilitator**

- Lead Question / Answer / Comment session
- Sixty-three (63) people signed in for attendance. Twelve (12) people signed up to speak.

- Notes following are a summary of design input to be addressed in design and presented at future meeting. A full summary of public comments and questions and responses collected from the meeting are available upon request.

## Summarized Comments for Design Input

### SITE DESIGN COMMENT

Piru BLVD is a main access point to the park and we need to consider how gating the parking lot on Wenonah AVE will affect pedestrian traffic at other access points.

The location of the building needs to be considered to make sure it does not impact where people/kids would play soccer.

Would like to see IP cameras in the parking lot and would prefer if they had the ability to be accessed remotely for surveillance.

Can we move the building site 50 to 75 feet to the west? (to the second sidewalk and west.)

If the parking lot is designated for the Community Center, where would the park and ride go?

The site choice is not strongly justified.

Concerned about parking on Rachel.

Make sure that the lighting is much better than Manzano Mesa and Baca. Many of the lights are broken, path lighting is broken and the parking is dark. They have to bring in auxiliary lights for events.

People currently park on Eugene and Rachel to walk their dogs. Can we include "no parking" signs along these streets to help reduce the parking?

If the parking lot off of Wenonah is gated and closed, this would cause increased traffic at all vehicular access points. This would primarily be a concern for families attending soccer on the weekends. What are the hours of operation on Saturday and Sunday?

Can the easement be abandoned?

### COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN COMMENT

Like the idea of the building having "no back"

Concerned that there is a "Gym" because that means that there will be showers and the homeless would use them.

A concern was mentioned in regards to points of access.

How can the new CC address security?

The inclusion of a "lifeguard" or "nurse" station that has a first aid kit and bandages would be beneficial.

The design response must address the transient issue.

Concerned about vagrants using the restrooms and wanted to know if we can include keypads on the restroom doors.

Possible activities could include Dancing, Zumba, and Aerobics.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CITY**

A request for enhanced security at the end of the bus line was made.

A request for a pool to be included in the scope was made.

#### **SUMMARIZED RESPONSES from F&CS and COUNCILOR HARRIS**

The existing facility will remain in operation as an Early Childhood Development Center for ages 2-5 and they are hoping to add classes to help serve the need. In his 20 years serving this division, he said that there are approximately 22 Community Centers in Albuquerque and overall he has seen a positive impact within the neighborhoods that the centers service. Family and Community Services communicate with the neighborhoods that they are a part of and they respond to issues that arise.

F&CS does have IP cameras and there will be cameras in the parking lot. The parking lot will be well lit while abiding by all ordinances. He stated that district 2 has approximately 60% of CC's and their location was based on need. He is aware that it is a public facility and understands the concerns. Anyone can come in and use the restrooms but they are not allowed to loiter or wander aimlessly. If F&CS has an issue they call APD. This is a positive thing because the park will "have eyes during operating hours". The operating hours depend on attendance but F&CS is trying to establish consistency between centers. He mentioned that the Community Center Staff is safety sensitive. He wanted to clarify that this Center will have a fitness center not a gym. They will provide universal and cardio machines but no free weights. Both the men's and women's restrooms will have 1 shower each but this is not for vagrants. They will do their best to minimize the negative use as best they can.

The points of access to the building will be minimized. The building will have one point of entry and anything else will be exit only that is locked from the outside. Cameras will be installed at all entry/exits.

F&CS clarified that the existing center will be used for 2-5 Early Childhood Development and that the new Center, like other Community Centers are intended for 5 year olds through seniors. Possible hours for the center could be 7:30am -8pm. The 2013 Needs Assessment identifies 18-64 as the large user group in need.

Councilor Harris understands people's concerns about being notified and feels that the City went above and beyond in sending out letters for this meeting. He also wanted to put this into perspective by mentioning that APS doesn't consult the neighborhoods when they build or add on to a school, the State of New Mexico doesn't consult the neighborhood when they build a facility, but the City of Albuquerque does.