# VISIONING & PROGRAMMING





#### **CORE PROGRAM SPACES**

Upper Arlington Community Center Feasibility Study

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In an effort to determine the priorities for amenities and programs that should be included in a new community center for Upper Arlington, it is important to evaluate what the community sees as a priority. This program summary is a combination of public input from focus groups, stakeholders, a public forum, a statistical valid community wide survey and from what staff feels is needed to support their existing program now and in the future. It is also based on what the community is consistently asking for that the staff cannot provide in the spaces they manage now. The key question is to focus on what is needed and what is most important to a wide spectrum of residents across the City to gain their financial support for the development of a new community center.

The following spaces have been identified as a priority. While several of these indoor spaces were selected more frequently in the statistical valid survey and focus groups, several of these spaces chosen are mentioned less frequently. This increases the functionality of core spaces listed and increases the visitors' experience, adding value to services and increasing the potential for financial sustainability for the community center.

### 1.1 FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER WITH WEIGHT ROOM / CARDIOVASCULAR EQUIPMENT AND PRESS MACHINE AREA:

A weight room area usually consists of training equipment that could include free weights, cardio equipment like treadmills, press machines for strength training, elliptical machines, and other adjustable muscle specific, weight training stations. The cardiovascular equipment area consists of various types of equipment that may include stair climbers, ladder climbers, row machines, treadmills, recumbent bikes, and upright bikes. Square foot size for a wellness/fitness center would be approximately 6,000 square feet and does not include the group fitness rooms to support all elements of strength training space for free weights, cardio space and press machine space.

- Survey results indicated a high level of support for a Fitness and Wellness Center. From the survey, citizens expressed the following:
  - Adults 19 and older: Their first selection at 57% was very supportive or supportive
  - o Youth 18 and under: Their 9<sup>th</sup> selection was at 8%
- Stakeholder and Focus User Groups input included the following:
  - Weight Room and Cardiovascular Equipment at the Wellness Center was identified most frequently as a preferred space in a potential new community center
- Type of programming:
  - Self-directed activities by users of all ages such as walking, running, strength training, personal training, TRX, cycling and group workout fitness.

#### 1.2 INDOOR RUNNING / WALKING TRACK

An indoor walking / running track would be elevated over the multipurpose sports courts. The track should include two lanes at a minimum and the overall track size to be at least 8 to 10 laps = 1 Mile. The corner spaces of the track could include areas for stretching, cardio equipment for interval training and cross fit areas with self-instruction.

- Survey Results indicate support for an elevated track:
  - o Adults 19 and older: Their 2<sup>nd</sup> selection at 44% was very supportive or supportive
  - Youth 18 and under: Their 15<sup>th</sup> selection was at 4%
- Stakeholder and Focus Group input:
  - Indoor walking / running track was identified many times as a preferred space for rehabilitation and indoor activity during inclement weather especially for seniors
- Programming desired:
  - This space will be used by people of all ages for walking and jogging
  - Silver Sneakers is a key program that seniors desire in this type of space

#### 1.3 AEROBICS / FITNESS / MARTIAL ARTS / DANCE SPACE:

Aerobics / Fitness / Martial Arts / Yoga, Dance Spaces consist of two rooms that are approximately 1,200 square feet each with ample storage for group fitness and instructional equipment as part of the space. These spaces typically have a wall of mirrors and a dance bar along one wall. The rooms are also equipped with audio visual equipment to serve a variety of activities and programs.

- Survey Results indicate there was ample support of spaces for aerobics / fitness / martial arts and dance:
  - o Adults 19 and older: The 3<sup>rd</sup> selection at 37% was very support or supportive
  - o Youth 18 and under: The 13<sup>th</sup> selection was at 8%
- Stakeholder and Focus Group input:
  - Stakeholder and focus groups identified group fitness space for Aerobics / Fitness / Martial Arts / Yoga / Dance /Pilates, and Taiji, would require two multipurpose group fitness spaces as a preferred area in a potential new community center. Stakeholders responses often included these spaces in combination with multipurpose space for other instructional classes, meetings, and exercise classes.
- Programming spaces needed include:
  - Two 1,200 square feet (approximately) program rooms each with a spring or floating floor that can support 30 people in one class comfortably. Programs for people of all ages include: Aerobics type classes, Yoga, Mind and Body type classes and dance training classes.

#### 1.4 INDOOR AQUATIC FACILITY:

#### **EXERCISE / FITNESS/ POOL SPACE:**

The community desires an exercise pool with lap lanes. Ideally, the lap lanes would be (25 yards in length), are typically referred to as competition / fitness water in a large flat-water surface area pool where lane ropes can be added for more fitness swimmers to swim. The lane ropes can be removed to create a larger space serving a variety of activities such as water therapy, water aerobics and swim lessons. These lane ropes can also be attached to other areas of water within the same pool or a separate area for similar programming. The surface area and amount of water (gallons) may vary depending upon planned outcomes.

- Survey Results:
  - o Adults 19 and older: The 3<sup>rd</sup> selection was at 37%
  - Youth 18 and under: Their 13<sup>th</sup> selection was 8%
- Stakeholder and User Group input:
  - The community desires water programs including water aerobics, fitness lap swim and master swim. They were identified frequently as preferred spaces in a potential new community center.
- Programming desired:
  - Fitness swimming learn to swim, water aerobics, scuba, lifeguard training, lap swimming, water walking and recreational open were recognized for swimming in this space. The space can also serve swim teams.

#### LEISURE POOL ZERO DEPTH ENTRY:

Leisure pools in municipal settings have evolved to include appropriately sized amenities that have typically been found in water parks. This happy medium of water recreation is known to include zero depth entry that creates a gradually sloped means of access into the water. These spaces typically consist of water play features and spray nozzles where youth can change the flow and direction of recirculating water at a wading pool depth. This recreational water can include play structures with dumping buckets and body slides while auxiliary water spaces adjacent can include challenges such as walking on lily pads, current channels for water walking and tube slides with drop zone.

- Survey Results
  - o Adults 19 and older: The 6<sup>th</sup> selection was at 18%
  - Youth 18 and under: The 1<sup>st</sup> selection was 21%
  - Stakeholder and Focus Groups desired play water for smaller children that includes warm water, spray features, zero based entry, up to three feet of water, and play slides.
  - A leisure pool with zero depth entry was identified frequently as a preferred space in a
    potential new community center by parents and grandparents. Stakeholders responses
    often included these spaces in combination with lap lanes and a warm water therapy pool.
- Programming desired: Play water for small children and parents, mommy and me programs, and birthday parties for younger children. Play water people in wheelchairs for general open swim areas.

#### WARM WATER POOLS FOR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES:

Warm water pools for therapeutic purposes consists of an aquatic environment that is heated with some level of resistant water. Activities within this pool are under the supervision of a trained healthcare

professional. The pools can be used for a variety of other activities including open swim, swim lessons, therapy classes, people with disabilities and aquatic fitness.

- Survey Results
  - Adults 19 and older: This 5<sup>th</sup> selection indicated 23%
  - o Youth 18 and under: The 19<sup>th</sup> selection was specified at 2%
- Stakeholder and User Group input
  - A warm water area was identified less frequently as a specific pool space in a potential new community center than lap lanes and a leisure pool. Stakeholder's responses often included this space in combination with lap lanes and a leisure pool.
- Programming desired:
  - Aqua aerobics, therapy classes for people with hip and knee replacements, learn to swim classes for young children, people with disabilities programs, resistant water classes and water fitness programs were activities also mentioned.

#### 1.5 SENIOR PROGRAMMING SPACE THAT CAN BE SHARED SPACE AFTER SENIORS' PRIME-TIME HOURS:

Senior programming space can include a variety of uses and typically have social spaces that can may serve different uses. These spaces are known to include an appropriately sized kitchen, multiple seating areas (lounge / table & chairs), social recreation spaces (billiards, darts, lounge / tv area, classrooms for life skill programs and a small technology space. Some facilities have an outdoor patio adjacent to these senior programming spaces to increase capacity and enhance the outdoor uses. An informal small social café for social gathering could be an additional space for Seniors.

- Survey Results
  - Adults 19 and older: The 8<sup>th</sup> selection was at 16%
  - Youth 18 and under: The 22<sup>nd</sup> selection was listed at 1%
- Stakeholder and Focus Group input:
  - Senior programming space was identified by more than half of the respondents as a preferred space within a potential new community center. Some expressed a desire for remodeling the existing senior center, but they understand the efficiency created by a multi-generational community center and welcomed multi-generational programming as a benefit. Many expressed a desire for this type of space and recognized the importance of having the existing senior center even though it is extremely outdated and limited and know friends and family that use it now.
- Programming desired:
  - Senior fit programs, Silver Sneakers, life skill programs, educational classes, computer learning, cooking programs, art related classes, dining areas for monthly lunches, group parties, educational speakers' series, dance programs, health clinic services, games, movie nights, Silver Arts and volunteer programs were programs most mentioned.

#### 1.6 MULTIPURPOSE COURTS-

These multipurpose courts would consist of three hard-surface courts lined with multiple sports boundaries. These spaces tend to be open across all courts with the ability to create separation with a dropdown screen. The courts are at least two stories tall to support the elevated indoor walking / running track. Spectator seating is adjacent to these areas and would include ample storage space to support equipment for a variety of activities.

- Survey Results:
  - o Adults 19 and older: The 7<sup>th</sup> selection was at 16%
  - Youth 18 and under: The 2<sup>nd</sup> selection was shown at 17%
- Stakeholder and Focus Group input:
  - Multipurpose courts were identified frequently as a specific space in high demand and much needed in a potential new community center. Stakeholders' responses often included this space as one that should have 3 courts at minimum. Several stakeholders asked that this area not be underestimated when determining the appropriate number of courts.
- Programing desired:
  - Basketball for youth and adults, pickleball courts, volleyball for youth and adults, open gym for general play and practice, futsal, indoor baseball and softball (using nets) indoor winter camp space and large meeting space where the community can gather.

#### 1.7 CHILDCARE:

Childcare (also known as child watch) is as a service for members and daily users while they are using the facility. Childcare times are typically the peak time(s) of the day to ensure good use of the space. These areas have the ability to serve as preschool and youth multipurpose rooms when childcare is not available. The service space can be adjacent to or in proximity of an indoor unstructured play area / playground.

- Survey Results:
  - o Adults 19 and older: The 12<sup>th</sup> selection was shown at 8%
  - Youth 18 and under: The 8<sup>th</sup> selection indicated 8%
- Stakeholder and User Group input:
  - Childcare was identified as an important space to support parent and adult use of the facility and is needed in a potential new community center. Stakeholders responses often included this space as an option, yet preferred youth programming parallel to peak times for adult use making the experience a greater wellness benefit for the whole family.
    - Programming desired: The child watch program (no more than 2 hours), a birthday party space and an unstructured play space for small children and parents in non-scheduled child watch hours.

#### 1.8 MULTIPURPOSE SPACE FOR CLASSES / MEETINGS / PARTIES:

Multipurpose space for classes / meetings / parties can take on many forms and locations within the design of a recreation facility. The spaces can be independent or adjacent to other spaces for enhancing experiences and creating additional program value. Examples of adjacent spaces could include a demonstration kitchen, casual kitchenette, unstructured play area, employee services / offices, entrance lobby, outdoor patio, outdoor classroom, or multipurpose courts.

- Survey Results:
  - o Adults 19 and older: The 9<sup>th</sup> selection scored at 12%
  - Youth 18 and under: The 17<sup>th</sup> selection was at 2%
- Stakeholder and Focus Group input.
  - These spaces were mentioned in combination with arts and crafts rooms, general life skill classes, for people of all ages
- Programming desired:
  - Teen drop-in programs, e-sports play, life skill programs, art programs, music and dance and community meeting space.

#### 1.9 CULINARY ARTS DEMONSTRATION KITCHEN:

A Culinary Arts Demonstration Kitchen can serve many purposes and support other facility uses. These spaces consist of a kitchen layout with counters, sinks, appliances, and audience space. This can also serve as space for cateriers serving at event or rental use to serve groups that are not catering.

- Survey Results:
  - o Adults 19 and older: The 10<sup>th</sup> selection was at 9%
  - Youth 18 and under: The 20<sup>th</sup> selection was indicated at 1%
- Stakeholder & Focus Group input:
  - A culinary arts demonstration kitchen was identified as an important space to support a
    variety of uses and could be sponsored in a potential new community center.
    Stakeholders responses often included this space in combination with common area
    gathering spaces and meeting rooms. Kitchen and adjacent spaces could include an
    outdoor patio, senior programming spaces, event spaces, and performance spaces.
- Programming desired:
  - o How to cook programs, life skill programs for people of all ages and a catering kitchen.

#### 1.10 MEETING / EVENT SPACE:

Meeting and event spaces should consist of a main hall, appropriately sized hallways for the room occupancy and auxiliary spaces including restrooms and storage. The main event space can be multifunctional with partitions that turn into several intimate spaces within the main area. These spaces add value to the facility, especially when they can accommodate 250 visitors at one setting.

- Survey Results:
  - Adults 19 and older: The 11<sup>th</sup> selection listed at 8%
  - Youth 18 and under: The 21<sup>st</sup> selection was at 1%
- Stakeholder and Focus Group input:
  - The meeting / event space was identified by some of the stakeholders as an important space to include in a potential new community center. It was recognized by all who saw

the space as important and that it could take on many forms as a large space that could be converted to create multiple smaller spaces. The meeting / event space was often mentioned in combination with multi-purpose spaces for classes, meetings, parties, senior programming, and a culinary arts demonstration kitchen.

#### Programming desired:

 Group gatherings, classes, performing arts programs, community meetings, wedding reception space and general use for teens, the general public, reunions, and art related events.

#### 1.11 COMMON AREAS:

As part of a building with a large footprint, there are common areas that can be used spontaneously to rest, read, and enjoy conversation. These areas can consist of intimate seating areas, storage space, larger open rooms without doors accessed from the hallway, restrooms, staff offices, locker rooms as well as common gathering areas for youth and adults to meet between programs

- Survey Results:
  - o The survey results did not include these spaces.
- Stakeholder and Focus Group input:
  - Several stakeholders identified these spaces as opportunities to create unique intimate spaces in key locations of the facility. In addition, creative suggestions like café areas adjacent to a small area of seating and an outdoor patio. Some expressed they have seen a common gathering area with a variety of seating that opens to the out of doors, for indoor/outdoor events.
- Programming desired: General casual use, parents waiting for classes to end. Open houses, art show space, mini group event space.

#### **SUMMARY**

The opportunities described for programing space in a potential community center indicate the total square footage of all spaces in the facility including common space and storage of approximately 83,664 square feet needed, at a minimum. The facility could increase in square footage to approximately 110,000 sq. ft. if all primary, secondary, and value-added spaces are deemed necessary to achieve the project outcomes.

#### POTENTIAL SPACES FOR FUTURE PHASES

It is important to think of these spaces serving the current and future population of Upper Arlington to avoid developing a facility that will have issues with program and capacity demands that are small to serve the needs of a growing population. For this purpose, a second phase expansion should be considered as a possibility in the future to expand the initially constructed spaces. The potential to incorporate spaces that did not rank as high in the first survey would add value to the facility by bringing more interests from the residents at a central location. This will continue to keep the facility energetic and bring additional residents with different interests together while continuing to build community. These spaces could include:

- Fine and Performing Arts Spaces:
  - Arts and crafts rooms with adequate storage of equipment, tools, and supplies.

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- o Indoor stage and performing arts activities.
- $\circ \quad \text{Blackbox performance theater events.}$
- Indoor turf field
  - o Training space for outdoor sports
- Additional teen gathering areas
- Outdoor recreational spaces
  - Outdoor classrooms
  - o Amphitheater
  - o Vendor spaces and areas for food trucks



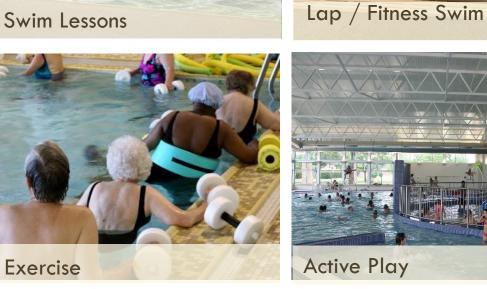




**ATHLETICS** 









**AQUATICS** 







Group X - Yoga / Pilates / TRX / Aerobics

**EXERCISE GROUP FITNESS** 













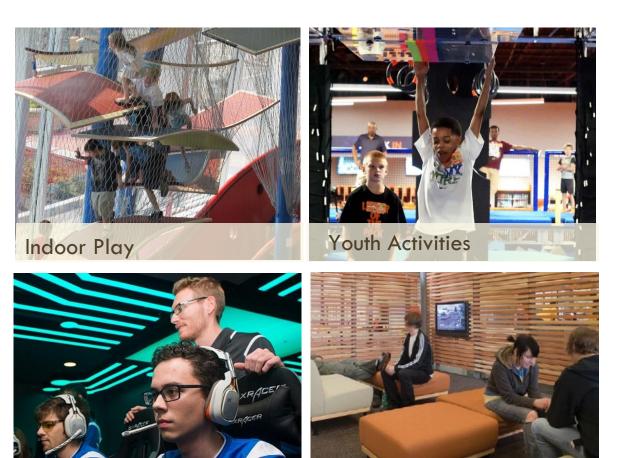
**CULTURAL** 











Teens

YOUTH

Gaming

## Building Space Program Summary

AREA (S.F.)
33,800
12,000
12,500
15,500
4,000
4,500
13,000
95,300

#### **BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM SUMMARY**

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DES	DESCRIPTION		BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM		
CORE PROGRAM COMPONENT / SPACE TYPE		PROGRAM AREA (SF)	MSC CONCEPT AREA (SF)	KINGSDALE CONCEPT AREA (SF)	COMMENTS
ATH	LETICS	33,800	33,800	33,800	
1A	2- COURT GYM	16,000			2 WOOD FLOOR; ALL HIGH SCHOOL SIZE (50X84)
	MAC GYM	8,000			HIGH SCHOOL SIZE (50X84)
	VIEWING	500			250 SEATS
1D	RUNNING/WALKING TRACK	6,000			2 LANE: WALK & JOG/RUN
1E	STORAGE - GYM AND FACILITY	1,800			WITH GARAGE DOOR
1F	ADVENTURE PLAY	1,500			SEE GENERAL NOTE 4 BELOW
AQU	IATICS	14,470	12,300	12,000	
	ACTIVITY / PLUNGE POOL / LAP POOL	7,800	,,,,,,	,	ZERO DEPTH ENTRY; PLUNGE; 1 SLIDE; 4 LAP LANES @ 25 YARDS; 3'-6" TO 7" DEEP
	WARM WATER PROGRAM POOL	.,			THERAPY / SWIM CHANNEL / SPA; HC RAMP; 3'-6" TO 7' DEEP
	POOL DECK	3,120			
_	M/W LOCKER ROOMS & FAMILY CHANGING ROOMS	2,000			NATATORIUM, ATHLETICS & WELLNESS
2E		500			
2F	1	150			
2G		150	$\vdash$		
	FIRST AID	50	$\vdash$		
	POOL & GENERAL STORAGE	450	$\vdash$		
2J		250	-	-	
	IESS & WELLNESS		40,000	42 500	
	1	10,600	10,000	12,500	
3A	1	6,000			
3B	GROUP X	2,800			SHARED OVERSIZED COMMON WALK THROUGH STORAGE AND CHANGING CUBBIES / WAITING
3C	GROUP X	1,800			SHARED OVERSIZED COMMON WALK THROUGH STORAGE AND CHANGING CUBBIES / WAITING
SEN	IORS	3,350	3,400	3,400	
4A	SOCIAL LOUNGE/LIBRARY	1,500			
4B	BILLIARDS	1,200			2 POOL TABLES
4C	CUSTOMER SERVICE / RESOURCE	400			RECEPTION, RESOURCE CTR., OFFICES, WORKROOM
4D	CAFÉ	250			THE CAFÉ WILL BE ADJACENT AND IN CORPORATION WITH PROGRAM ITEM 5C
SEN	IORS / MULTI-USE PROGRAM SPACES	10,350	10,350	12,100	
5A	CULINARY & CATERING / SERVING KITCHEN	800			SERVING / DEMONSTRATION / CONCESSIONS / STORAGE
	MULTI-USE ROOM	5,700			3 ROOMS; DIVIDABLE; 200 BANQUET SEATS AREA; STORAGE
	RAISED CONFERENCE STAGE	800			MULTIFUNCTIONAL 2' HIGH
	TECHNOLOGY	600			TECHNOLOGY / PHOTOGRAPHY / MEETING
5E	ARTS / CRAFTS & CERAMICS	850			WET & DRY, W/ STORAGE AND KILN
5F	GENERAL PROGRAM ROOMS	1,600			2 X 800SF
CHIL	D WATCH / INDOOR PLAY / TEEN	2,750	4,500	4,000	
	CHILD WATCH / PARTY ROOM	750	,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	INDOOR PLAY	1,000			
	E SPORTS / LOUNGE	1,000			W/ STORAGE. SEE GENERAL NOTE 4 BELOW
	ILITY ADMINISTRATION	4,500	4,500	4,500	
7A		4,000	1,000		OFF OFNERAL NOTE 4 RELOW
				4,500	SEE GENERAL NOTE 1 BELOW
7B		250			
	CONFERENCE ROOM	250			
	IMON SPACE	14,170	8,450	13,000	
	LOBBY/ GATHERING	1,200			SEE GENERAL NOTE 2 BELOW
8B		300			
8C		600			
	PRIVATE/ GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOM	250			
	GENERAL STORAGE/ RECEIVING	500	<u> </u>		
8F		750	<u> </u>		
	BUILDING STORAGE/ RECEIVING	500			
	CIRCULATION / CUEING	10,070			12% OF NET AREAS
OUT	DOOR SPACES	3,100	8,700	8,800	
9A	OUTDOOR PATIO	2,100			NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL BUILDING AREA. SEE GENERAL NOTE 3 BELOW
9B	GROUP X DECK	1,000			NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL BUILDING AREA.
9C	MECHANICAL PENTHOUSE				NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL BUILDING AREA.

TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER SF 93,990 87,300 95,300

MSC SITE - ADMINISTRATION SF 29,700 MSC SITE - POLICE SF 11,700

KINGSDALE SITE - COMMERCIAL OFFICE SF KINGSDALE SITE - POTENTIAL PARTNER/OFFICE SF 50,000 10,000

TOTAL BUILDING SF 93,990 128,700 155,300

#### GENERAL NOTES:

Facility Administrations consists of:

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Private offices - (1) private office at 140 sf, (1) private office at 125 sf, and (4) private offices at 100 sf;

Open work space, wf flexible furniture partitions - (4) at 65 sf ea.;

Mobile linear work bull pen for (6) at one time at 35 sf ea. (part time staff);

Work/Copy Room - (1) at 200 sf,

Collaborative layout space in the open office area - (1) at 50 sf;

Small Conference Room for 10, with credenza - (1) at 225 sf;

Hospitality (reception/control) - for (3) at 250 sf in a kiosk type setting; and

Semi-Private Office (visible) for back-up reception/admin. assistant to all - near the Facility Admin core entry area.

2. Arts will be embodied into the architectural experience throughout the facility design, which will also incorporate rotating exhibits and artwork in the Main Lobbies / Gathering Areas throughout the facility.

3. Program / Gathering Space associated with 58 "Multi-Use Room".

4. Adventure Play and E Sports / Lounge moved from Priority 3 to Priority 1 in Phase II.

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