

SPACE PLANNING CRITERIA AND CONSIDERATIONS

FOR USE IN EVALUATING AND ADAPTING THE VISION STATEMENT ATTRIBUTES INTO EXISTING AND POTENTIAL NEW COUNTY OWNED SENIOR CENTERS

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YOU HAVE ARRIVED

A **covered entry canopy** that can accommodate autos, vans and busses.

An interior **Welcome Center** that is:

- Secure yet not threatening
- An intentional receiving/greeting zone that clearly and quickly identifies all the services, activities and programs contained within
- Staffed by friendly and knowledgeable greeters

A SENSE OF PLACE

A clear, accessible and **easily discernable main path** that connects all the major interior destinations

Highly legible way-finding signage that make the building easily navigable to all users

EASY SOCIALIZATION

Intentional gathering areas located both indoors and in secure outdoor areas to facilitate conversation and camaraderie and sized to various scales to accommodate anywhere from 2 to 200 or more people

Easily accessible, preferably located along the **main path** and generously dispersed throughout the facility

Located adjacent to specifically assigned activity spaces to facilitate socialization before and after scheduled events and activities

Convenient access to restrooms and refreshments

Appropriate storage for coats and mobility devices

LET'S EAT

Provide a **variety of eating venues** to allow freedom to choose, to facilitate socialization and to promote healthy eating habits:

- Coffee shop atmosphere
- Café / Bistro settings
- Sit down dining environments

- Grab and go gondolas
- Drive up windows
- Designated areas for Food Trucks
- Demonstration cooking facilities that foster the connection between good nutrition and long-term health

Appropriate food preparation areas to support the variety of venues listed

KEEP FIT

Fitness facilities that emulate modern health clubs:

- A specific point of entry
- Adequate space for state-of-the-art fitness equipment
- Studio areas for aerobics, yoga, tai chi and dance
- Offices for fitness counseling
- Adequate storage for equipment
- Massage therapy

STAY WELL

Focused **health care suite** created in partnership with local health care providers including:

- Exam / screening rooms
- Consultation offices
- Physical therapy capability
- Toilets
- Access to classroom spaces for wellness education classes

EASY ACCESS TO THE SUPPORT YOU NEED

Flexible **senior services support suite** that includes:

- “Touch-down” spaces for a wide variety of social service providers and advocacy groups
- Consultation offices
- Casual “living room-like” seating areas with easy access to refreshments for group discussions
- Access to classroom spaces and larger spaces for presentations and gatherings
- Adjacency to waiting areas that might be part of other socialization areas

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Support **life-long learning** in partnership with local educational institutions with classroom spaces and large spaces for lectures and presentations

EMBRACE HYBRID GATHERING STRATEGIES

Provide **state of the art audio visual technology** throughout the HUB that can support virtual participation by all in the full range of services, activities and programs that are offered.

LET'S MAKE SOMETHING

Appropriately sized **studio spaces and adjacent storage areas** to support a wide range of creative endeavors

Gallery space to display creative works and to display inspirational arts and crafts from other sources and providers

Gift shop

GET TECH SAVVY

Up to date devices located in an intentional learning environment

Trustworthy connectivity to support virtual participation during various events

KICK BACK AND HAVE SOME FUN

Flexible large and small spaces tailored to support a full range of recreational activities from table-top games, to dance, to movies, to song, to large scale banquets, to culture events and all point in between

Adequate and easily accessible storage areas

Easy access to adequate restrooms and refreshments / catering services

CREATE A 7AM TO 10PM CULTURE

Adequate staffing and security to facilitate partnerships with other partners and providers to maximize the value of the investment in new or freshly renovated HUBS

