

SENIOR CENTER MODERNIZATIONS SHORT TERM INITIATIVES

ENHANCED ENTRY/ARRIVAL INITIATIVE

Construct new entry canopies of adequate height and size to shelter and accommodate vehicular drop-offs, public transportation buses, tour buses and emergency vehicles

Create entry vestibules of adequate size with automatic doors to facilitate wheelchair and mobility device access, deliveries and to reduce heat loss

Encourage Milwaukee County Transit System to divert public transportation to make direct drop-offs at the entrance of the existing Senior Centers

Ensure barrier free accessibility from the nearest public transportation drop-off point and all on-site parking lots to the primary entry of each Senior Center

Enhance the visual appeal of the entry to each Senior Center by coordinating signage, updating landscaping, adding seating opportunities, providing adequate lighting and ensuring security

WASHINGTON PARK / WILSON PARK PARKING LOTS INITIATIVE

Study the feasibility of relocating/reorienting surface parking locations to create more logical adjacencies to the originally conceived main entry for each of these Centers

And/or

Study the feasibility of relocating interior space usage to allow the eastern wing of Washington Park and the southeastern wing of Wilson Park to serve as the primary entrances and Welcome Centers for each of those buildings

BRANDING/SIGNAGE INITIATIVE

Create and strategically place new electronic building signage pylons to reflect a common brand identity for all Senior Centers

Create and strategically place new welcome desks in each Senior Center, again designed to reflect a common brand identity

Design and install a coordinated and consistent interior signage system (including a building map at the welcome desk) in each Senior Center that reflects a common brand identity

FOOD SERVICE INITIATIVE

Rethink **ALL** Food Service facilities in each Senior Center to make them more “forward facing” to respond to 21st Century expectations including open designs, demonstration cooking/cooking classes to promote healthy eating, facilities to support catered events and secure storage

Provide easy access to snacks and refreshments by installing vending machines, water fountains, coffee machines/bars

Create coffee shop/internet café/library atmospheres near the primary entry with Grab and Go capability and consider opening them to the public

Eliminate “cafeteria-like” eating venues by creating more intimate seating arrangements

Create intentional, secure outdoor dining spaces/opportunities wherever possible

WELLNESS / SOCIAL SERVICES INITIATIVE

Create a multi-functional suite to serve as a home for both health/wellness activities as well as social services information and counseling

Spaces should include a waiting area, exam/counseling offices, a resource center, touchdown spaces for both healthcare and social services providers, a toilet and secure storage

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

Provide trustworthy, reliable internet access and connectivity throughout **ALL** Senior Centers

Provide state of the art audio-visual technology throughout **ALL** Senior Centers that can support virtual participation for all users and allow access to the full range of services, activities and programming that are offered

Update existing classrooms and large gathering spaces with state of the art audio-visual technology to support modern presentation and communication capabilities and expectations

Update internal public address technology at each Senior Center

FURNISHING FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT INITIATIVE

Inventory all existing interior and exterior furnishings and upgrade as necessary to provide modern seating, tabletops, work surfaces, classroom fixtures, eating surfaces, etc to ensure proper ergonomic support, ease of maintenance/installation, setup/breakdown and convenient storage

Upgrade lighting to support various functions

Upgrade computer labs, equipment and furnishings to support a standardized approach to technology training programs at **ALL** Senior Centers

Upgrade and standardize all fitness equipment, flooring materials, lighting, sound systems, TV's, mirrored walls and storage capabilities to reflect modern fitness center expectations at **ALL** Senior Centers

Upgrade all interior and exterior security lighting and systems as necessary