

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall
2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

3:00 PM – Special Meeting
American River Community Room North

AGENDA

1. SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Council Members Gatewood, McGarvey, Sander, Terry and Mayor Budge.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. SPECIAL MEETING ITEM

3.1 **Subject:** Civic Center Visioning Session

Recommendation: Receive information and provide input and direction related to the vision and purpose of a future Civic Center project.

Result of Recommended Action: Staff is seeking Council guidance in identifying, defining, and prioritizing preferred program components and siting options for a Civic Center project.

Staff Report: Cyrus Abhar, City Manager.

Advances Goals: 1, 5, and 6.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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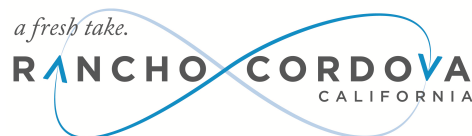
Signed May 11, 2018 at Rancho Cordova, California.

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Stacy Leitner, City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2018
TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Cyrus Abhar, City Manager
SUBJECT: **CIVIC CENTER VISIONING SESSION**



RECOMMENDATION

Receive information and provide input and direction related to the vision and purpose of a future Civic Center project.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff is seeking Council guidance in identifying, defining, and prioritizing preferred program components and siting options for a Civic Center project.

BACKGROUND

On January 30, 2018, the City Council and staff held a work session to discuss major issues, goals, priorities, and projects related to the long-term vision for the City. The City Council identified a Civic Center/Community Center as a common goal and priority for the community.

The purpose of the visioning session today will be to discuss City Council vision, goals and objectives for a future Civic and Community Center and identify potential program elements, site preferences, site characteristics, and design considerations.

Staff is also seeking Council direction and guidance on a process to receive community input and identify a timeline for the project.

ATTACHMENT

1. Presentation

CIVIC CENTER VISIONING SESSION

May 15, 2018



Background

Civic Center/Community Center identified as a common goal and priority for the Council at the work session of January 30, 2018

Community Input

16 Town Hall Meetings February - April 2015

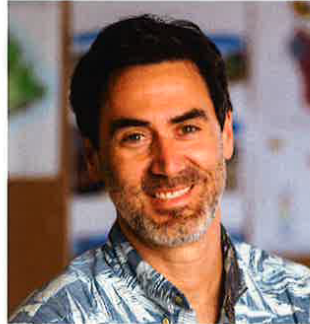
- Convention/Community center
- Library
- Museums
- More activities and place for youth
- Performing arts theater (indoor/outdoor)
- More restaurants/shopping
- Redevelop/revitalize Folsom Boulevard

Our Team: WRNS Studio



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Rancho Cordova

Visioning Session - Kickoff Meeting



AGENDA

PURPOSE

Shared Values
Imagine if...

PRECEDENT

Research Overview
Qualities of Great Civic Centers?
Typologies + Case Studies
Campus Retreat, Destination, Main Street

ROAD MAP

Which of Rancho Cordova's
Shared Values
will the Civic Center most reflect?

What are the potential
Programs + Site Characteristics for
the Rancho Cordova Civic Center?

PURPOSE

Rancho Cordova Shared Values

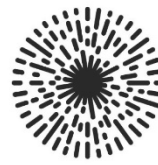
Partnership



Diversity



Fun



Family + Youth



Strong Sense
of Community



Shared Concerns / Project Touchstones



Health

Integrated Wellness



Economy

Inclusive Growth



Society

Social Solidarity



Infrastructure

Engaged Ownership



Security

Public Safety



Environment

Sustainable Practices



Education

Open Opportunity



What if...the civic center could
be a catalyst for local business?

Infrastructure of Experience

- A place to connect and linger
- Pedestrian - scaled, walkable streets
- Easy Access - Close to public transit
- Densely populated context near housing / hotels
- Smaller retail storefronts to encourage local business
- Urban Infill - Designed for future growth
- A dynamic public space



What if...the civic center could
**support community health,
wellness, and fun?**

Infrastructure of Experience

- A place for discovery, exploration, leisure
- The go-to spot for a picnic or after school hang-out
- Connects to nature and highlights RC natural resources
- Connect to community partners - urban farming and recreation
- Potential Anchors like a Natural Science Museum / Library
- A context rich with Natural Beauty
- A destination

What if...the civic center could
**be a destination for arts
and culture?**

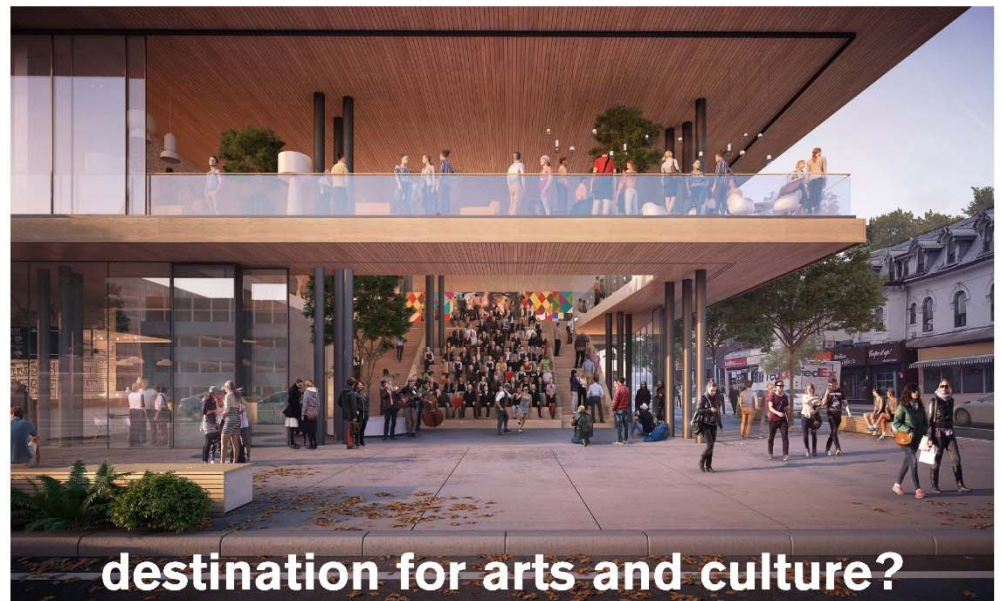
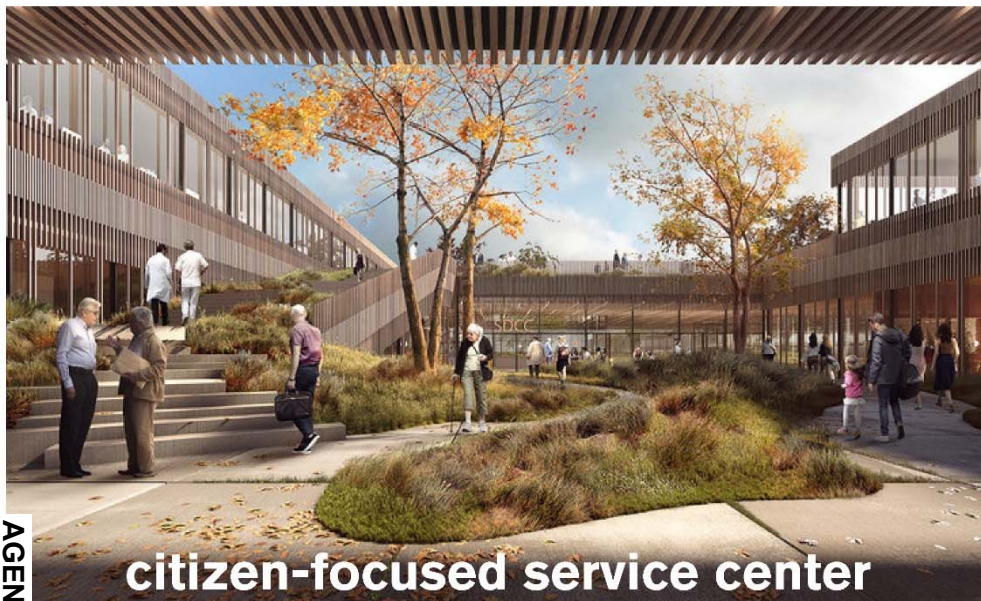
Infrastructure of Experience

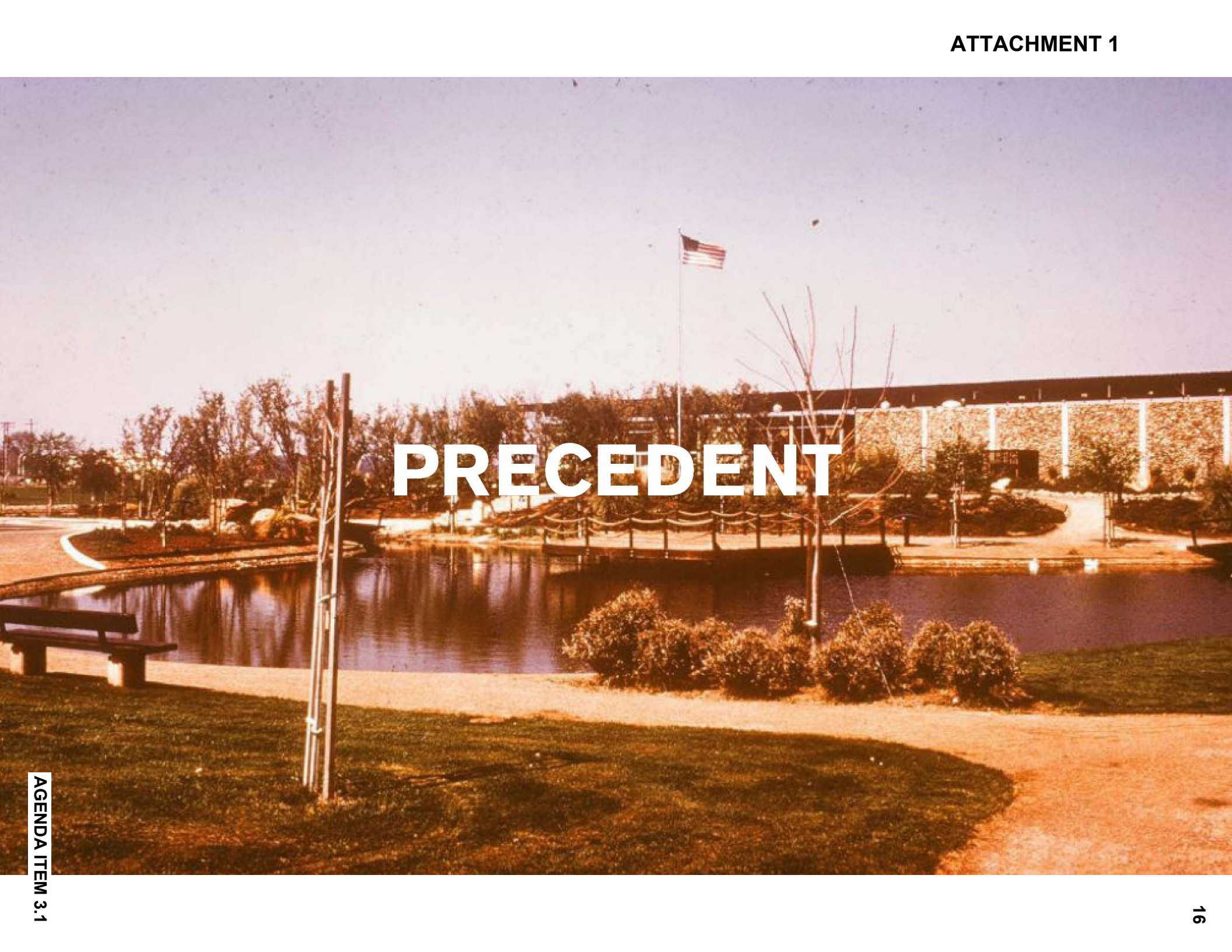
- The cultural gathering place in town
- Catch a performance or exhibition
- Backdrop to a Public Square for events
- Exhibition, Creation and Education
- Hub of a new Culture District
- Dense/diverse context
- Potential Anchors like a Museums or Performing Arts Theater alongside a Facility for Local Artists
- Cultural Destination connected to the Public Realm

Infrastructure of Experience

What if... the civic center could be
a citizen-focused service center?

- The Community Hub
- Brings a variety of services together
- Accessible/Inclusive for all ages
- A Place for the Everyday
- Potential Anchors like Convention / Community Center, Veterans Center, or Youth Center





PRECEDENT

Civic Center Case Studies

1. Aarhus City Hall, Denmark
2. Altenessen Community Center, Essen, Germany
3. Buenos Aires City Hall, Argentina
4. Calabasas City Hall, California
5. Deventer Town Hall, The Netherlands
6. Elk Grove Civic Center, California
7. Escatron Town Hall, Zaragoza, Aragon, Spain
8. Fremont Civic Center, California
9. Freiburg Town Hall, Germany
10. Joan Oliver Civic Center, Barcelona, Spain
11. Keynsham Civic Center, United Kingdom
12. LA Civic Park, California
13. Long Beach Civic Center, California
14. Los Altos, California
15. Malibu Civic Center, California
16. Marin Civic Center, California
17. Montingny Le Tilleul City Hall, Belgium
- 18. Napa Civic Center, California**
19. New Fureso City Hall, Denmark
20. Newark Community Center, New Jersey
- 21. Newport Beach Civic Center, California**
22. Oakland City Hall, California
23. Palo Verde Community Center, Phoenix, Arizona
24. Parliment House, Malta
25. Petaluma Civic Center, California
26. Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon
- 27. Portola Valley Town Center, California**
28. Progettis Civic Center, Sardinia
29. Rancho Cordova Existing City Hall, California
30. Richmond Civic Center, California
31. Sacramento State Capital, California
32. San Jose City Hall, California
33. Santa Barbara City Hall, California
34. Santa Cruz City Hall, California
35. Santa Monica Civic Center, California
36. Saynatsalo City Hall, Jyväskylä, Finland
37. Seattle Civic Center, Washington
38. Sebastopol City Hall, California
39. San Francisco Civic Center, California
40. Sunnyvale Civic Center, California
41. Surry Hills Community Center, Sydney, Australia
42. Sonoma City Hall, California
43. Toronto Civic Center, Westwood Square, Canada
44. Torrent Market and Civic Center, Valencia, Spain
45. Towada City Center, Japan
46. Town Hall Bloemendaal, The Netherlands
47. Uppsala City Hall, Sweden
48. Viborg Town Hall, Denmark
49. Walkerville Civic Center, Australia
50. Waterdown Library and Civic Center, Canada
51. Westland Town Hall, The Netherlands
52. West Hollywood Civic Center, California
- 53. West Sacramento Civic Center, CA**
54. Yontville Community Center, California
55. Zurich Community Center, Switzerland

Civic Center Case Studies

- California (27)
- United States (31)
- International (24)
 - Germany (1)
 - Spain (3)
 - Malta (1)
 - Argentina (1)
 - The Netherlands (3)
 - Switzerland (1)
 - Australia (2)
 - Canada (2)
 - Sweden (1)
 - Japan (1)
 - Finland (1)
 - Sardinia (1)
 - Denmark (3)
 - Belgium (1)
 - United Kingdom (1)

Napa Civic Center

7 Acres

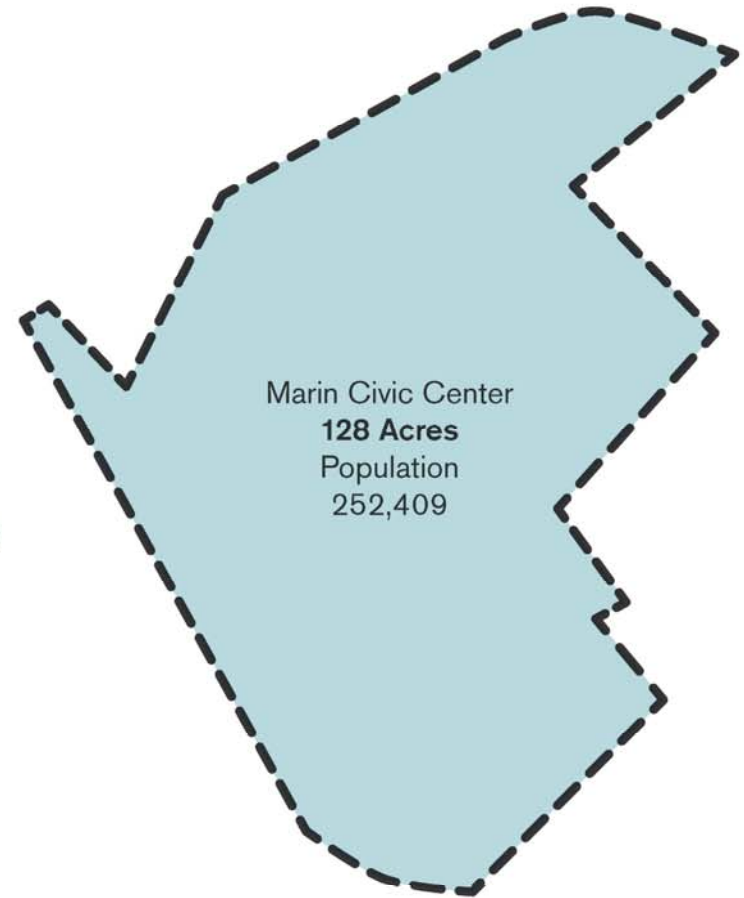
Population
79,113



Marin Civic Center

128 Acres

Population
252,409



Civic Center Trends



Program Mixing Pot

Innovative communities are designing diverse city centers which blend civic, community, cultural and commercial assets.



Accessibility and Resiliency Upgrades

Communities are addressing aging, non-compliant infrastructure.



Private-Public Partnership

Communities are working with private development partners to finance and build Civic Centers.

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They give identity to cities.

These places instill a mutual sense of pride and ownership among diverse groups and contribute to social solidarity.



Buenos Aires City Hall, Argentina



San Francisco Civic Center, California



Westland Town Hall, The Netherlands

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They have active, pedestrian-scaled, outdoor space.

These are the “front-porches” of our public institutions where we can interact with each other and with government.



Etobicoke Civic Center, Toronto, Canada



Newport Beach Civic Center, California



Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They serve a diverse population.

Comprised of mix of program types for city leaders and community members.



Parliament House, Malta



Keynsham Civic Center, United Kingdom



Deventer Town Hall, The Netherlands

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They benefit cities economically.

Neighborhood catalysts such as parks, green markets, and private/public partnerships can improve neighborhoods and create measurable economic benefits.



San Antonio River Walk, Texas, Public/Private



West Hollywood Green Market at the Pico Branch Library



Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn City Hall, New York

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They occupy important locations.

Most are well-served by transit, with plenty of pedestrian traffic, surrounded by density.



Napa City Hall, California



Santa Monica City Hall, California



Freiburg Town Hall, Germany

What are the qualities of Great Civic Centers?

They are resilient.

Designs that mutually support people, water, land, and wildlife.



Etobicoke Civic Center, Toronto, Canada
(Micro-Climate Design)



Westland Town Hall, The Netherlands
(Carbon Neutral)



San Francisco Civic Center, California
(Sustainable Utilities District Plan)

What are the potential **Programs** for the Rancho Cordova Civic Center?



Cultural

Library
Children's Museum
Art Museum
Arts Center
Theater/Auditorium
Performance Center
Teen Center
Nature Center
Veterans Center
Senior Center
Community College
Community Garden
Classroom/Study Rooms
Pre-School/Daycare
Exhibition Space

Recreational

Park
Basketball Courts
Baseball Courts
Soccer Fields
Tennis Courts
Multipurpose Community Room
Gymnasium
Yoga/Meditation
Fitness Room
Locker Rooms
Craft / Maker Room
Classroom Kitchen
Community Center
Dance Studio

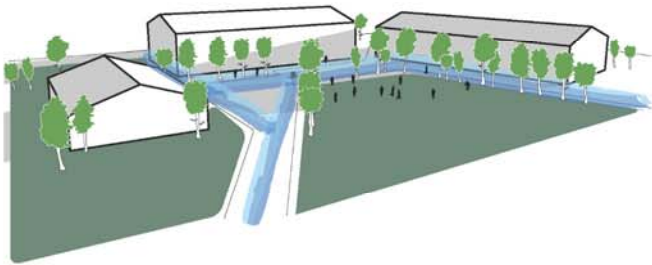
Civic / Services

Council Chambers
Administrative Offices
Public Works
Human Resources
Community Development
Recreation
Finance
Executive Offices
Permit Center
Police Department
Staff Cafeteria
Transit Center
Parking

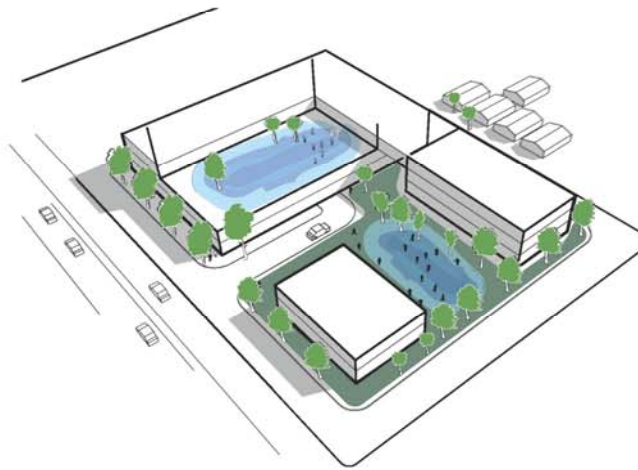
Commercial

Retail
Café
Hotel
Conference Center
Housing
Local Vendor Market
Events Space
Co-Working Space
Restaurant

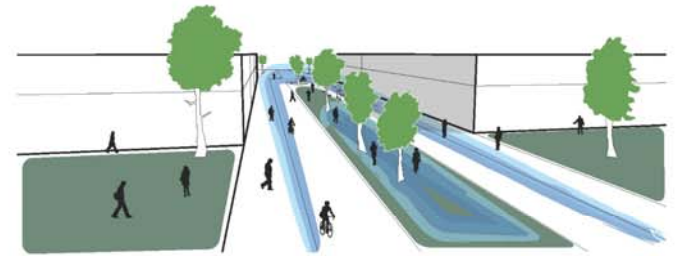
Civic Center Typologies



Campus Retreat



Destination



Main Street

Campus Retreat

PORTOLA VALLEY TOWN CENTER (Completed 2008)



Destination

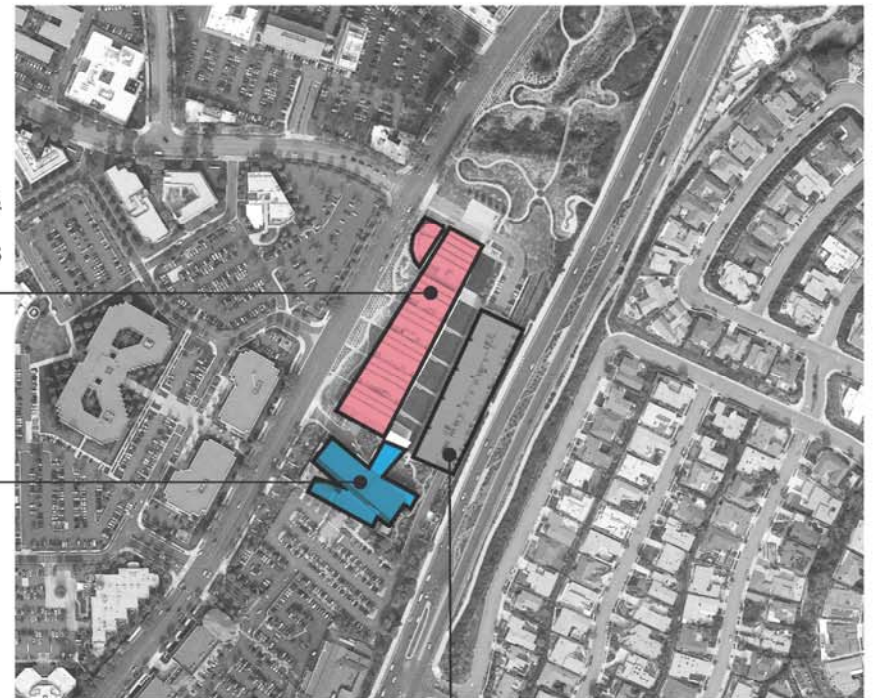
NEWPORT BEACH CIVIC CENTER (Construction 2011 - 2013)



CITY HALL &
COUNCIL
CHAMBERS



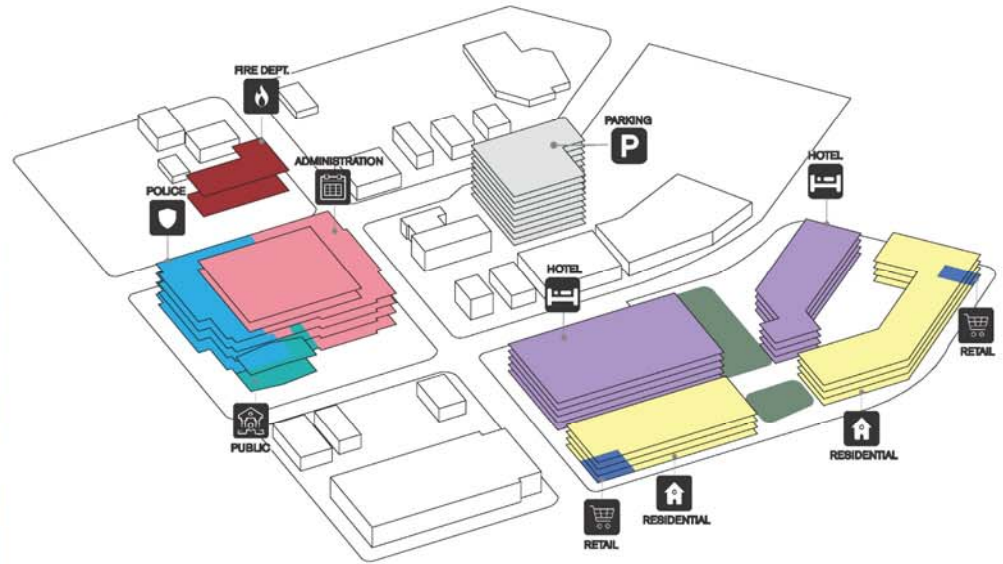
LIBRARY



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PARKING

Main Street

NAPA CIVIC CENTER (2021)



Destination

WEST SACRAMENTO CIVIC CENTER GALLERIA (Civic Center Comp. 2003)



CITY HALL & CIVIC CENTER



COMMUNITY COLLEGE



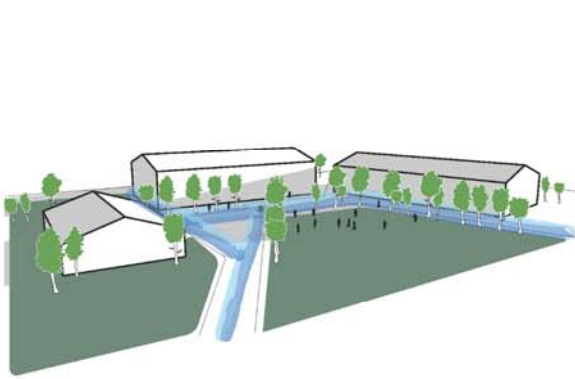
COMMUNITY CENTER



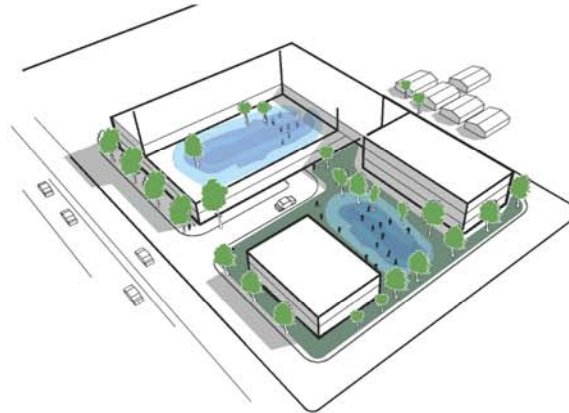
LIBRARY



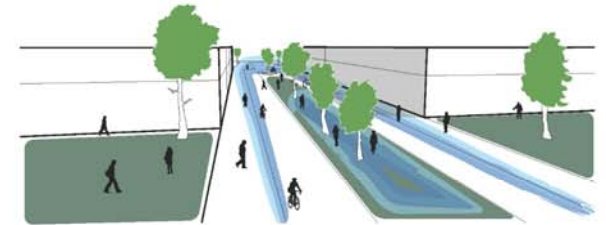
What are the potential **Site Characteristics/Typologies** for the Rancho Cordova Civic Center?



Campus Retreat



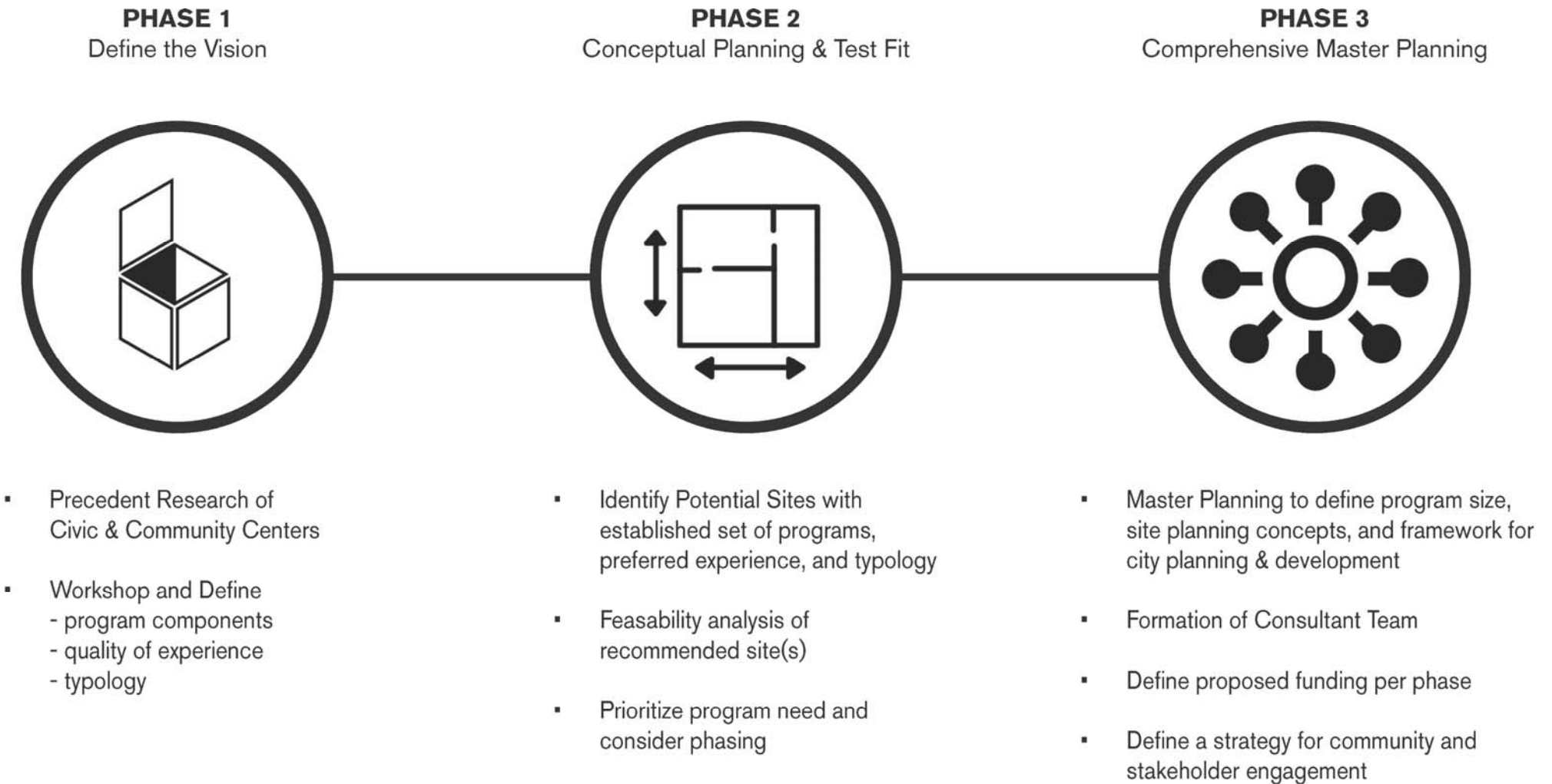
Destination



Main Street



ROAD MAP



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DISCUSSION AND RECAP

