

Facilities Master Plan Public Input Summary

Facilities Master Plan Town Hall - April 5th

Comment 1

Given the current site of the fire station at the place that is widest with best visibility in City center and the fact that many of functional needs involve needs for exposure of administration and police, parks, why is one of the option not to demolish City Hall and rebuild a two story City Hall and Fire Department, thus obviating the need for tearing down additional buildings?

Comment 2

1. I'd like to see some of the buildings not be demolished
2. New buildings should be certified to LEED Platinum.
 - a) 6% increase in initial costs
 - b) 27% ROI typically for energy savings
 - c) I orchestrated a retro commissioning of a LEED Gold building which had slipped in its maintenance in 2018. As of 2021 it saved \$226,000 from the high consumptions in 2017.

Comment 3

1. Is the proposed animal control building/runs designed to be climate controlled? Proposed capacity?
2. Can you elaborate on the allocated square footage for the Library and community center?
3. Will community center classes be re-located during build out?

Comment 4

Will ADA be included in every building? Will an area for West U dogs be included?

Comment 5

The rendering appears to significantly reduce the Senior Center and/or library. With the percentage of residents that are seniors, why?

Comment 6

Who owns the Coke property? Why didn't the City buy it?

Comment 7

As Chair of the Sustainability Task Force, we hope that the City will include considerations of sustainability in the implementation of changes to City facilities.

Facilities Town Hall Master Plan - April 7th

Comment 1

1. Please account for electrical load for electric vehicle charging at public works, City Hall, firehouse
2. Please account for space for city vehicle charging in the future
3. Conversion of City-owned lot by library to parking, compensation to eastward property owner for proceeding devaluation
4. Option 2 surface detention space looks much larger vs Option 1, why?
5. Fire station replacing Library/Community building requires removal of multiple trees. Why not build fire where library is blocked while shutting library for a year (like during Covid) to rebuild, relocating senior services to Rec center?

Comment 2

1. Is the Dincans facility sufficient to house Public Works? We considered 5 years ago.
2. Where would garbage trucks be housed on Dincans?
3. What is remaining estimated life of Public Works buildings on Milton?

Comment 3

1. Is the land for sale? Can we relay that it will be?
2. What is current library square footage? How big is new space? Would it make sense to have new library community center a 2 story building? (doesn't add much to cost).
3. If we purchase new land at Wakeforest would it make sense to do Recycle Center at the same time?
4. For future landscaping will we be able to weigh in on having new plants be native?

Comment 4

My concern is that one story buildings may not provide adequate space for future residents and their needs. Also, senior services and children's library sections need more division. That is the biggest concern. Change of location needs to make sure city center is pedestrian friendly.

Comment 5

1. What's the estimated cost for the land to be acquired for Public Works?
2. Where will the budget of \$30-\$40 million come from?

Comment 6

Can West U add restrooms for the softball fields? Maybe the Scout House could be open during the games.

Comment 7

As you should, you obviously looked at the Facilities Master Plan through the lens of functionality, did you also look at it through the lens of sustainability? If so, can you specify how you incorporated sustainability into the plan?

Comment 8

Did you consider building a new fire station on the University side of City Hall so that you could then retain the optimal location and continue all City functions while the new station was being built?

Comment 9

Does the City own the Library building?

Email Input

Comment Received March 29th

1. EVs: Battery powered dump trucks, ambulances, garbage trucks, and fire trucks will become mainstream within the foreseeable future but may not be ready for adoption by West U during the next update cycles for these vehicles. They may never be adopted. That being said, I recommend the city evaluate the cost of , and if feasible, plan the power supply and distribution systems for the new fire house and public works garage to accommodate easy upgrades to support the larger capacity charging stations these types of vehicles may need in the future.

2. Whether or not solar panels and battery backup systems are part of the facilities master plan when buildings are designed, I strongly strongly recommend that each building's electric infrastructure is designed to be solar ready.

3. The engineering study for our water supply included several options for waste water reuse. Two of those included treating and reusing the waste water for potable use. One approach called for a pipeline from the treatment plant to the Milton water treatment plant. The second called for an injection well at the treatment plant and an extraction well at the Milton plant. Neither of those is being considered at this time from what I understand due to cost with the city having decided to sell non potable treated water to nearby commercial or public entities with delivery via a pipeline. Reusing treated waste water as potable water is technically feasible, accepted by effected populations and currently done by cities in the US. One such city is Santa Fe, NM which has had great success. My recommendation is for well pad and associated infrastructure connection space and connections be identified and set aside at the wastewater treatment plant and Milton treatment plant in the facilities master plan in case a future council decides to move forward with a project like this.

Based on the a quick review of the engineering report, it looks like potable reuse of wastewater could reduce our net consumption of water via our wells and city of Houston purchases by 50% or more on an ongoing basis. At what point it is deemed financially and politically feasible I do not know, but I doubt it would be a great expense to plan for this eventuality in the facilities master plan.

Bottom line, I ask you to make "future proofing" a priority in the Facilities Master Plan. Thank you for your consideration of this input to the planning process.

Comment Received April 6th

1. Will the new facility include a vehicle maintenance facility? If so, relative to the current facility will it be:
 - a. Smaller
 - b. Same size
 - c. Bigger
2. Within the 21,000 sq. ft. of the combined library and community building, how much space is projected to be allocated to each facility?
3. With regard to the library, what input has been received from the Harris County Library?
4. Detention at the Dincans site is critical to a long-term plan and it will be very expensive, but it frees up other very valuable land. Ideally it could be big enough to support that site and to

make a contribution to the overall detention requirements of the City. Thought might be given to a design that could offer a (sunken) sports field for use when not actively holding water, hence making the area even more valuable.