

# Tempe Community Center Campus Master Plan

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## Introduction:

Tempe is developing a master plan that will guide improvements and new developments at the Tempe Community Center Campus, home to Tempe Public Library, Tempe History Museum, Edna Vihel Arts Center and Pyle Recreation Center, making it a hub of activity in the center of the city. The master plan will make recommendations on connectivity, pedestrian experience, outdoor space improvements, use of space and accessibility. It will also evaluate a possible expansion of or new space for Human Services.

## Open Ended Survey Questions:

### 1. Master Plan Option 1

- a. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor layout and 10 being an excellent layout), please rate master plan - Option 1
- b. **Why did you give Option 1 this rating?**

#### Rating of 10

1. Seems most practical and also, the cheapest option.
2. I like this option the most because it doesn't compromise existing traffic flows and we wouldn't have to mess with the shaded parking structures. It also adds activity to the southern part of the vamos other than just parking which I'm 1000% down for!
3. Our current ceramic and art studios and kiln yard are on the left side of the Edna Vihel Arts Building. this gives us new studios on the right side of the building marked in orange. Option 1 leaves our parking close and gives us new studios.
4. best spot of the complex; that parking area is rarely used. least amount of removal/relocation of solar panel/shade structures for parking
5. Social Services has easy access to parking and transportation, and is separated from more socially oriented activities. Also it doesn't disrupt current uses and functions but adds on important social services.
6. Seems the best compromise between the 3 plans.
7. Good access from both southern and Rural. Keeps covered parking. Good spacing between buildings with human services separate from library and Art center
8. this option provides separation from human services and the other complexes. The building can be designed specifically for the services offered. there will be no waste of money for retrofitting existing facilities or reconfiguring building layouts. parking for other area usage will be undisturbed and all existing services can be accessed by the public during construction. this option gives separation and increased safety between the various groups utilizing the complex. seniors and those with small children will feel more secure using the complex and thus more likely to utilize the areas.
9. Accessibility from Rural and Laguna is preferable.

#### Rating of 9

10. It is the least disruptive to the facilities and activities that currently exist. It also provides privacy and space for the clients of the Social Services Department. It gives the Social Security Department the most discretion in designing a space to serve their needs. It also provides easy transport for clients utilizing the bus system along Rural Road without seriously lengthening

the time the bus requires to load and unload passengers right at the intersection of Rural and Southern.

11. Pros: Improved flow of the overall complex. Parking located close to Edna Arts. Safer for pedestrians walking to Edna Arts from the parking lot (compared to current layout).  
Cons: Pyle still distant from rest of complex, making it difficult for them to join in complex wide events.
12. This plan seems to utilize space more efficiently. The distance for walking through a parking lot would be minimized or remain the same. That south area seems like a dead zone, I can't recall ever seeing the parking lot so full, that the south lot was used. Placing the building there seems good but the south west border would be best. That SW area would be closer to the public transit. Also, this plan appears to have less impact on the existing buildings.
13. This is a great location for human services to be located.
14. Parking near Edna Vihel is important as many of the users are bringing large families and small children. This plan appears to add additional parking and more shaded parking close to the center. It looks like families will not have to cross a drive way to reach the center. I think it would be nice to have the Pyle center relocated closer to the other buildings, but it isn't essential.
15. Good layout and convenience of location.
16. I like that Option 1 creates a multi-story building, removes some of the furthest, often unused parking, and is near the Orbit transit and Rural Road, which would only require one bus after the light rail. I would give Option 1 a perfect rating if the building were greater than 2 stories.
17. Good access from Southern and Rural, walkable spaces, good separation from human services and Library and arts center
18. High visibility, good use of a vacant corner, good traffic flow.

#### **Rating of 8**

19. There are good parking spots for all buildings. It is nice to have buildings lining up along the street rather than a bunch of parking spaces.
20. I like that Pyle remains in place, but Vihel still gets additional room and Human Services is not too far away from bus routes. Seems to have little impact on existing programs/services.
21. I like having dual (Southern and Rural) access to the complex. It limits construction to one side so less disturbing to visitors.
22. The use of the perimeter road and multiple entry points.
23. I am concerned about handicap parking and easy access to Edna Arts building. I am 78 and use a walker. Carrying a 25 pound bag of clay is challenging now.
24. Seems like it would interfere the least with the function of the other buildings already in use on the site
25. I think it is a good location always access to all facilities.
26. I'm a senior and prefer the Pyle center as is.
27. I like that Human Resources has its own building, and I like the location.
28. I like that it keeps the ins/outs pretty much the same, but doesn't space things out too much.

#### **Rating of 7**

29. Don't love how spread out the buildings are - 3 separate islands. Prefer more integration, human-friendly instead of just vehicle-friendly.

30. It has potential! But I think the Pyle Center should be where the Human Resources building is and vice versa.
31. I like it, but like option 3 better. I think the proximity of the Edna and Pyle to each other will be a huge asset.
32. I like the solution of offering privacy and easy access for human services clients. I am concerned about the distance between public transportation and the human services building. Is it possible to move/add a bus stop, or prioritize the creation of shaded pathways?
33. I like this plan, except that the Human Services is far away from public transportation.
34. Like that each building has room to grow, like the new roadway, and parking available near all building entrances.
35. We need improvements to all departments in the Tempe Complex
36. The space is perfect for a building. I am confused about the dark road that runs along the perimeter. Is this meant for cars?

### **Rating of 6**

37. human services would not be that accessible to those who use it
38. Traffic can get backed up in Rural and with additional people entering the complex off of Rural I could see some traffic issues.
39. On one hand, to put Human Services to be right next to the Visual Arts Center would help provide Art Therapy for those who need Human Services who are unable to receive immediate psychological care. On the other, taking up about 50% of a parking lot to do so may make things cramped.
40. Seems to spread the buildings too far apart though I like moving the ceramics lab. There is a chance to add a traffic light on Southern near the Ventura alignment.
41. The Pyle Center is still quite a distance from the rest of the complex, making it feel detached. While the main driveway looks like it is meant to go through the south-most entrance of rural, there will still be people who enter just south of the Edna Vihel Center, which continues the problem of people needing to cross traffic in order to get to the complex.
42. Not much of a change from present, seems harder to incorporate the big-picture changes of landscaping, does have lots of open space for events though
43. It takes advantage of unused space, but doesn't do anything to connect the buildings on the complex in a meaningful way

### **Rating of 5**

44. I think it makes more sense to have the Pyle Center near Edith Vihal Center because the community classes serve many of the same people
45. Is it going to be in 2 different locations? That seems silly compared to the other layouts.
46. Its a band-aid that changes little and keeps Pyle & Edna too far apart.
47. It's my least favorite option. I don't like that it is taking away that parking area and leaves open the entrance on Rural to the North of the building. I personally really dislike having to cross that part of the parking lot when going to the Vihel building with my young kids.
48. I liked the main drive location. Did not care for the reduction of the Edna Vihel building from use of arts to more for Human Services. Do not feel that the intent of the building should go in this direction.
49. I take class in the Vihel building, often carrying class supplies. This option doesn't have adequate parking close to Vihel.
50. I think the library should remain the only two-story building on the site--it's the central feature, the temple of books and learning and connection. Much worse public transit access

with this option and who wants to be surrounded by parked cars on three sides -- sounds like a human dis-service!

51. I think it make more sense to have the Human Services building located next to Pyle. Seems like there would be a good synergy. I do like that the option 1 provides closer parking for the Edna building. Many of these art classes are attended by wide age groups that need closer parking. For example, Ceramic classes require us to bring our 40 lb bags of clay - juggle trays of tiles or art piece. I've seen young families with strollers and kids in tow attending art classes. Again closer parking is essential as is handicap parking next to the building.
52. It seems to remove a large portion of parking for the library
53. I am not familiar with the designated area to give a definitive opinion
54. option 3 is better
55. Pyle center should be moved to a more connected location. It is also a bit under-utilized because of a poor, aging design.
56. I like option 2 better
57. Crams the two largest use facilities (entrances) in 1/3 of the site.
58. I am unable to read any of the text
59. This is an okay option, but I believe some people who are using the human services building may want a bit more privacy.
60. Poor location of Human Services. Pyle distant from library and Vihel.
61. Depends on disruption - digging up concrete and displacing trees, moving parking lots, not clear from diagrams. Huge building by library is distracting
62. This option evidently impacts the existing structures minimally which is good. The foot traffic between the new Human Services building and the rest of the campus may not work well which is a downside.

#### **Rating of 4**

63. I don't like a two-story building next to Rural Rd, and I don't like the access road so close to the neighborhood.
64. I would prefer that the parking along rural be maintained.
65. No need for this huge expense. Fix the roads first.
66. Not my favorite but not terrible.
67. Not big on the notion of a two story building off Rural, not in scale of campus or neighborhood. Taller building will screen library campus, not welcoming.
68. Because the parking space is reduced for people attending classes in the library building and/or Edna Vihel building. I am also thinking of safety at night.
69. This option is workable, but kind of clunky. I don't see that Pyle Center gets any upgrade or expansion, and it still seems cut off from the rest of the campus.
70. Moving Human Services to the far end, separates it from other services and transportation. Many of the folks who need access to H.S. also need access to these.
71. I like option 3 the best, where you combine the art and community activity together as a unit. It brings common activities together better.
72. Better than other two options, but the proposed perimeter drive will bring Orbit and other traffic too close to neighboring residences on other side of alley. A better alternative would be to locate Human Services to downtown or another area of town away from local residential communities, and keep the perimeter of the complex as is proposed in Option 3 (without a driveway).

73. It's important that Pyle and the Vihal center are close because there are art and recreation classes in both. Also, it's time for Pyle to either be replaced or renovated. This plan doesn't address that problem.
74. I think access to Human Resources should be located where parking is more accessible.
75. Access to bus stop and main road are not ideal for Human Services
76. I'm not a huge fan of making this area even more homeless friendly.

### **Rating of 3**

77. it is a good design. but i don't know if it is the best choice.
78. Not very engaging with streetscape
79. I don't like the 2-story building being put on Rural.
80. Difficult access from Rural for Human Services building - Much prefer a single story as well
81. APPLIES TO ALL OPTIONS - As a 30 year plan in areas of Tempe needing to add density reduce reliance on the automobile and increase sustainability, it seems short sighted (more like a 5 year plan). This site is largely underutilized and is primarily a large surface parking lot. The plans for the future add very little intensity and should include a parking structure, park and ride, transit center with strong/fast connection to the DT Tempe Transit Center. Eliminating almost all surface parking by year 30. This should be come a second community core. Consider integrating affordable housing opportunities above parking and civic uses. Reduce the car aesthetic landscape setback from the arterials and create a smaller, more use engaging pedestrian experience. Do not back all of the uses to the public streets, engage them as is require in the urban codes. Consider a small amount of commercial food and beverage to support the civic uses. Consider height on the NE corner of the site, furthest from the single family uses.

### **Rating of 2**

82. Building positions do not reflect functional relationships. Does not read as a cohesive campus.
83. doesn't go far enough to improve the complex and has many conflict points with pedestrians.
84. In reviewing the survey data, an overwhelming majority of respondents want "human services" off-campus. Since architect T.S. Montgomery's initial Community Center plan of 1971, this site has been eroded away from true family-community use into a traffic battle ground, a homeless haven [I am a homeless advocate], a place to be harassed for signing petitions, and a cacophony of traffic noise. This survey is hardly transparent as it makes no effort to explain "Human Services". Investing tons of money without major on-site auto circulation is just a band-aid approach such as we had with fine.wonderful, and very temporary improvements at Tempe Beach park initially..The landscape plan pretends to favor human scale activity, but it is far from achieving those goals!
85. The adult education center is still isolated, this doesn't solve the existing problems.
86. less public transit access for HS clients; greatest potential negative impacts to neighborhood; design doesn't seem to take neighbors into consideration.
87. less access to public transit stops for Human Services clients, most of whom rely on transit; greatest potential negative impacts to adjacent neighbors, who don't seem to have been considered in this project.

### **Rating of 1**

88. This will limit the parking used for the library, as visitors will have to park behind the library. This will also displace the recycling bins, which are currently in a good place as they can be seen from Rural Road.
89. Limited parking close to library - all parking would be north and west of building with a long walk. The new building will compete with the library for parking spaces. High traffic at the rural entry makes walking traffic from small south parking lot difficult and dangerous. The option also displaces current recycling dumpsters. Due to the noise from 24 hour dumping, they cannot be placed anywhere near the neighboring homes.
90. Two-story buildings close to streets change the character of the area and feel oppressive to neighbors.
91. too close to homes and impact on neighborhood with a huge building. recycle buildings that are there already.
92. building scale seems larger and backs up to a residential neighborhood
93. it should not be right behind the neighborhood,
94. Takes up to much parking spaces.
95. This will reduce space for the Edna Arts Center. The Edna Arts Center should have more space for the different art classes e.g., ceramics needs more space for better and expanded ceramics options to offer students. Parking area would be shared with Human Services and less parking options for Edna. Considering that most students have to bring material to class, that would not be great.
96. Waste of money and resources
97. No close vehicular access to new ceramics studio.
98. Don't understand the need to have Human Services on the Campus where there is a Library, a Museum, and Art Center and a Senior Center. Looking at the survey results there are 38 (41%) of the responses wanting Human Services as far away as possible. What is to be gained by this goal?
99. Is this really even needed anymore ? I don't see Tempe ever opening again. Local government tyranny seems it would rather continue to enforce lockdowns and goofball mask rules.
100. Too large of a building to be so close to Rural and homes are very close, too close.
101. What we have there is fine, you don't need to waste taxpayer money doing anything when we have more important things to spend taxes on.
102. Unnecessary spending
103. This whole project is not needed. These drawings are so small that it is impossible to see the details. Relocating and building a new Pyle Center is ridiculous! Taking parking away from the most used building in the entire complex, the library, is very short sided, I am certain that the City can figure out how to move a department together without wasting our money. Trees and landscaping are nice but we are in a financial crunch in both capital and operating so pretty can wait.
104. Do not like drive thru. Buildings seem to spread out.
105. low profile in order to fit into neighborhood
106. Layout and placement.
107. The Human Services building is adjacent to residential areas on Rural rather than commercial areas on Southern. Also the Arts center is distant from parking and for most people access to parking is a priority.
108. I think the distance to transit stops is a major disadvantage to potential patrons of the human services center. The isolation of the Pyle Center from cultural and arts facilities is a major disadvantage of the current design that will be continued with this option. I believe that this is the worst of the three options.
109. 2 story building is too close to neighborhoods and an eye sore off of Rural.

110. a large building too close to a neighborhood and an eyesore from Rural.
111. Too close to residences.
112. too big of a building so close to Rural ugly, also too close to homes.
113. too close to neighbors
114. The placement of the human services building, directly adjacent to the new light that will be going in, will cause too much congestion and too many pedestrians gathering at or around that entrance.
115. The location for the human services building would put children visiting library and activity center at high risk, not to mention Grace School, Tempe Prep Academy and Mt Carmel are within a block. This location would endanger children.
116. Human Services should be located closer to the bus stops and further from the neighborhood.
117. Please put these services back downtown. This building is too close to our neighborhood. I used to feel safe going to the library and the Pyle center. I drive now instead of walking. There are too many vagrants hanging around to feel safe walking through the complex. I used to take my children to the library and to classes, they are grown now, but I would not feel safe walking through there with my children. Building and housing the Human Services at this complex will bring even more vagrants to the complex and to my neighborhood. Keep these services and city business downtown where people do not live.
118. Leave Human Services where it is. We do not need anymore vagrants in our neighborhood.
119. No two-story buildings. Don't like new HS building so close to entrance at Laguna.
120. The location is across from a residential area on Rural and would add significant traffic to the area
121. The human service building is too close to current housing.
122. Human Services building should be in a more commercial area. Next to Southern across from Walmart etc. is a much better location. Human Services building is across from a commercial area instead of around a fully residential area. Option 2 leave open more space for landscaping. Overall, all 3 options likely do not have sufficient parking.
123. We support the expansion and improvement of the Tempe Public Library complex at Southern Avenue and Rural Road. We own a house in the 1000 block of East Laguna Drive, so we are both frequent users of the Library and Pyle recreation center and will be substantially affected by the changes that will occur on the other side of Rural Road from our property. We have several comments:
  1. Aesthetics of the Tempe Public Library - The draft planning document makes no mention of the beauty and orientation of the entrance to the library. The library is the focal point of the campus, designed with a stunning facade facing southeast. Options 1 and 3 would place a new building on Rural Road that would obscure the library from the street view. The architectural highlight of the campus would be lost unless Option 2 is adopted.
  2. Parking saturation - Oddly, the planning document makes no reference to the expected number of employees or additional visitors to the campus that the Human Services facility would cause while, at the same time, the plan reduces the number of parking spaces from 848 to 755-765. It appears to us that adding 50,000 s.f. of office space will significantly increase the need for employee and visitor parking and seriously inconvenience the public visiting the library, museum, adult center, and arts center. The plan should be revised to add a parking garage south of the existing Pyle center and increase, rather than decrease, the number of parking spaces.
  3. Location of Human Services building - The proposal is to build a two-story, 50,000 s.f. building for the Human Services Department. The best location for the Human Services building is on Southern Avenue, where it would face commercial spaces on the north side of Southern - mostly the Walmart parking lot. The view of the library from Southern Avenue is

the rear of that building, not the attractive entrance, so placing the Human Services building there does not obstruct an attractive view. Moreover, there is simply no justification for placing such a large building on Rural Road, where it would face residential housing. For this reason, Option 1 must be rejected and Option 2 would be the best choice.

4. Building on Rural Road - If any new construction must be placed on Rural Road, it should be Option 3, which would put the Pyle center in a new one-story, 25,000 s.f. building that, while still blocking the aesthetic view of the library, would not completely block that view from Rural as would the proposed Human Services building. There are some advantages to Option 3, as it would result in a new and improved design for the Pyle center, informed by the activities that have evolved over the years. It would also be a slightly larger recreation facility and would be clustered most closely with the other buildings used by the public - the library, museum, and arts center. As to the "cons" noted for Option 3, (A) the document notes that the access road from Southern to Rural can be relocated to the perimeter if desired; (D) while the parking is slightly further from the library, the four buildings used most by the public are brought closer together and the parking serves the public visiting those buildings, not the Human Services staff and visitors; (G) the relocation of the solar canopy is a minor issue; and (M) the phased approach would not seriously inconvenience the public as it applies primarily to the relocation of the Human Services Department. If the preferable Option 2 is not adopted, we support Option 3, to build a new Pyle rec center on Rural Road and re-purpose the existing Pyle building for the Human Services offices.

5. Signal at East Laguna Drive - The signalization of the East Laguna intersection should be done with the campus improvements, not as a future change. Putting in a signal and crosswalk as part and parcel of the improvements will give residents of East Laguna, the neighboring apartment complex, and the Cyprus East neighborhood safe pedestrian access to the complex and make residents' use of the Pyle center more convenient without adding vehicle traffic to the site. Without a Laguna crosswalk, immediate area residents must walk hundreds of additional yards or use vehicles to visit the complex.

6. Additional amenities - The conceptual drawings show a variety of attractive and people-friendly features. All these features would be an improvement on what exists today. We support the improved shade, walking paths, and gathering spaces shown in the conceptual drawings. We look forward to a thoughtful and constructive analysis of the proposed options that will result in campus improvements, and in particular to having safe pedestrian access to the complex from East Laguna Drive.

124. The Pyle center is off in the corner, it makes more sense to put human services in this location for privacy
125. The human services building needs to be on Southern Ave. and separate from all other buildings.
126. The new Human Service building is located across Rural Road from a residential area on this plan. The building should face the commercial area on Southern.

## **2. Master Plan Option 2**

- a. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate master plan - Option 2
- b. Why did you give Option 2 this rating?**

**Rating of 10**



1. That area of the lot is underused. so it is the best options. Parking continues to be available for the library, the pyle center continues to offer parking right in front and the recycle bins continue to have easy access and be seen from the street.
2. Best option. Library parking remains. Recycling remains. New Construction is away from neighboring homes. Plenty of parking for senior building and new building. 2 entry and exit points on Rural to remain and major flow of traffic through the complex is away from the facilities and along the perimeter which will benefit pedestrian traffic
3. closest to southern and already established bus routes.
4. Best Location, creates a campus
5. Human services has it's own facility to cut down on the number of people in one particular area; plenty of parking. This looks like the most reasonable common-sense layout.
6. The Human Services building would be much closer to Southern and the public transportation
7. Good vehicular access to ceramics studio remains intact.
8. Because the parking spaces stay +/- the same and people needing man services have their own space with easy connection to public transportation.
9. close to public transportation that exists already and to buildings that are already established, easy access to those that use any of the services at any of the buildings.
10. Easiest, most convenient access for aged & disabled who are heaviest user of Pyle Center.
11. Like layout better.
12. The urban forest
13. Seems to make the best use of space
14. keeps services together and less walking from building to building
15. everything is close together
16. Best choice keeps the human services away from the neighbors
17. Keeping the new Humans services building on the south side of Southern Avenue, will be a good placement and will help keep congestion and gathering from the crosswalks and intersections.
18. provides best public transit access for HS and Pyle Center clients, with least impacts on neighborhood - especially those living closest to the complex.
19. Greatest access/proximity to public transit stops for Human Services clients; least potential negative impacts to adjacent neighbors.
20. still centrally located next to all other buildings
21. Human service building is close to current public transportation and less visible to current housing. Keeping the buildings closer together seems more accessible to foot traffic both for the community and employees.
22. Human Services building is across from a commercial area instead of around a fully residential area. Option 2 leave open more space for landscaping. Overall, all 3 options likely do not have sufficient Parking.

### **Rating of 9**

23. The Human Services is close to public transportation and close to the other services. (Will the Orbit bus stop remain the same?) All the services are close together. I like the road going around the whole campus.
24. Places human services closest to transit and further from surrounding neighbors.
25. Human Services should be located across the street from a commercial area.

### **Rating of 8**

26. does not improve the arts center
27. This makes sense because it causes the least disruption for the other buildings.
28. new buildings are closer to public transportation and least impact to neighborhood, as well as for traffic
29. Takes away least amount of parking

30. More engaging with streetscape and closes off unnecessary driveways into the civic center
31. More human friendly than option 1, but I think the complex needs access roads on both Rural and Southern.
32. Think parking for patrons for Human Services is closer for their use. Concerned for parking of other areas--Edna Vihel and library. Not sure what type of provisions have been made for Handicap patrons
33. I like the location of Human Resource next to Pyle. My only concern with this design is that it appears that close and handicap parking is not accessible to the Edna Art building. Again, many of these art classes are attended by wide age groups that need closer parking. For example, Ceramic classes require us to bring our 40 lb bags of clay - juggle trays of tiles or art pieces. I've seen young families with strollers and kids in tow attending art classes. Again closer parking is essential as is handicap parking next to the building.
34. Its proximity to Southern would allow for individuals to have a shorter distance when accessing the bus. While some parking for the museum is lost, this plan seems to do a decent job overall of maintaining parking in a dispersed fashion throughout the campus.
35. This is a good lay out, keeping access to parking and public transport, as well as access to the Pyle Center, which might see an uptick in use by folks also making use of Human Services.
36. Don't care for the location of human services.
37. all buildings have walkability without alot of traffic.
38. It is located in a more "business district" location and close to public transportation
39. I like that Human Resources is tucked away from main streets

#### **Rating of 7**

40. Other than blocking 2 entrance/exit points I think this is a good placement. It would have less impact on the existing building which seems like a logical plan.
41. Seems lopsided in the campus, the rural side had more space for this building
42. I like that it connects the campus and is close to Southern. I like rerouting the entry to the outside of campus for safety. But I still don't like the Northernmost entry on Rural Rd.
43. It's fine. I like the shaded parking close to the museum better in options 1 and 3.
44. Better lay out, do not like drive thru.
45. I appreciate the buildings being more clustered together though we lose the additional courtyard space of moving the ceramics. There is a chance to add a traffic light on Southern near the Ventura alignment.
46. I prefer #1

#### **Rating of 6**

47. Doesn't disrupt the current flow of the area.
48. Again, traditional families and seniors do not want to come to the Community Center and deal with aggressive homeless and physically-mentally needy visitors there for Human Services. As a society, we have great empathy for these needy folks, but off site is best for all. This building location does take advantage of the urban land and the building would potentially provide sound buffering from Southern Ave. The on site auto circulation is a 'cut-through' that Black and Veatch Architects tried to mitigate with the current c.1992 circuitous auto circulation. Likely emergency services and maintenance could be functional with two dead-end parking areas to prevent neighborhood cut-through. Again, nit really a valid survey without explaining what Human Services does! And the diagrams are tiny, most citizens don't read site plans very well! I blow this page up and can't read...using memory from studying background materials!

49. I like that Option 2 creates a multi-story building, is near other buildings creating a feeling of community, is near Orbit and Southern Ave transit, and possibly adds some shade from the building near the Southern Ave. I would give Option 2 a higher rating if the building were greater than 2 stories.
50. The southeast corner of the campus is wasted as parking, it is a long walk from there to anywhere!
51. I actually really like this option, except for the removal of the Southern Rd driveway.
52. See above -Better to put HS by Pyle
53. Good possible option considering the limited site in the Complex

#### **Rating of 5**

54. Afraid that having Human Services next to the enclosed parking area that is used by both Pyle and the History Museum will mean that people who use both locations (particularly senior citizens who use Pyle) will be often encounter little/no available parking.
55. would prefer to keep multiple access points along Southern. dead end parking lot creates pinch point of vehicles and pedestrian access from Pyle to Main Library.
56. Same as #1 above.
57. option 3 is better
58. Same as option 1 - it does not address primary concerns with Pyle center.
59. unable to read any of the text
60. This location works, but I prefer option 1.
61. Better location for the Human Resources building.
62. I ranked this in the middle because I think the building locations are good but the distance to parking is inferior to that of option 3.
63. This option is an improvement over Option 1, as the location of Human Services is closer to transit stops. However, it continues to maintain the distance between the Pyle Center and the arts and culture facilities, which is unfortunate.
64. Better access to Human Services. Would prefer single story
65. Not as walkable, accessible from the street, but that would likely benefit with noise reduction of traffic
66. The parking seems too far away from the buildings

#### **Rating of 4**

67. I don't like a two-story building next to Southern Ave, and I don't like the access road so close to the neighborhood.
68. While it does allow the Social Services Department to design their building from ground up for their needs, it places too much foot traffic next to the Senior Center and its fragile population. It limits the privacy of the Social Services clients and is not as convenient for bus and Shuttle users. I do not understand the need to move the solar covers from their current placement to the southside of Pyle.
69. Creates a more cohesive campus, but, positions a large parking lot as the campus center.
70. It may not be best to put Human Services right next to a recreation center for the elderly might cause problems.
71. Traffic going past Pyle center would increase with expanded services at the HS building.
72. The Human Services area should be separate from other functions. This plan doesn't do that, and makes for an ugly, non-integrated Pyle building.

73. This does not seem to correct any of the current layout issues with the complex except for providing space for Human Resource. Traffic still goes between the Edna Vihel Center and the parking lot, which forces people to cross traffic when approaching the complex. Moving the solar panels to the west lot improves distance and safe crossing for those visiting Pyle, but looks like it would reduce convenient covered-parking to the History Museum. Pyle remains separated from the rest of the cultural complex.
74. Do not like the site is unbalanced with too much parking at the south and too little at the north.
75. Negative: the rework required to relocate the large solar shade at the north parking lot. Traffic to the Human Services building (except public buses) requires driving through the entire complex - a net increase of traffic flow to deal with. I am not at all clear on how much traffic is expected for the new Human Services.
76. Lisa of circular traffic pattern for book drop off and staff parking. Creates a closed campus when the reality is that all patrons either drive or have bus service to this location.
77. This option removes a main entry artery for the complex, and will likely overcrowd the parking lot between Pyle and the Museum

### **Rating of 3**

78. Save the money for something that is needed more.
79. Looks very inaccessible for me to Rollate to the arts building.
80. Honestly disappointed at moving the southern campus entrance. It's unclear what all is included in human services, but I can see some mixing of the adult/special needs Rec programs with the homeless services both a stigmatizing thing and possibly alarming to individuals with development or cognitive delays. I really think separate spaces is a better choice.
81. Need entrance to complex off of Southern as well
82. I think that this layout for the human services building is too narrow for its use and will end up feeling like an endless hallway surrounded by rooms.
83. Limited access from southern. Human services building in between Museum and Pyle center, not a good flow for services
84. Slightly better, but it doesn't solve the primary problem of having the adult activities completely separate from the arts facilities.
85. No two-story buildings.
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### **Rating of 2**

87. Pro: Human services near public transportation.  
Cons: Pyle still distant from rest of complex, making it difficult for them to join in complex wide events. This layout provides additional separation by putting human services between the rest of the library complex and Pyle.
88. it removes a driveway and reduces conflict with pedestrians but does not expand the arts center
89. It looks congested around the parking south of the new Human Services building. No more event space along Southern.
90. Does little and Pyle & Edna are still separated.
91. I would not want to remove this car entrance because it's one of the two that are heavily utilized by the buses and it works really well. If we're occupying a car entrance I would sacrifice the southernmost entrance (Laguna).
92. Cutting off access to Southern is not a good idea. Again, I don't like the idea of two story building.
93. This option looks like an office building is plopped down in the middle of the campus. It isolates the Pyle Center even more than it is now. And you have to move solar panels.
94. Locating human services between the Pyle center and Museum does not have a good flow for services. Limited access from Southern
95. I don't like the location of the Human Resources building.
96. I feel the senior citizens would not feel secure with all of the people coming to the new building.
97. I use the Pyle Center now and don't really want it attached to human services.
98. It seems that it will reduce an entrance/exit.

### **Rating of 1**

99. not a good choice.
100. Removes the access to Southern Ave? That's crazy talk.
101. Waste of money and resources for a small change
102. It closes off the entrance on southern which is there most convenient entrance for us.
103. Cuts off access via Southern
104. Option 2 moves ceramics parking further out with our current studios - no improvement for us.
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107. No improvements for Edna Arts center or Pyle.
108. A two-story building placed that close to Southern will be imposing, will dominate the visual landscape, will disguise that there is a welcoming, community area behind it. I prefer for the Museum, with its tall letters, to be the "face" of this corner, to suggest that it's about people and place and history and now.
109. I'd rather this not be at this location.
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111. Unnecessary spending
112. It creates too much traffic in the north end area.
113. See above

114. Dont see the logic of putting human services with pyle center.
115. Would interfere with access to the Pyle Center & create more traffic in the area
116. Human Services too closely located to local community activities and their clients. As with option 1, the proposed perimeter drive will bring Orbit and other traffic too close to neighboring residences on other side of alley. Highly undesirable!
117. low profile in order to fit into neighborhood
118. Layout, placement and parking.
119. Exact same reasons as #1
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122. Still feels very disconnected

123. Too much traffic congestion on Southern.

124. The human services building needs to be isolated from the other buildings.

### 3. Master Plan Option 3

a. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate master plan - Option 3

b. Why did you give Option 3 this rating?

#### Rating of 10

1. I like the access road further east. I also like the Human Services building separate from the other buildings and close to public transit. I like the Adult Center close to Vihel and the library.
2. This plan seems to give everyone more of what they need with ample opportunity to enhance green-space and shade. It keeps buildings that are near the street low with at least some setback. The new traffic entrance/exit on Rural seems sensible.
3. the best design i like.
4. The buildings related culture are lining up around the plaza area.
5. Best option that places Pyle & Edna centers close together & keeps Human Services more private.
6. I like that the traffic plan isn't really affected and that the community center is new and closer to the Vihel center
7. Best option to balance vehicle traffic, parking access, and walkability between buildings/event space between buildings. Definite winner for me.
8. I walk to the library and this would make it easier to get to the building without crossing the parking lot
9. Love the idea of co-mingling the events at Pyle and Edna Arts and surrounding them both with a welcoming green space. Yes! This brings the four buildings/uses into the same orbit or atmosphere which is where sparks and connections can happen. Yes! Having a one-story Human Services building facing Southern will be far less imposing than Option 2 and does have easier public transit connections than placing it on the Rural side. Don't fret about the parking being further: Arizona needs more walkable, green spaces (don't forget plenty of bike racks).

10. I love the collaboration and connectivity between Pyle and Edna. And appreciate the dedicated, but more private space for human services. Appreciate the accessibility from southern not changing.
11. Great walk ability
12. Keeping the Pyle Center the same without updating it means you have added a Human Service building and done some landscape work while the Pyle Center remains uninviting and unused. All this talk about connectivity means nothing if no one uses the building because it is outdated and embarrassingly ugly.
13. Brings Pyle center into closer connection with the rest of the complex and updates its design (both much needed).
14. Other than the road that goes between the human service building and the rest of the campus, I love this lay out. Think it is the most creative and has more long term appeal with possibilities to expand.
15. Good layout and better drive thru.
16. Low profile fits into neighborhood
17. Pyle placement and parking availability.
18. I think the increased collaboration between parks and recreation and arts and culture will really enhance use of the facility. I do think having the human services building somewhat separate is also desirable.
19. I like this option best because it brings the Pyle Center to closer vicinity of the arts and culture facilities. This option also has the least impact on the current site configuration, and adjacent residential areas, but still provides privacy and proximity to transit stops for the human services building.
20. This solves the adjacency problems, and keeps the human services traffic separate from the other areas. This makes a lot more sense.
21. This plan has a lot of advantages -- a new, more functional Pyle Center -- it needs rethinking in its lighting (terrible for art classes), work out center (seems like an after thought), meeting room options (inadequate) and music venues (terrible acoustics). All these problems could easily be addressed in a new building. Renovation of Pyle could be done to make it highly functional for Human Services. And it would be wonderful to have all the arts in one place. Human Services is conveniently located as a separate operation near the bus stop.
22. smaller profile building close to rural and neighborhoods with less traffic and evening activity
23. smaller profile off of rural and not as close to homes
24. Human Services is distant from Pyle, but close to transit Pyle is close to library and Vihel.
25. More functional greenspace of facilities that offer programming and events to community members and easier access to Human Services
26. It provides more privacy for human services and puts the community center buildings together so the whole family can visit and spend time there together.
27. I love that the Pyle Center is closer to the other centers and there is no longer a parking lot separating it from the rest of the complex. It brings it back into the fold. It extends the courtyard.
28. This is the only viable option.

### **Rating of 9**

29. Building locations make sense in terms of their functional relationships. Human services well located with respect to transit. Implementing the ring road concept from the previous options also a possibility.
30. smaller profile



31. Pros: - Improved flow of the overall complex. Pyle and Edna Arts have a lot of the same patrons and programming. It makes sense to have them next to each other.  
Cons: - This plan would be a 10 if there were a few handicap parking spaces closer to the Edna Vihel Art Center. It would be a hardship for students with mobility challenges to park south of Pyle and have to navigate all the way to the interior of the complex to reach Edna Arts.
32. Handicapped parking is too far from arts center. A walk way for such people is not indicated
33. This is my favorite option, though I like the idea of rerouting the road to the perimeter on Southern, so the Human Services Bldg is more connected to campus and it is safer for pedestrians.
34. smaller building profile along Rural and further away from homes.
35. This plan removes one of the access roads from Rural which would be advantageous for traffic control. It largely maintains parking to the perimeter of the campus and would provide folks using Human Services a level of privacy at a higher level than plans one and two.
36. It just seems like a nice spot for Human Services. I guess privacy is an issue. So this would be more private. I also like the extended courtyard for public events.
37. Groups the more leisure-related facilities in one section and provides plenty of space for HS parking plus privacy for HS clients.
38. Signal in future for Laguna Drive. One story building on Rural is good.
39. I think it is better to have the human services building have more privacy. Additionally, the Adult rec building felt like it was outdated and needed to be updated anyway.
40. further away from buildings and ease of parking for those that use Pyle.
41. Single story Human Services building. Love proximity of Pyle building to Arts building - may encourage senior / child interation

### **Rating of 8**

42. I like this option the best except for a large problem. Disabled parking seems too far from the Edith Vihal Center. Some people using that building weekly use walkers. Some may not sign up for classes if it is too difficult to get into the building.
43. new buildings further away from neighborhood
44. Groups all public spaces well. Pyle NEEDS a new facility!
45. Having Pyle classes next to Vihel classes seems like a good coordination of programs BUT I would not want to see Pyle closed before the new building is built as too many people (myself included) take classes at Pyle.
46. Good points- keep buildings to one story. Taking out two vehicular access points is good. Distance the Human Services building away from the more public areas and relocating the Pyle Center near the center of the campus will help create better interaction.
47. Very good except Pyle center should be located further south to allow parking for Edna Arts to have parking nearer as in option one.
48. Still handycap access a problem but nice to have plye near by.
49. I like the location of the covered parking. I like the human services relocation
50. This option seems to make the best use of space. If we have to include a new building, then moving Pyle Center over to the east side of campus close to Vihel Center looks like a good option. Puts the seniors nearer to the action. Also, less disruption of traffic patterns and don't have to move the solar panels. Looks like the build-out of old Pyle bldg would work for for Human Services (they don't need to be close to the plaza and walkways like the seniors do).
51. More parking and entrances
52. After listening to the comments from the Human Services department I think I like this layout the best though we do lose the potential future traffic light near the Ventura alignment.

53. I like the idea of Pyle getting a new building.
54. LOVE the ONE-STORY buildings! LOVE the Arts & Recs Centers are close to each other - might lend to more interaction with our seniors and our younger population who take classes at Edna V (post pandemic)
55. Human Services is close to public transportation and will be in a business district
56. This plan removes traffic from the path between the parking lot and the complex, making it safer for people to get to the buildings. Pyle is no longer separated from the rest of the buildings, and Human Resources is allowed its own area away from the more arts and culture-themed offerings of the other buildings. The amount of covered parking close to buildings without requiring someone cross traffic looks the best out of all the plans.
57. Same feeling regarding number 1
58. This option optimizes existing facilities, while incorporating the new building in well with the existing facilities.
59. Gives ample room for departmental expansion

### **Rating of 7**

60. Our current ceramic and art studios and kiln yard are on the left side of the Edna Vihel Arts Building. In option 3 they give us new studios on the right side of the building marked in orange. Option 3 we gain the Pyle Center Retirement Center close to us, new studios, and have the worst parking/accessibility because the new building is so close. Option 3 would be great if they would build the new Pyle Center south of where it is shown with parking in between the buildings.
61. If I am reading this plan correctly --main drive/thoroughfare of area is further out—good - and the accessibility by people from parking areas, bus stops, etc is closer
62. I really like the Pyle center being moved closer to the other buildings. I don't like that the families with children will have to walk past the Pyle center to get to Edna Vihel. I also like that the center courtyard is preserved.
63. I don't have too many memories of the Pyle Recreation Center, so I could be biased in this regard. However, assuming it gets put to good use, an expanded facility for Human Services would greatly benefit those of the community in need.
64. Good mix of accessibility with new novelties.
65. Human Services building is across from a commercial area, instead of a fully residential area. Option #2 is better as it leave more area for landscaping.

### **Rating of 6**

66. This looks like a nightmare, everything moving here and there, working in phases, delay of the ultimate goal of Human Services building. Everyone has to walk a long way. Utilizing the south parking lot is the best option
67. the additional building space is important for current and future needs, I like having 4 distinct buildings that are easy to identify. It removes multiple conflict points with pedestrians. the buildings are more portioned in size to each other and fit more evenly in the urban landscape. I would improve this design by removing some parking spaces southwest of the Pyle center, I would consider removing 15% of the parking spaces in total.
68. Fine
69. I think it is a fairly good design but feel that it is important for the project to be completed more quickly.

70. I like this option of building a new rec center, however I don't know how necessary it is if you could accomplish the project without moving it.
71. If new space is created, I'd rather new space go to the Pyle Center vs. Human Services.
72. This option does not seem to require as much rework as option 2. The new car route from Southern to Rural may be the easiest to accomplish. Perhaps the existing functions at the Pyle center could benefit from a new purpose built structure and this option could accommodate that.
73. Lots of relocation of existing services, poor traffic flow.

#### **Rating of 5**

74. This looks spread out all over the place...maybe not the best plan.
75. Like Option 1, this appears to have inadequate parking close to Vihel.
76. See above.
77. This would involve the most cost and time.
78. Once again, I prefer the original Pyle center complex as is.
79. Do not like that Edna Arts is a far walk from parking area. Do not like reduced parking at the south. Like opportunity for an expanded pedestrian area.

#### **Rating of 4**

80. I like this option the least of the three presented.
81. Not enough information to know what is in the new Pyle Center! Hopefully, an inter-generational center rather than a senior center! On site auto circulation is still a 'cut-through'. As Tempe becomes more 'urban', the huge 'suburban' lawn on Southern and to some extent on Rural has not been fully utilized to make for meaningful human-scaled family activity on the interior [somewhat for the north side of existing Pyle]. The ranking below is POOR sampling-polling analysis, as all questions are "Mom'n Apple Pie" questions! Of course we want 'safety', we want 'ease of navigation', improved pedestrian ways...etc. has any serious on-site evaluation been done to determine if people even NEED to walk from Museum to Library and would spending money on nice paving and trees change that outcome? The entry door to the library was been poorly oriented from the get-go! C'mon, in a 'stupidly auto oriented society', who isn't going to want "ample parking" ? Most all of the surveys I have taken have no "polling science" !
82. Because by relocating the Pyle center you limit the existing parking close by! Most of the visitors to the Pyle center are seniors!
83. Messy design.
84. Similar to option 1, less access/proximity to transit stops for HS clients; greater potential negative impacts to adjacent neighbors.

#### **Rating of 3**

85. reduced parking for library but increased traffic due to placement of pyle center. Displaced recycling dumpsters to Where? Major Flow of traffic forced through the center of the complex as it is now but now with only 1 entry each baseline and rural.
86. Why would you need to expand Pyle? Human Services would have more than enough space in the existing building.
87. Don't need to spend the money right now.
88. I like this design but I vote like for the same reasons as above
89. Agaiun need more entry points of the the nu ber of services offered in the complex.

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97. This seems to be an expense that is not needed.
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99. Of all of the options, I feel this would be the best The seniors would have a new building and they would be further away from the people the Human services department will be bringing into the complex. I feel that this business should be housed downtown where there are no neighborhood around the city buildings.
100. This would be the best if there has to be a new building. The Pyle center should no be next to Human services.
101. money has recently been spent renovating pyle center for its intended use-why fix something that is not broken? the building would need retrofitting, plus an addition. seniors would be without services while another new building is constructed. this represents a lot of costs to the taxpayers.by definition, seniors have less years to spend;many of us use pyle center several times a week and cannot drive the distance to the other senior facilities in tempe. don't our needs count?
102. I would not recommend moving the Pyle center

#### **Rating of 1**

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105. use option 2
106. This plan would make a mess of the campus & make Vihel Arts Center hard to get supplies to classes.
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108. Waste of money and resources
109. No vehicular access to relocated ceramics studio.
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116. See above
117. Seems like a lot more construction which would probably cost more and take longer
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4. Building on Rural Road - If any new construction must be placed on Rural Road, it should be Option 3, which would put the Pyle center in a new one-story, 25,000 s.f. building that, while still blocking the aesthetic view of the library, would not completely block that view from Rural as would the proposed Human Services building. There are some advantages to Option 3, as it would result in a new and improved design for the Pyle center, informed by the activities that have evolved over the years. It would also be a slightly larger recreation facility and would be clustered most closely with the other buildings used by the public the library, museum, and arts center. As to the "cons" noted for Option 3, (A) the document notes that the access road from Southern to Rural can be relocated to the perimeter if desired; (D) while the parking is slightly further from the library, the four buildings used most by the public are brought closer together and the parking serves the public visiting those buildings, not the Human Services staff and visitors; (G) the relocation of the solar canopy is a minor issue; and (M) the phased approach would not seriously inconvenience the public as it applies primarily to the relocation of the Human Services Department. If the preferable Option 2 is not adopted, we support Option 3, to build a new Pyle rec center on Rural Road and re-purpose the existing Pyle building for the Human Services offices.

5. Signal at East Laguna Drive - The signalization of the East Laguna intersection should be done with the campus improvements, not as a future change. Putting in a signal and crosswalk as part and parcel of the improvements will give residents of East Laguna, the neighboring apartment complex, and the Cyprus East neighborhood safe pedestrian access to the complex and make residents' use of the Pyle center more convenient without adding vehicle traffic to the site. Without a Laguna crosswalk, immediate area residents must walk hundreds of additional yards or use vehicles to visit the complex.

6. Additional amenities - The conceptual drawings show a variety of attractive and people-friendly features. All these features would be an improvement on what exists today. We support the improved shade, walking paths, and gathering spaces shown in the conceptual drawings. We look forward to a thoughtful and constructive analysis of the proposed options that will result in campus improvements, and in particular to having safe pedestrian access to the complex from East Laguna Drive.

123. too close to the neighbors but
124. Again, same reason as #1
125. Too chopped up and more areas of construction.

**6. Campus Landscape Concept 1**

a. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate Landscape Concept 1

**b. Why did you give Concept 1 this rating?**

**Rating of 10**

1. I like the garden space for children.
2. beautiful landscape.
3. I love the open space and walking path. Looks like a pleasant and inviting place to just hang out and have lunch or something.
4. Love the playfulness of the solar panels in between buildings on this
5. I like the use of the areas 6 and 9
6. I like the walk and the non right angles. Seems more natural and interesting.
7. So thrilled at the concepts for the explore a story Garden and the children's garden. My heart just rejoices at seeing those spaces utilized. My kids always ask about going out there or why we don't use those spaces right out of the children's library. Just so thrilled to imagine playing and learning in these spaces.
8. More organic
9. urban forest and walk ability
10. Nice options - shade canopy good for museum events.
11. Love the arts aspect and the imagination element of an exploration. Good shade planning for walkable spaces
12. Love the explore a garden feature and children's sunken garden. Nice shade for walkable spaces. Great imagination inspires.
13. I personally love the idea of a botanic garden walk, and rate vegetation highly. While both concepts feature increased plantings, Concept 1 appears less linear and more natural to me.
14. open areas of landscaping
15. Feels fluid and dynamic use of space

**Rating of 9**

16. It is a beautiful and organic design using natural landscaping to provide shade and interest of form and texture but I don't like the position of the new building adjacent to the Arts center.
17. shade
18. It is unique and doesn't look like a sidewalk.
19. at least from above, it looks artistic and pleasing.
20. like the curving flow of design
21. Imaginative perimeter path
22. I use to take the pathway frequently during nightly walks until someone in PD told me that there is a lot of crime in the area. Then I realized I was taking a risk taking the path. This would bring more visibility to the path. I like the winding pathway design, beautiful.

**Rating of 8**

23. It looks nice and open to the street from removing the concrete walls that currently surround the complex. Feels more inviting. I enjoy the organic shapes.
24. Hard to picture but looks good
25. It looks more visually appealing and less rigid and flows more freely and naturally. we don't need a path so close to the sidewalk, landscaping should be prioritized to beautify the area near the intersection. It's already dominated by concrete but rural road sidewalk could be widened and integrated with landscape to soften the area
26. More natural form appeals to me.
27. More organic.
28. I like this a lot
29. I like it and prefer it to #2.
30. I like the natural, meandering walkways and botanical walk and the larger event lawn. Need more trees while keeping visual corridor open to museum.
31. You can never have enough trees
32. round mirrors the Main Library shape. better integration of elements (specifically #5, 8, and 4) Appears to be larger event green (3) that is also more centrally located and visible from east/west main walk and north/south main walks. not happy about #7 replacing road. would like solar/shade extend west from Museum entrance.
33. I like the organic curvy lines of this design.
34. I like the aesthetic. It seems more rounded and more organic. I don't care about the perimeter path.
35. I like the flow of this better and the inclusion of activities for children and families.
36. I prefer the more natural esthetic
37. Looks very nice; however it all could provide cover for the homeless.
38. I really like this design. like the addition of the marker plaza and the event green. I also like the idea of the botanic walk garden.
39. Vibrant, good mix of activity-types, maybe a little limiting for events
40. Rural/Southern is busy, so nice to have a little buffer

### **Rating of 7**

41. The plan is good but I don't see enough emphasis on shade
42. It's ok. Hard to tell what it will really look like or feel like.
43. The array of features provided
44. I like the aesthetics of the design and it seems pretty functional.
45. Seems fine
46. I love having the botanical garden walk. It is super important for native species of insects and animals to have native botanicals.
47. Looks balanced . Good as long as functional and handicap access

### **Rating of 6**

48. It's a waste to put a 'Botanical walk' along those noisy busy streets. Landscape it, open the view to the museum for recognition. Put a botanical walk where it can be appreciated, a botanical walk should be peaceful. Both of the proposed sunken areas are based on children, there should be some diversity in the ages you are catering to. Please keep in mind the maintenance involved in upkeep. I have never seen the fountain in front of the library running- what a waste :( Temp seems to have a hard time keeping trees alive and maintained without adding water features, turf with seating and walkways and such luxuries. These things



are beautiful but I don't believe it will be maintained. Kind of like giving a new toy to a child and they don't take care of it. The amount of water being used needs great consideration as well. I love water features but with water scares and maintenance high, I don't believe they belong here.

49. Acceptable, definitely an improvement over the current layout, but it seems to prioritize the peaceful, green theme over usefulness as a community gathering space. Prefer Concept 2, which seems to balance both values more.
50. Doesn't seem like enough shade
51. Concerns--with building in front of Edna Viehl I am concerned with clay students having to carry 25 pound clay, farther away than it is now, to access class/studio. Not sure where Pyle and accesibility is in this drawing. Landscaping is nice, but accessibility for users of facilities should be top concern.
52. Simplistic
53. Not sure I like the botanic walk along busy streets.
54. Seems to have more vegetation and less concrete.
55. Fewer trees = less shade canopy, less contribution to urban forest, cooling effect, etc., and less visual screening for neighbors living adjacent to the campus.
56. The number and placement of shade trees is a benefit.

#### **Rating of 5**

57. The walkway #1 is a waste of resources. It will be used and destroyed by the homeless.
58. Just fine.
59. Don't care.
60. The landscaping idea is fine.
61. Rural and Southern are both major streets. I have a hard time envisioning how a treed walkway along those roads would be very pleasant.
62. Rural and Southern are both car-infested streets... no matter how many lovely botanicals you put there, walking along that will not be lovely. I prefer Concept 2 where you're creating more of a visual break from the traffic. And, maintaining a large green event space out in the open seems counter to the actualities of our climate. Prefer the solar covering in Concept 2. But a big YES to the intentional, lovely pedestrian connection (#10).
63. most concerned about easy access to edna arts.
64. I like the grass courtyard in this option. We need the cooling effect of the grass and trees. This option needs more trees. The shade structures are awful. Just plant more trees. Why does the NW bldg have no landscaping?
65. Same as above.
66. I like that Concept 1 increases tree canopy, includes an event green space, and has a solar canopy. I do not like that Concept 1 prioritizes a 'Botanic Garden Walk' over creating much-needed shade near the Southern and Rural sidewalks, the places one would need to use in order to come to the campus if walking or arriving by transit.
67. Appears to have fewer trees than Concept 2. Do like the less linear configuration in theory. Though more seclusion may increase safety concerns for pedestrian use.
68. provides natural shade
69. If there is a means for keeping the complex from being taken over by homeless, this concept would be acceptable.
70. I like the Botanic Garden walk.
71. OK, but more trees would be better
72. Could use more trees

73. Plaza is too similar to existing. Like the Botanic Garden Walk concept and exploratory garden.
74. Not sure of disruption and I want the existing pretty trees by the side of the library to stay. No need for water features or plants that use too much water
75. Insufficient shade
76. It increases the number of plantings and shade trees.

#### **Rating of 4**

77. Seems at odds with the site location - no point in trying to create a pastoral garden along two busy streets like Rural and Southern
78. fewer trees than option 2, less shade, less cooling effect, less visual screening for adjacent neighborhood.
79. fewer trees than option 2
80. I prefer the one with more privacy trees
81. Although it will be pretty, it seems it will require more water. We live in a desert and I think it's okay to let it look like one.
82. The organic design is nice, but this design removes the necessary vehicular access to the museum's loading dock.

#### **Rating of 3**

83. I prefer landscaping near the street to enclose the campus. Walkways near the street are not especially welcoming.
84. Looks exactly like what we have now.
85. not enough trees looks like you all ready made your choice where the building goes :( Why bother to ask us?
86. Less trees than option 2.
87. Too much void between the buildings. These large un-programmed and un-activated landscape spaces discourage pedestrian activity. They will be large beautiful voids in the urbanizing fabric. They will encourage intermittent lingering, but mostly be no-man's spaces without reason for long lingering.

#### **Rating of 2**

88. What we have there is fine, you don't need to waste taxpayer money doing anything when we have more important things to spend taxes on.
89. It doesn't reflect the urban character of our town. Nowhere near enough shade along Southern for pedestrians, and the winding paths just make distances longer, making the pedestrian experience on southern and Rural even worse than it already is.
90. Would not want to take a "botanic walk" near a major roadway. Existing event green is already problematic for access.
91. #7 You lose access to the back of the museum.

#### **Rating of 1**

92. why are we looking at landscape if the construction plan is not chosen yet?
93. Don't like the location of new building next to Art center
94. Option one reflects a plan for a building of the south-side of Edna Arts building, and not reflecting only option 1 & 3 for the building layout.

95. It's all homeless and others people fill it. This would make it worse
96. All attributes listed and all conceptual illustrations are attractive. The question is if the expense and maintenance of these amenities is worthwhile at all. ASU Hayden Library [Weaver and Drover'64] has a sunken court that was well intentioned but wasted expense. Tempe Police [Varney Sexton Sydnor '87?] has a sunken court that is not humane. The Black and Veatch Architects sunken courts cannot be helped with programmed additions that look great in sketches and photo illustrations but will need ongoing human administration for the 'active play', 'art space", 'maker space' ideas. Can we honestly pull back from these odd conditions enumerated above and ask, "Will more money spent here change the outcome of inherently poor human spaces?"
97. I don't think any of this will be used or needed in the future and would be better to allocate resources elsewhere.
98. Unnecessary spending
99. Budget
100. No one wants to walk that far carrying materials for class
101. I would prefer more interior paths.
102. Not for adding the human services building at all
103. There is existing landscape, why spend more money on this landscape when the landscaping along Rural Road from Southern to US 60 is deteriorating and unattended?
104. did not agree w building layout. type of plants were not specified; looked too crowded.
105. Don't understand the need to have Human Services on the Campus where there is a Library, a Museum, and Art Center and a Senior Center. Looking at the survey results there are 38 (41%) of the responses wanting Human Services as far away as possible. What is to be gained by this goal?

## 7. Campus Landscape Concept 2

- a. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate Landscape Concept 2
- b. Why did you give Concept 2 this rating?**

### Rating of 10

1. Definitely prefer this over Concept 1. Love the balance of nature, shade, and children's space with event space. Feels useful for large festivals, small gatherings, and daytime or early evening pop-by time with my family.
2. I like this more because more trees!
3. Trees creat more shade, seem easier to maintain.
4. looks shadier - and therefore cooler in the summer.
5. Trees
6. Food truck plaza is more functional for larger events and includes the Urban Forest
7. Nice shade options
8. more shade than Concept 1
9. More trees!
10. more shade
11. More trees, more shade, greater contribution to urban forest and cooling effects; greater visual screening for neighborhood.
12. more trees, more shade, more cooling effect, greater contribution to Tempe's urban forest, greater visual screening for adjacent neighborhood.
13. More trees and all the benefits they provide to the environment and quality of life.

14. more trees - better for the environment and aesthetics
15. Nice use of shade trees

### **Rating of 9**

16. Not as many open areas but I like the number of trees blocking the noise/pollution from Rural & Southern. Add that into the first layout and you'd have the perfect place!
17. Yes, block the view of cars with trees/shrubs/anything! I'm intrigued by the Urban Forest (4) and love (10) again here too.
18. I like that Concept 2 significantly increases tree canopy, strategically places trees near the sidewalk so people can more comfortably access the campus without a car, includes an urban forest, includes an event green space, and has a solar canopy.
19. Although the design seems less free-flowing, it seems to utilize the space even better than Concept 1. It seems more functional. Like having more solar shade canopy for the walkways. Like the food truck plaza. Also think the sunken children's garden might be in a spot that works better for children's safety.
20. Ample shade along rural and Southern create a more welcoming environment, and dusk rows of trees make it feel safer from cars. Beautiful solution!

### **Rating of 8**

21. Seems more rigid, not flowing.
22. This neighborhood has no parks. Enhancing park-like areas within the complex would be a significant improvement.
23. Better suited for an urban area -
24. Like the idea of an area for food trucks and the urban forest looks attractive and useful.
25. Trees along the pathways would make it cooler when walking between buildings.
26. More trees and greenery than Concept 1
27. I prefer that the urban forest be away from the roads.
28. You can never have enough trees
29. It looks like this version has a lot of shade. It looks like it connects everything well.
30. A dedicated location for Food Trucks is a great way to promote small, local business owners and community.
31. they are both fine I like the event green slightly more in number 2
32. Better design
33. I like this one too. The sunken children's garden is very appealing.
34. I like the market/festival space
35. I love the urban forest concept. I wish we could have that with the botanical garden walk.
36. I like the interior paths.
37. I really like this design. The only holdup that I have was the decreases size of the event green when compared to the first design.
38. Love the additional trees
39. More trees and shade
40. Like the symmetry and easy access for pedestrians
41. This design seems have more trees, and better shading of walkways around and between buildings.

### **Rating of 7**

42. Still needs more shade

43. Concerns same as concept 1--with building in front of Edna Viehl I am concerned with clay students having to carry 25 pound clay, farther away than it is now, to access class/studio. Not sure where Pyle and accessibility is in this drawing. Landscaping is nice, but accessibility for users of facilities should be top concern.
44. Food truck plaza!!!!
45. Seems fine
46. I like the trees in this one, but the road walkways of 1
47. I like the solar shade canopy, the urban forest and the market/festival access. Would have given a higher score if it incorporated these elements along with a more organic, less angular design.

### **Rating of 6**

48. Feels a little more closed off to the street and less welcoming with all the greenery built up around the exterior. I appreciate the shade that would be provided by the trees but it might be hard to tell what the complex is from the road.
49. This plan doesn't seem complete. What is going in the southern sunken area, or is it proposed to remain as it is? Keep it simple whatever you end up doing.
50. It does not look as fun as Concept 1.
51. It wasn't my favorite, I like the first better
52. It's an improvement over what we have, but I prefer the non linear flow of the first design.
53. I like the formal walkways just not for this campus. The campus should be more relaxing and laid back, not formal like an office campus.
54. I like the more organic look of Concept 1 better.
55. While I appreciate the new plantings that will be incorporated into this concept, the aesthetic lines are too rigid and linear compared to # 1.
56. Like shade canopies and density of trees.
57. Boring, rigid, good shade cover but that still won't help when its 110
58. I think it is too symmetrical
59. More mundane approach to aesthetics of campus

### **Rating of 5**

60. so so design idea
61. Boxy
62. Do e
63. I love the street side pedestrian design on this
64. The landscaping idea is fine.
65. This is fine but not as interesting as 1.
66. Just ok
67. This plan seems to have more shade trees than option 1. The more BIG TREES, the better. I do not like the artificial shade structures, unless it is a wooden structure. The stupid sails are awful. Why does the Pyle Center (northwest bldg) have no landscaping?
68. Above
69. Prefer the linear lines for visual transparency and it appears to include more individual trees and natural shade once matured.
70. provides natural shade
71. Same as with Concept 1, if there is a means for keeping the complex from being taken over by homeless, this concept would be acceptable.

72. Good shade for walkable space, but does not have that Wow factor the other plan has
73. Nice shade, but just does not have the WOW factor to me that plan 1 had
74. #1 looks more organic, natural, but don't eliminate inner pathways.
75. glad that human services is on Southern but less landscaping on rural side
76. again, disagree with building layout, but overall looks less cluttered than option 1. plants not specified.
77. This concept gives slightly more usefulness to the outdoor spaces, but without heavy programming, they will remain urban voids. This concept would make future building expansion (which we need more of) more palatable without destroying the base concept.
78. Any updated landscape design will be great, but this one feels too linear and closed off
79. This looks functional but overly linear in tree locations.

#### **Rating of 4**

80. It looks like another sidewalk but with trees.

#### **Rating of 3**

81. amenities but they are more segregated than integrated, less inviting and does not encourage viewing of #8 and #4 when entering/exiting. i am normally a fan of linear and angular shapes, but this is too formal and rigid. this is something I would expect at city hall not a civic/community recreational complex.
82. how does one get to enter edna?
83. Same reason as above, only this will be less pretty.
84. No to food truck, water features, non- native plants; this looks like too much construction
85. No need to walk on rural/southern perimeter beyond sidewalks

#### **Rating of 2**

86. Too much concrete is included in this design and appears too "planned" rather than organic in nature.
87. I like #10 as grand central corridor connecting the complex together, other wise it's too rigid and too planned. the urban forest looks forced and not native, natural, or organic. It looks more like urban tree farm.
88. As a former staff architect with DWL [78-79] I have high regard for my former firm. As a practicing architect-landscape architect [1979-2020] with the highest national honors, I can only give this design team good wishes for generalized concepts that land well on the ear! However, two clumps of 3 dozen trees do not make an "Urban Forest" ! Do we best serve our society and culture by having the municipal government encourage native plantings and water conservation by our own example? So is 'urban forest' native Sonoran in its expression? Again, most survey takers have no idea how to look at a tiny landscape plan, with intriguing titles... e.g. who would argue with "Healing Garden" [not offered]...you get my point. I could write more on each generalized category, but citizens have no idea what these mean! So it goes for 'the options' offered below!
89. Please don't replace the explore a story space with food trucks! Food trucks are temporary and something that requires a certain privilege and money to participate in. Anyone can enjoy the explore a story space.
90. too boxy for me
91. Very European and boring. Waste of space.

#### **Rating of 1**

92. Again, why are we looking at a generic landscape plan without an actual construction concept chosen yet?
93. too many trees
94. Don't like the location of the proposed new building
95. Option two reflects a plan for a building of the south-side of Edna Arts building, and not reflecting only option 1 & 3 for the building layout.
96. Waste of money and resources
97. No vehicular access to relocated ceramic arts studio.
98. Don't understand the need to have Human Services on the Campus where there is a Library, a Museum, and Art Center and a Senior Center. Looking at the survey results there are 38 (41%) of the responses wanting Human Services as far away as possible. What is to be gained by this goal?
99. I don't think any of this will be used or needed in the future and would be better to allocate resources elsewhere.
100. What we have there is fine, you don't need to waste taxpayer money doing anything when we have more important things to spend taxes on.
101. Unnecessary spending
102. Same as 1
103. My neighborhood does not want this building !
104. Too many trees to water and take care of. The landscape along Rural road is not taken care of. The city should attend to existing landscaping along Rural Road to US 60!
105. No children's playground that is accessible.

#### **11. Additional comments**

1. As a Tempe native, I love that our city is able to constantly refurbish and invest in itself. All three options set forth to the community highlight the city's desire to create a space of and for Tempe residents (or anyone willing to visit!).
2. Be sure and include signage at bus stops to remind riders and homeless to use trash cans. The bus stops are often a mess, particularly on the CVS corner if you can include that area.
3. Beautiful landscape concepts to create urban park spaces, but without any density of people to use them adjacent. Layouts for a 30 year plan should be far reaching for this up and coming commercial, civic, multi-family neighborhood core.
4. Campus should be fun, inviting and colorful, yet secure. Looking forward to seeing how it turns out.
5. Courtyards: I like all of the courtyard options. I would like to see increased shade, space in which people can create and feel in community with one another, and accessibility highly incorporated. Shade is necessary to enjoy the outdoor climate, helps create resiliency to extreme heat, prevent heat-related deaths, and is an accessibility concern for many disabled and chronically-ill people who either due to disease or treatment are heat intolerant, photosensitive, or have disease activity triggered by UV light or heat. Streetscape: I believe Tempe should prioritize trees that provide shade and usable space over planters with desert plants.
6. Dual rows of trees in linear rows is a well-established, successful precedent for pedestrians and bicycles. It's so much more humane than what we see in the Valley. We need more examples of effective shaded walkways, I hope you'll implement this.
7. Given the millions of dollars Tempe is going to spend on this project, you better have the budget in place for maintenance and upkeep. The City does a poor job on landscape maintenance as it is on the current landscape. These photos show a huge budget needed to

keep up with the care of the landscape and to maintain safe areas. Don't waste money for some grand plan that looks great in a presentation to us but will be poorly maintained over time. Always the case with the city government and what I expect to see in the future.

8. handicap access is my overall most concern.
9. happy to see options to recycle buildings already in use, be careful of traffic flows and the Orbits already travel through consistently.
10. I am no longer comfortable walking to the Pyle center or to the library because of vagrants. I feel that bringing these services into this complex will bring more vagrants into the complex and into our neighborhood. Leave city business downtown where there are no neighborhoods. When my children were young we utilized the library and other buildings in this complex. I avoid these now because they do not feel as safe. Put the human services downtown!!
11. I am absolutely concerned with the buildings being close to homes in the neighborhood, ultimately impacted from construction and increased traffic. No issues with the need for human services location. Please consider the impacted neighborhood and minimize the potential negative outcomes to a neighborhood that has been here since the 60's!
12. I am excited about improving the landscaping at the campus—it's been neglected for a long time! But I am also concerned about the increased foot and automobile traffic at this intersection, especially as it will change my street (Laguna Drive). A traffic light at the end of this street will increase the noise in the Puerta Del Sol development enormously. We already hear a lot of road and car noise in our yards the closer we get to Rural Road. The noise of cars idling while waiting for the light, plus the acceleration as the light turns green will increase the noise several fold over what it already is. I am afraid that my property will be devalued by the street noise since we won't be able to enjoy being outside any more. And since I'm only a few houses away from Rural, I'm worried the noise will penetrate inside my house. Even with dual-pane windows, I can already hear loud cars inside my house. I worry I'll hear street noise 24/7 with a traffic light installed.
13. I am in favor of upgrading the complex with many of the proposed improvements and am happy to work with the city in coming up with the best plan within budget. However, I feel strongly that expansion of Human Services at the complex will bring nothing but undesirable results to the surrounding community. We voted in several new members to the city council this year including a new mayor - hopefully they, in turn, will make their decisions with the best interests of their residential constituents in mind.
14. I am very pleased by the efforts of the City to redesign this integral part of our community. One of the reasons I made my choices was that a number of the options would quickly age in my opinion as they are more trendy than ageless.
15. I did not answer the above options as they are poor representatives of how our forward thinking city has traditionally operated! Why does the sunken court of Tempe City Hall function reasonably well? There are doors into needed activity! Let's not throw good money after bad! Let's be open and transparent about what "Human Services" represents; our beleaguered citizens need a different location where other ancillary services can help them! Families and seniors seeking fun, recreation, library services, ceramic classes, etc. deserve to not be hassled or made uncomfortable on this campus! These surveys over the years have been poorly constructed and favor "American Flag" kind of responses! Just silly for a well educated populous in a college town! Suspicion of local government is bad enough without this kind of survey approach. And, as well educated as most Tempeans are, no one wants to say, "I honestly don't understand these tiny diagrams that I can't read" or, "i'm honestly not that thoughtful about the built environment... I navigate through increasingly competitive automotive traffic, and I don't stop to think through just why there is so much conflict in an



ordinary supermarket parking lot between cars, elderly pedestrians, motorized skateboards zipping by, etc. let alone have an informed opinion on the chaos I've normally experienced visiting the Museum, Vihl Center, Pyle, and Library! In 40 years of environmental design practice, I have numerous parks plans, campus masterplans, and major college malls, squares and plazas to my credit. Few of them ever survive the ravages of 2 decades of human use for the lack of replacement plantings, ongoing maintenance, replacement street furniture, and a restlessness of taxpayer supported institutions to foolishly spend money to remove them for yet another well-intentioned 'improvement'. There is not enough "Pattern Language" thought in this masterplan that reflects the reality of human use. I understand. I'm a dreamer, too !

16. I don't have preference for the building layout and will leave the landscape design to others. What I think is important to include, that is not in any of the plans is affordable housing. The City of Tempe has prepared many plans and had many discussions about the need for affordable housing in our community. The air space above the significant amount of parking, which is empty most hours of most days, could be used to build affordable housing in a public private partnership(s). I proposed the City issues an RFP or several RFP's to build new affordable housing, built on concrete pedestals above the existing parking areas. This creates new housing units - most likely without the need to increase the number of parking spaces. These new units could be for seniors (obvious connection to the senior center), permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless (obvious connection to the Human Services Dept.), or even housing affordable to families which is a known unmet need in Tempe to allow for new residents of our city a place to begin. I ask that you join me in this effort.
17. I don't think any of this will be used or needed in the future and would be better to allocate resources elsewhere.
18. I feel like the city has already decided what they are going to do based on the landscape plans offered. I do not think the impact to the neighborhood was considered nor was the needs of the visitors. The homeless issue in the area is very real and is what makes the use of the facilities feel unsafe.
19. I love the improvements. I think it is very important to have stages. One for younger children and a larger amphitheater which allows for Shakespeare in the Park and other themed events.
20. I never realized how much time and effort goes into project like this. Thanks for your work and for including the community in the decisions.
21. I was a member of the ceramics studio community for 10 years. Clay is heavy. The existing loading dock provides critical nearby vehicular access to the kiln yard and studio. This is an important access as many of the users of the studio are elderly or have a disability. Please keep vehicular dropoff access close to the studio if you move it. It's important for the users.
22. I was hoping to get a few specific things moved. I absolutely HATE the smoking area being right on the path to the entrance! What is the point? I have to walk right through it to enter - please move this AWAY from the entrance. Same goes for the "free speech" area - I should not have to be assaulted by people's opinions, surveys and whatever as I try to enter...again - MOVE THIS. I should have a choice. freedom of speech is a right, but so is my desire to not have it forced on me.
23. I'm really excited about this project and the much-needed update to this community center. The forced choice questions about the court yards and event space were hard because there were elements in each one I liked. The city did a great job updating the library a few years back so I like the direction you're moving in. Good luck and good speed!
24. I'm really excited to have the Community Center Campus updated. It looks like all of the designs will add more shade and more for families to do. This complex is such an itegral part of our neighborhood. I am excited for any changes that make it more of a destination. For us

the complex already combines places to learn and play. It is the number one reason I want to stay in the neighborhood. Any improvements will be very exciting.

25. It would have been better to have more time to respond to these plans - pictures dated 11/17; and there should have been more publicity for input (Tempe news with electric bill? Or a mailing; not everyone on email list) and a date beyond 11/30- I saw these plans on 11/24 (pictures dated 11/17) and many people were busy with thanksgiving. Maybe you did not want input - I see few respondents. As far as the plans go, the human services expansion is a good idea but besides that, I do not think we should be spending a lot of money at this time / and we should not be uprooting the beautiful trees between the library and Pyle, especially for more concrete and playgrounds for kids. Water features are a bad idea generally. Any plants should not use too much water. Noise should be considered - especially for Pyle (exercise classes, now there is a small window with a view of trees) and the Library. With money being so tight, why not do things instead to help poor people (rent, food pantries), animals (city should fund more feral cat fixing and removal), and fix the roads and sidewalks that are falling apart! Utility is a better goal for limited tax money than more art work and concrete. Open space does not have to be filled!!
26. It would have been nice to know the pricing difference. How much is this costing the city?
27. It's getting hot. And air pollution is a problem. More trees and plants is the best answer to human activity.
28. It's going to be very nice!!
29. It's important to enhance the space on rural road for transit riders and pedestrians but southern road needs to be activated and has very little use. a cross walk needs to be included at McAllister so people can safely cross the street from the bus stop.
30. Just need the street car to connect city hall to Community center
31. Just need to extend the street car to connect the community center to the city center
32. Keep Human Services building in the commercial area on Southern Ave. Overall, all 3 options likely do not have sufficient Parking. Organize the building to leave more space for Landscaping. Landscaping should create as much shade as possible
33. Keep parking spaces for the library; they are much needed. Remember your audience when you change the complex design. You have a lot of older adults, many families with young children, so keep walking to the entrances of the buildings easy. Keep event and open spaces. People want to enjoy these spaces. Have access to restrooms near these event/open spaces.
34. kid space is priority, anything tiered or sunk is rough for seniors
35. Looking forward to the improvements! This complex is so central to my South Tempe experience, especially with children - I have attended festivals and events in the complex and have visited the library many times. The exterior plans will make the outdoor area much more welcoming to extend my stay when I am in the area, and I'm happy to see Tempe adding more Human Services!
36. Lot's of trees please
37. My main concerns are the homeless and/or mentally ill that congregate and give speeches or sit with posters advertising nutty things and the smell of smoking. I would also not like to see us using more water than needed.
38. My primary concern is that the space reserved for Human Services gets put to good use- that means the majority of funding for it goes more to the actual facilities, and less to the alphabet soup agencies that comprise the federal government. I do not want bureaucracy to bog down something ancillary to the City of Tempe's emergency services.
39. Nice options, great work!
40. overall, the project will enhance the area. I again recommend that the building congestion be on Southern Ave since it is a commercial stretch and not residential

41. Sorry I wasn't much help.
42. Thank you for considering my comments for creating more shade outside, updating our library and ceramic arts studios and having easy access to parking.
43. Thank you for continuing to solicit public opinion
44. Thank you for pursuing much needed changes to the complex!
45. Thank you to all who worked on this. It's nice to think of a better future.
46. Thanks for contemplating such nice improvements to Tempe!
47. The landscape needs to have an oasis feel. We need big trees, grass and water features. The landscape needs to extend to the NW bldg. Otherwise, it's like two separate sites, cut off by a road. Don't put up a bunch of stupid artificial shade structures.
48. The last three I chose because they look like they'll get much more use than their alternatives AND they're beautiful! Can't wait to see families and friends filling these spaces!
49. These all look extremely appealing though I question whether these will actually be used all that much considering the location and surrounding neighborhoods.
50. These ideas are wonderful. Please make sure that all buildings have handicap parking in close proximity. This complex is so large and Tempe summers are so hot, it would be unsafe to not provide this for all buildings.
51. These landscaping plans will become homeless camps. I hope the City is prepared for that.
52. this is a desert-i hope plant choices will reflect this and water features will be minimized or eliminated. it was interesting that landscape choices seem to reflect that a human services site has already been chosen.
53. Throughout the process, it doesn't feel like the adjacent neighbors/neighborhood weren't given the same consideration as other stakeholders or the community at large. I have lived in the Tempe Gardens/SNA neighborhood since 1972. This complex and its crucial services and programs have been an integral part of my childhood and adulthood - we have always considered it part of our neighborhood, while also being part of the community. There is a certain sense of ownership, and it feels like we weren't considered in the design concepts.
54. Very creative and functional choices. My choices were based on a park like and urban forest to generate as much oxygen to counteract the noise and pollutants surrounding the Complex with additional areas to enhance diversity
55. very excited about the master plan, look forward to seeing the new community center.
56. We need a splash pad and a handicap and stroller accessible children's playground. Can we shorten the walk way to the front library entrance?
57. We support the expansion and improvement of the Tempe Public Library complex at Southern Avenue and Rural Road. We own a house in the 1000 block of East Laguna Drive, so we are both frequent users of the Library and Pyle recreation center and will be substantially affected by the changes that will occur on the other side of Rural Road from our property. We have several comments:
  1. Aesthetics of the Tempe Public Library - The draft planning document makes no mention of the beauty and orientation of the entrance to the library. The library is the focal point of the campus, designed with a stunning facade facing southeast. Options 1 and 3 would place a new building on Rural Road that would obscure the library from the street view. The architectural highlight of the campus would be lost unless Option 2 is adopted.
  2. Parking saturation - Oddly, the planning document makes no reference to the expected number of employees or additional visitors to the campus that the Human Services facility would cause while, at the same time, the plan reduces the number of parking spaces from 848 to 755-765. It appears to us that adding 50,000 s.f. of office space will significantly increase the need for employee and visitor parking and seriously inconvenience the public visiting the library, museum, adult center, and arts center. The plan should be revised to add a parking

garage south of the existing Pyle center and increase, rather than decrease, the number of parking spaces.

3. Location of Human Services building - The proposal is to build a two-story, 50,000 s.f. building for the Human Services Department. The best location for the Human Services building is on Southern Avenue, where it would face commercial spaces on the north side of Southern - mostly the Walmart parking lot. The view of the library from Southern Avenue is the rear of that building, not the attractive entrance, so placing the Human Services building there does not obstruct an attractive view. Moreover, there is simply no justification for placing such a large building on Rural Road, where it would face residential housing. For this reason, Option 1 must be rejected and Option 2 would be the best choice.

4. Building on Rural Road - If any new construction must be placed on Rural Road, it should be Option 3, which would put the Pyle center in a new one-story, 25,000 s.f. building that, while still blocking the aesthetic view of the library, would not completely block that view from Rural as would the proposed Human Services building. There are some advantages to Option 3, as it would result in a new and improved design for the Pyle center, informed by the activities that have evolved over the years. It would also be a slightly larger recreation facility and would be clustered most closely with the other buildings used by the public the library, museum, and arts center. As to the noted for Option 3, (A) the document notes that the access road from Southern to Rural can be relocated to the perimeter if desired; (D) while the parking is slightly further from the library, the four buildings used most by the public are brought closer together and the parking serves the public visiting those buildings, not the Human Services staff and visitors; (G) the relocation of the solar canopy is a minor issue; and (M) the phased approach would not seriously inconvenience the public as it applies primarily to the relocation of the Human Services Department. If the preferable Option 2 is not adopted, we support Option 3, to build a new Pyle rec center on Rural Road and re-purpose the existing Pyle building for the Human Services offices.

5. Signal at East Laguna Drive - The signalization of the East Laguna intersection should be done with the campus improvements, not as a future change. Putting in a signal and crosswalk as part and parcel of the improvements will give residents of East Laguna, the neighboring apartment complex, and the Cyprus East neighborhood safe pedestrian access to the complex and make residents' use of the Pyle center more convenient without adding vehicle traffic to the site. Without a Laguna crosswalk, immediate area residents must walk hundreds of additional yards or use vehicles to visit the complex.

6. Additional amenities - The conceptual drawings show a variety of attractive and people-friendly features. All these features would be an improvement on what exists today. We support the improved shade, walking paths, and gathering spaces shown in the conceptual drawings. We look forward to a thoughtful and constructive analysis of the proposed options that will result in campus improvements, and in particular to having safe pedestrian access to the complex from East Laguna Drive.

58. Went to see the art exhibit at Falet Park and had to walk around an unconscious person by the basketball court then get catcalled by the homeless men at the center Ramada. I am not comfortable walking my dogs there anymore after finding needles by the orbit stop on College. Our parks are no place for homeless encampments. I couldn't be more disappointed with how Tempe is handling this issue.
59. What we have there is fine, you don't need to waste taxpayer money doing anything when we have more important things to spend taxes on.
60. Who's going to spend time in all that outdoor space in the middle of Arizona summer. People go to this area to do business not stroll around

61. Why do any of this? There has to be better places to spend the tax payers money. Really don't see the point of it at all
62. Why not add extra stories to the existing buildings? Yes, that's expensive, but it helps solve a lot of the issues with there not being enough space and provides room to grow into in coming years. Let's say Tempe adds 15k residents, which it might with all the new density downtown; will the square footage of single-story buildings be enough to accommodate that? Extra stories also help with shade coverage of the site.

## **Emails:**

### **1. Subject: Tempe Community Complex**

I see that you are the one we are to write to if we have any thoughts about the 30 year plan for the Tempe Community Complex. I would like to see the Pyle Center continue as an adult recreation center. I have taken classes there in the past and it has served its purpose well. It is a good place for seniors to go for interaction with others. My own thoughts about the Human Services Department are that if this means catering to the homeless, I am against bringing them down to this section of Tempe. I live adjacent to the parking lot on the south side of the Tempe Complex and every winter we have people sleeping in the alley behind our houses, leaving trash, clothing and feces against our wall. It is disgusting to have to take my trash out to my garbage bin because I never know what I will find back there. The homeless should not be in this residential part of town.

### **2. Subject: Additional comments on the proposed changes at the Tempe Library complex**

Ms. Warner, Mr. Kent, and Ms. Kuby--

I write to supplement comments that my wife and I posted yesterday on the Tempe Forum for the proposed changes at the Tempe Community Center Campus. We are Ann and Ted Gerarden, owners of a home at 1000 block of E. Laguna Drive and frequent users of the Library as well as the museum and Pyle center when we are in Tempe.

We only became aware of the proposed project and comment deadline a few days ago. I will not repeat the comments I posted on the Forum, but write to supplement them with observations on the issue of adequate parking. I am copying interested neighbors on E. Laguna Drive who have expressed concerns with the proposed campus expansion.

The Master Planning document mentions only that the existing 848 parking spaces would be reduced to 755-765, and that code requires 650 spaces. The document does not mention at all the expected impact of a new 50,000 s.f. office building for the Human Services Department, nor make any reference to projections of growth in future use of the facilities on the campus. Construction of the new building for Human Services will result in a considerable and immediate increase in staff parking on the campus. I note that Chapter 6 of the Tempe Building Code addresses parking requirements, and that Section 4-603 (Parking Ratios) calls for a minimum of one parking space for every 300 s.f. of an office building (Table 4-603E). That indicates that at least an additional 167 parking spaces should be provided, rather than reducing parking by 83-93 spaces.

Given that the existing parking often is full for community events, and that regular daily parking often sees high usage of spaces, it appears short-sighted not to address an increase in parking at this time. We recommended in our Forum comments that the plan be expanded to add a parking garage south of the existing Pyle Center location (i.e., away from the Southern and Rural streetscapes). We request at a minimum that (1) more specific information be shared with the public on the impacts of moving Human Services to the campus and (2) a study be conducted to determine the best way to assure adequate parking upon completion of the project and into the future.

Please add these comments to the body of public comment on the Tempe Community Center campus development.

**3. Subject: Neighbor Feedback Re. Tempe Community Center Complex Master Plan**

Dear City of Tempe planning officers:

I appreciate this opportunity to respond to the master plan now being developed for the Tempe Community Center Complex at the corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue. Unfortunately, even though my wife and I are residents of the Puerto del Sol housing division on Laguna Drive, immediately across the street from the Tempe Community Center Complex, we were not informed about the public meeting on this issue, and only today learned how far advanced the planning has been for this complex.

Regarding the three options currently under consideration, there are two issues in particular that raise concern. First, we notice that there has been considerable attention given to pedestrian access to the complex, something that is lacking in the existing complex. For those of us located east of Rural Road, this has been a particularly aggravating problem in that there is currently no pedestrian access to the Tempe Community Center Complex short of walking north to cross Rural Road at Southern Avenue. With that in mind, we welcome the feature in the new master plan that calls for signalization, or a traffic light, at Laguna and Southern. Without any current pedestrian crossing opportunity on Rural Road between Highway 60 and Southern Ave., the Tempe Community Center Complex has been largely inaccessible to pedestrians seeking access from east of Rural Road. The result has been frequent and dangerous pedestrian crossings of Rural Road at unmarked locations south of Southern Ave. We recommend that the signalization, including a pedestrian crosswalk at Laguna and Rural Road, be undertaken in the earliest possible phase of the proposed project.

Second, and very much related to the issue of pedestrian access to the Tempe Community Center Complex, we are concerned about the loss of parking for the Complex as envisioned in the master plan. Paradoxically, the provision of a traffic light at Laguna for pedestrian and automobile access to the Complex is likely, in the absence of adequate parking, to lead to large-scale off-street parking most directly affecting the Puerto del Sol housing complex immediately across the street from the Community Center Complex. A relocated Pyle Community Center or a Human Resources building located along Rural Road, two of the options identified in the master plan, will require parking spaces in addition to those already currently used for the Tempe Public Library. The resulting inadequacy of the reduced on-site parking will yield heavy off-street parking directly affecting those of us living immediately adjacent to the Complex. For that reason, we recommend that you consider the addition of an on-site parking structure capable of addressing the loss of parking documented in the master plan. The master plan that you have developed unfortunately reduces parking spaces significantly, and lacks parking solutions, even while bringing additional users and permanent staff onto the site.

I raise these issues not as an opponent of the proposed Tempe Community Center Complex master plan, but as someone concerned to see that the project is successful.

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## Summary Of Responses

As of December 1, 2020, 7:45 AM, this forum had:		Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees:	268	November 17, 2020, 4:40 PM	December 1, 2020, 7:45 AM
Responses:	147		
Hours of Public Comment:	7.4		

### QUESTION 1

**On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor layout and 10 being an excellent layout), please rate master plan - Option 1**

Average	4.57
Total	653.00
Count	143
Skipped	4

### QUESTION 2

**Why did you give Option 1 this rating?**

Answered	126
Skipped	21

### QUESTION 3

**On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate master plan - Option 2**

Average	5.31
Total	760.00
Count	143
Skipped	4

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QUESTION 4

**Why did you give Option 2 this rating?**

Answered	124
Skipped	23

QUESTION 5

**On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate master plan - Option 3**

Average	6.13
Total	864.00
Count	141
Skipped	6

QUESTION 6

**Why did you give Option 3 this rating?**

Answered	126
Skipped	21

QUESTION 7

**Please rank the following master plan elements in order of importance to you (1=not important, 5=very important)**


**Simplified vehicular access and improved flow of traffic**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
1 - not important		13.9%	19
2		9.5%	13
3		25.5%	35








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		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
4		24.8%	34
5 - very important		25.5%	35



**Improved overall safety on campus**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
1 - not important		7.3%	10
2		8.0%	11
3		14.6%	20
4		18.2%	25
5 - very important		50.4%	69

**Extended courtyard for larger event space**



		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
1 - not important		13.9%	19
2		11.7%	16
3		27.0%	37
4		26.3%	36
5 - very important		19.0%	26

**Improved access to campus by public transit**






		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
1 - not important		18.2%	25
2		11.7%	16

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		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
3		28.5%	39
4		18.2%	25
5 - very important		21.9%	30

**Improved pedestrian paths between buildings and parking**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
1 - not important		8.0%	11
2		5.1%	7
3		16.1%	22
4		29.2%	40
5 - very important		40.1%	55

**Ample parking adjacent to each building**

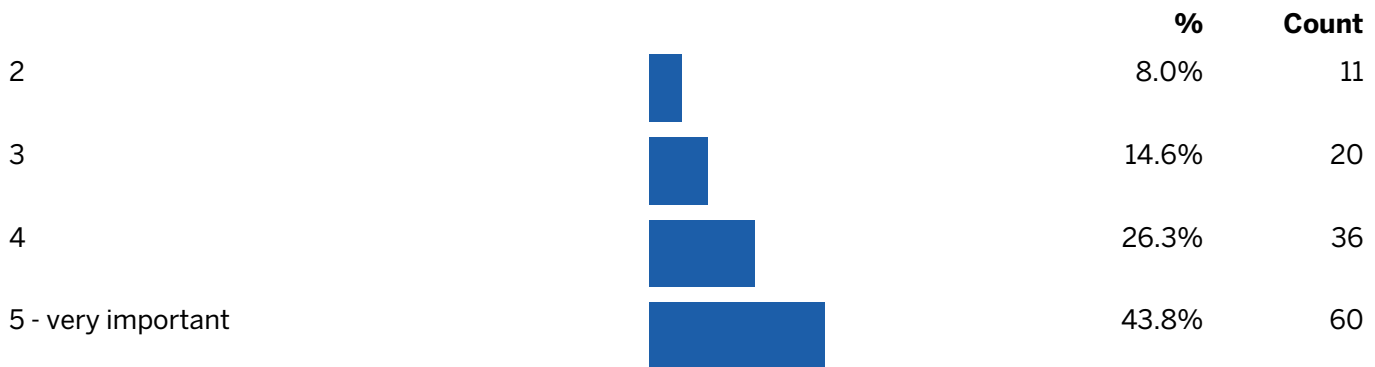
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1 - not important		10.9%	15
2		13.9%	19
3		22.6%	31
4		19.0%	26
5 - very important		32.1%	44

**Enhanced campus aesthetics (increased planting, public art and displays)**

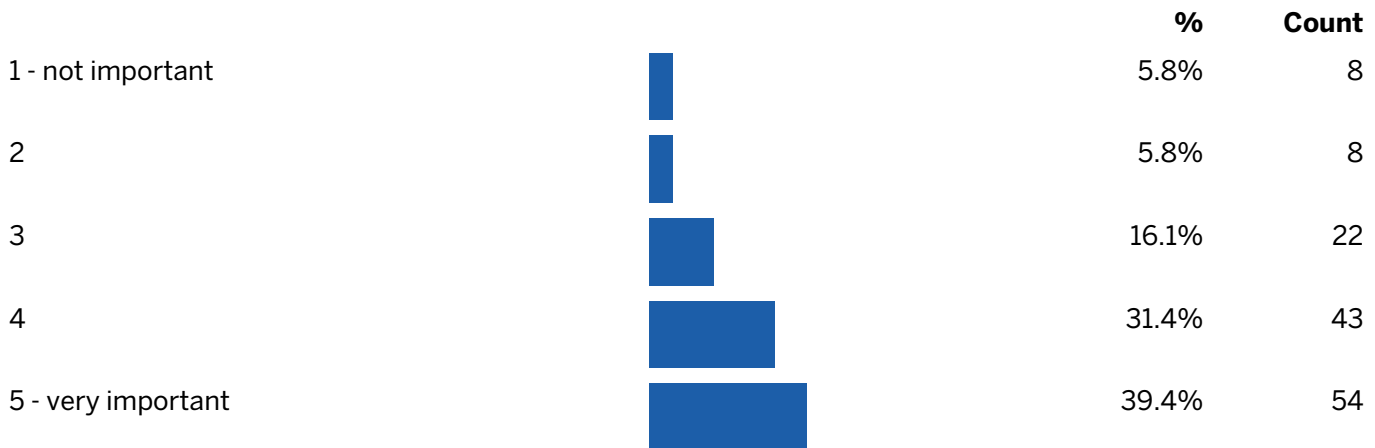
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1 - not important		6.6%	9

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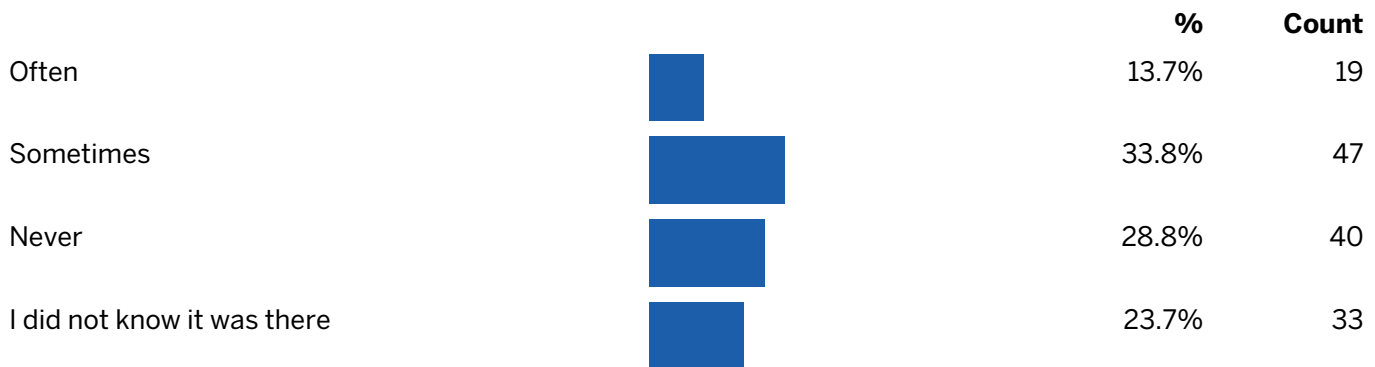


**Expansion and improvements of existing facilities**



QUESTION 8

**How often do you utilize the pathway along the perimeter of the Tempe Community Complex?**



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QUESTION 9

**On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate Landscape Concept 1**

Average	5.93
Total	741.00
Count	125
Skipped	22

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QUESTION 10

**Why did you give Concept 1 this rating?**

Answered	106
Skipped	41

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QUESTION 11

**On a scale of 1 to 10 (with one being poor design and 10 being an excellent design), please rate Landscape Concept 2**

Average	5.90
Total	731.00
Count	124
Skipped	23

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QUESTION 12

**Why did you give Concept 2 this rating?**

Answered	107
Skipped	40

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QUESTION 13

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**Which option do you prefer for the central plaza space?**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Urban Forest		76.5%	91
Artistic Expression		23.5%	28

QUESTION 14

**Which option do you prefer for the South Sunken courtyard?**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Tranquil Garden		49.6%	58
Explor-a-story Garden		50.4%	59

QUESTION 15

**Which option do you prefer for the North Sunken courtyard?**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Extended Courtyard Space		52.1%	61
Canyon Garden		47.9%	56

QUESTION 16

**Which option do you prefer for the Southern and Rural streetscape?**

		<b>%</b>	<b>Count</b>
Park Edge		45.3%	53
Botanic 'Park'way		54.7%	64

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QUESTION 17

**Additional Comments:**

Answered	62
Skipped	85

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QUESTION 18

**Name (will not appear even if you chose to share responses)**

Answered	108
Skipped	39

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QUESTION 19

**Address (will not appear even if you chose to share responses)**

Answered	94
Skipped	53

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QUESTION 20

**Email to be kept updated on the project (will not appear even if you chose to share responses)**

Answered	98
Skipped	49

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