

Public Comments – Meeting #1

- Will there be opportunities for the program to include daycare center, teen center (Morrisville Teen Center Model)?
- Pilgrim Park site would accommodate more facilities.
- Community Center would be one building that should include the arts/music – successful Community Center should be flexible.
- The Community Center shouldn't duplicate other resources, such as theater – the goal is not to replicate facilities that currently exist.
- Claremont, NH has a wonderful Community Center.
- Community Center can be a draw for people moving into Waterbury.
- Is there a demand for more ballfields? – just soccer.
- Maker space should be included – woodshop/dirty arts/ metal shop.
- Community Center should allow expansion in the future - building could be two levels.
- 100+ parking space may be too much – events in the gym would drive the need for this amount of parking.
- Can we have Rec Programs take over programming of Thatcher Brook Primary School gym + make Community Center smaller?
- Current administration has closed out our recreation programs from use of the Thatcher Brook Primary School gym and other facilities at the school.
- Message is to dream big – library used to use multiple facilities then raised \$1.2 million for the new library. Community Center study will include funding options.
- Everything should go on one site - Pilgrim Park site will have land cost + should be maximized.
- Waterbury should be a place to raise a family – through retirement.
- Explore grant options to lower cost. Partnering with businesses.
- Public/private partnerships.
- Cost of development needs to include acquisition
- Can a bubble be put over a pool for winter use? Possibility. Smuggler's Notch Resort uses a bubble on their pool.
- Anderson Field – traffic circulation may be problematic – this may be a challenge at Pilgrim Park – the traffic at Anderson Field is high now during the summer.
- The Town parking area near the Post Office is “reserved” for area business.
- Pilgrim Park – should focus on larger site in NE corner of property.
- At Anderson Field, could the Little League Field be moved? Possibly, tennis courts and outdoor ice rink have lights. Outdoor rink could be moved to Dac Rowe Field or Ice Center.
- Some kind of play field is needed at Anderson Field if the Community Center is located there.
- Is there data on use of the existing Rec facilities at Anderson Field? – yes
- Harwood H.S. uses tennis courts as their home courts.
- Combining pool house + Community Center is advantage.
- Separating Rec. Program from pool could be problematic.
- What is the population needed to support an indoor pool?
- Should the Post Office site be pursued further?
- Moving outdoor rink + 2 – story building could help make Anderson Field site work.
- Equipment for teens like ping pong (indoor + outdoor) pool table, etc. should be provided.

Additional Observations

- Anderson Field site makes sense because of pool being there and it is municipally owned.
- Is Pilgrim Park site a “hazardous zone” for children due to industrial uses?
- Pilgrim Park feels more like a central location & connects community better.
- There are opportunities for other uses at Pilgrim Park as well.
- Important to be able to walk to Community Center (especially for Senior Center).
- Could we look into YMCA option? YMCA’s have a minimum population that they serve and Waterbury probably has too small of a population base for a YMCA to be located here.
- Can Anderson Field site be accessed without going through neighborhood (through Post Office site)? It could be accessed by pedestrians, but not by vehicles.
- What is vision for Anderson Fields if Community Center is at Pilgrim Park?