

QUESTION 1: ADEQUATE VISIBILITY AND CONTROL OF OUTDOOR SPACES

- Information requests
 - Not showing landscaping along perimeters
 - Think about what's happening now, AYES playground is open now
 - Ok to build at Temescal plaza?
- Concerns
 - High rate of child sex offenders. We need maximum protection for the kids. 53rd street looks like a "shopping center" for sex offenders.
 - Coach Wright is concerned about the Temescal Park.
- Design suggestions
 - What about moving the play area into the building area and pushing the building out into the street.
 - Play area moves further from park
 - Garden area put closer to park
 - Play areas merged to single area w/ site areas for the different age play structures.
 - Move the building north and flip the play area onto the heart of the building.
 - Little kids play area adjacent to library
 - The kids need direct access from the playground straight to the library and cafeteria.
 - If they are at lunch they need to easily go from lunch to library or playground. If they are not connected it cause cost for staffing that otherwise could be avoided
 - Class to play areas connections; Kids not to feel enclosed
 - Minimize visibility to play area from street.
 - Provide visual barrier between plazas and play areas
 - A block or two off plaza makes a huge area (both play area and entrance)
 - Separation between areas is more important
 - Sitting area outside to read or do paperwork
 - Storage space under bleachers
 - Can grow bamboo offer?
 - Visibility can be mitigated by screens
- Program suggestions
 - Portable library. Bring program to student's library close to play area.
- Observations
 - During day 53rd street isn't heavy traffic unless there is a special event
 - Common agreement to get rid of Temescal gateway plaza. San Pablo is not safe. We prefer buildings filling the edge on San Pablo
 - Most activities are in the gym. Activities are supervised.
 - New park has opened at the end of Park Avenue; area behind "Target" used to be homeless area and city has done a lot to clean it up

QUESTION 2: ARE SCHOOL USES ADEQUATELY SEPARATED FROM SAN PABLO?

- Information requests
 - Drawings should clearly mark entry point to Comm. Rec and Pool facilities

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- Concerns
 - Bike parking on San Pablo is not secure
- Design suggestions
 - Buildings should form continuous edge along San Pablo
 - Connect lower elementary (K-3) with bridge-over building on North side of culvert
 - ECCL should have public/community entry on 47th and San Pablo, not across from 48th street
 - Landscaping needs to be addressed on San Pablo, with attention to "Neighborhood" street guidelines
 - Switch Pre-k, K play areas with Garden Area to improve safety and address parent concerns
- Program suggestions
- Observations
 - Plazas on San Pablo create concerns for safety/security. Get rid of plazas

QUESTION 3: PARKING

- Information requests
 - Requests to review the Parking report
 - Request to evaluate the option for a naturally ventilated garage
 - Requests to document parking solutions during large events when the 220 spaces may not be adequate
 - Adequate parking for ADA will need to be documented
- Concerns
 - Several concerns for the adequacy of the 220 spaces
 - Concern for safety at the drop off areas with both parking and drop off at the same time.
 - Concern for secure and safe parking structure: Onsite parking will be gated and the option to secure will be provided. Onsite parking will likely be assigned to staff during school hours and unassigned and open to the public in none school hours.
- Design suggestions
 - Parking should be well lighted
 - Options for additional parking on 47th were discussed and generally not considered viable due to the existing planted median and impacts on the neighborhood
 - Drop off for seniors and public should be considered on San Pablo
- Program suggestions
 - Group was assured the drop off zones would be indicated as drop off and would not be used for parking during drop off times.
 - Traffic management by school needed during drop off and pick up times
 - Pursue incentives for mass transit and additional "emery go round" bus stop
 - Option to purchase any additional land for parking
 - Skate board lockers/storage is needed
 - Bicycle parking needs clarification on location and needs to be safe and secure for both public and school needs.
- Observations
 - Concerns for parent behavior, i.e. parking on the north side of 53rd and crossing traffic
 - San Pablo Avenue is controlled by CalTrans; improvements will need CalTrans approval

QUESTION 4: DROP-OFF ON 47TH AND 53RD

- Information requests
 - Need real traffic data in order to make sense of the question and the correct decision
 - Concerns
 - Where does a parent who drops off a child park (for a brief time) if they need to stop in the school to speak with xyz, or pick up something?
 - Design suggestions
 - What if there was a loop at the end of the site on 53rd (near EBV)? Cars to turn around and head back eastbound to drop off on the passenger side of the street
 - Make 53rd St. one way; how might that affect EBV?
 - What if 47th was one way heading west, 53rd heads east?
 - If an off street loop invades a portion of the site, you could consider how that area could have other uses during times other than drop-off
 - Consider moving K-8 into 'triangle' to the north of the culvert to make more room for on-site drop-off and to allow the playfields to have better separation from the public way and closer to the library
 - Liked the idea of an on-site drop off lane if the playfields could be accommodated.
 - Flip K-8 with HS?
 - What if both drop-offs were on 47th?
 - Program suggestions
 - When there are football events the traffic and drop-off on 53rd could be even more difficult
 - Consider having the traffic signal at 53rd and San Pablo be set in a way to allow simultaneous pedestrian crossings in every direction (perpendicular and diagonal) - that might be more efficient from a traffic flow perspective, safer for pedestrians and allow drop-off to happen at any of the corners near 53rd and San Pablo.
 - Observations
 - Because 53rd is shared by Oakland and Emeryville, changing the traffic patterns on 53rd would require Oakland getting involved
 - If 53rd is envisioned to be a pedestrian/bike priority street then any drop-off on 53rd doesn't make much sense
 - If 53rd is one way then from the perspective of EBV residents the traffic flow would need to be eastbound toward San Pablo
 - The traffic light at the intersection at 53rd & San Pablo is very slow - adding more drop-off traffic will only back traffic up on San Pablo.
 - Other urban school districts with similar traffic challenges have solved this problem by using traffic control guards to direct traffic and provide for safe pedestrian crossings - maybe this could work on 53rd
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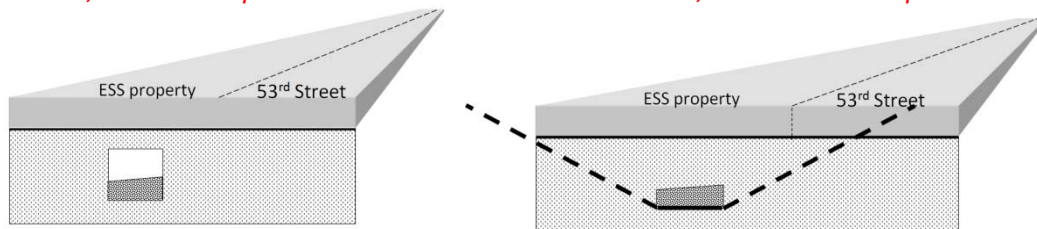
PARKING LOT/GENERAL COMMENTS

Program Information requests

- K-12 Collocation research? *See <http://emerycenter.ning.com/page/research-best-practices-1>*
- Can we see a design option that renovates Anna Yates as well? *The City/Schools partnership has agreed on a co-located direction for the Emeryville Center of Community Life; community conversations about the re-use of the Anna Yates and other vacant sites are upcoming, but are not part of the current ECCL scope of work*
- How are the space requirements between the Rec center (after/before school program) and the school going to be worked out? *The programmatic aspects and planning of the City and District collaboration are on-going, and are directed by the administrative leadership of the City's Community Services Department, the EUSD Superintendent, AY Principal Lathan, ESS Principal Allen, and the EUSD Director of Wellness and Food Services. This planning group has been integral to helping to inform the Nexus design process*
- Security after hours? Facility maintenance? *These programmatic areas are part of the on-going conversations between the City of Emeryville and EUSD.*
- Temescal Creek Park: How will homelessness be addressed? *These programmatic areas are part of the on-going conversations between the City of Emeryville and EUSD.*

Architectural information requests

- Size/scale of this site? *The ESS site is approximately 7.7 acres*
- Why can't we daylight Temescal creek? *The creek is currently inside of a man-made concrete tunnel. According to code, in order to expose the creek as part of a site, we would need a wide enough basin to accommodate the creek, which would significantly reduce the square footage of the ESS site, as well as impact 53rd street. Due to these limitations, it is not a viable option.*



- Diagram circulation (pedestrian, vehicle, services) path for students, faculty, staff and public from San Pablo, 47th, 53rd street for review and comments. *The current design phase is focused mainly on positions of building structures on the site. Future phases will include more specifics about circulation.*

Program Ideas/Suggestions

- Emery go Round stop serving ECCL campus; mitigates need for local parking; teachers need guaranteed space
- Strong incentives needed to get people out of their cars to incentivize transit options
- At some points, change the term "Drop Off" especially in regard to 53rd street community entrance access

Site recommendations/ideas

- *Outdoor/landscaping/play areas*
 - Garden area- near S.P.
 - Play area- smaller kids
 - Play area merged
 - Ideal to move play areas/green areas south and building north
 - Remove the exterior plazas on San Pablo- Eliminate Temescal gateway plaza and the small corner plaza near the theater- can keep the other small plaza on 47th on the south side of the theatre as a place for people to congregate before/ after the show
 - Connect the young kids' cafeteria to the playground area and library. Keep it easy and accessed for kids to move between those uses during the lunch hour in particular and all day in general
 - Move: K-8 to other side of creek, playground next to cafeteria and library; school entrance at drop off
 - Replace ½ garden and 5-8 play with drop-off
 - I like the commons on the ground level
- *Transportation/transit*
 - Turn around circle at bower on 53rd
 - Ensure bike parking is in visible places in the center of activity – not on San Pablo on the back side of the theatre
 - Eliminate bike path next to Emery village
 - Move path to go along creek and to the library
 - Would support 53rd as one way toward San Pablo.
 - Co-locate drop-offs on 47th - I have 2 kids - one in upper, one in lower so the amount of driving to reach both drop-offs is not convenient.
 - The only part of the current design that I think doesn't work is the drop-off
- *Lighting/sound*
 - Light issues to adjust (example watch fewer football)
 - Sound and lighting impacting EBV; worried that the shaping of the buildings around the sports fields may amplify noise toward EBV
 - Create a louver fence that can open/close when events to reduce sound and light
 - Acoustics: Large group settings vs. classrooms- Will classrooms have built in amplification systems? - Ceiling, flooring chosen to reduce noise to facilitate learning?
- *Safety/Access*
 - Walking access to field/track for public during day time
 - Push the entrance to the school further up 53rd street. It needs to be further from San Pablo, and much more secure, secluded. The other entrances/doors on the 53rd street side should be auto locking exit only doors.
 - The garage needs open visibility to the interior space with grating, etc.- Provides easier eyes into the structure for drive/use safety- provides natural light (good) – saves money on operating costs for lighting – Reduces incidents of older kids engaged in illicit activity.
 - Great, the high school and the K-8 school separated by the library

- *Program-specific spaces*
 - Swimming pool: Roof structure is part of the pool, provides shade on hot days and a netted space for kids. Talk to pool staff about locker rooms, etc.
 - The pool area should be covered for year round use
 - Community Gym: to allow usage for music, consider sound issues; e.g. went to zumba dance class, but echo was really bad

Future Community Design workshop suggestions/ideas (including information requests)

- Needed more open discussion, the questions chosen narrowly focused discussion too much
- Workshop locations: Watergate, Bayer, Bay Street, Lawrence Labs, Neighborhoods (Hollis...)
We have been pursuing multiple hosting venues to accommodate future design workshops, including several of those suggested above
- Need an integrative timeline posted on line at the ECCL website so we can see how we're progressing towards the end goal getting this thing up and running *It's developed and we're trying to get it online as soon as possible*
- Email announcements didn't make it to a lot of people *We're looking to expand our e-reach without spamming community listservs; contact wendy.chew@emeryusd.org for information/suggestions*
- Mail announcements of the community workshop schedule to all Emeryville residents - it seems like \$3000 spent is reasonable in proportion to the other expenses of this work. *We will be sending out mailers in advance of Community Design Workshop 3, with the full schedule until 3/2012*
- Would like more time for discussion among community – prefer weekend gatherings vs. week nights *The COC has recommended that we provide diverse times, locations and formats for the design workshops*
- I really like the current blog format on Ning: *Great!* <http://emerycenter.ning.com/profiles/blog/list>
- This workshop is so much better than the first one