

People's Center Redevelopment
Feasibility Study

Community Advisory Meeting #2
12/3/25 | 6-7:30 PM

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Parks Tacoma acknowledges that we operate on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup and Nisqually Tribes, and on lands with deep significance to other Coast Salish tribes. Coast Salish people have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

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Today's Agenda

- People's Center Feasibility Study Overview + Recap from 11/22 Meeting (15 min) (Terry)
- Around the Room (15 min) (Manni)
- Break (5 min)
- Three Questions Exercise (30 min) (Manni + Delia)
- Wrap-Up (10 min)



People's Center Redevelopment Feasibility Study

- **Budget**

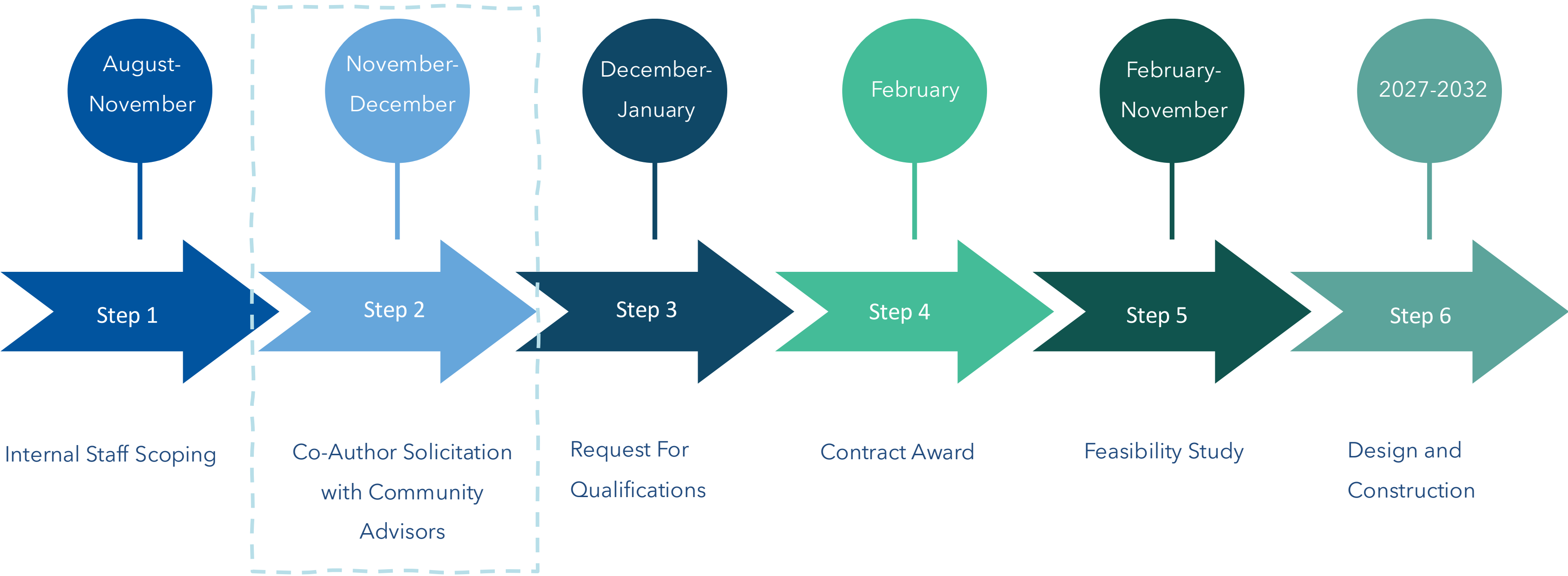
- Dept of Commerce (DOC) Grant- Direct Appropriation via Rep. Jake Fey and Rep. Yasmin Trudeau
- People's - \$388K from DOC, 50K from COT and Parks—totaling \$488K

- **Project Planning**

- Internal Stakeholders- Project Charter
- Community Stakeholders- Community Advisors Meetings
- A/E Firm will prepare the Feasibility Study with Parks Tacoma direction

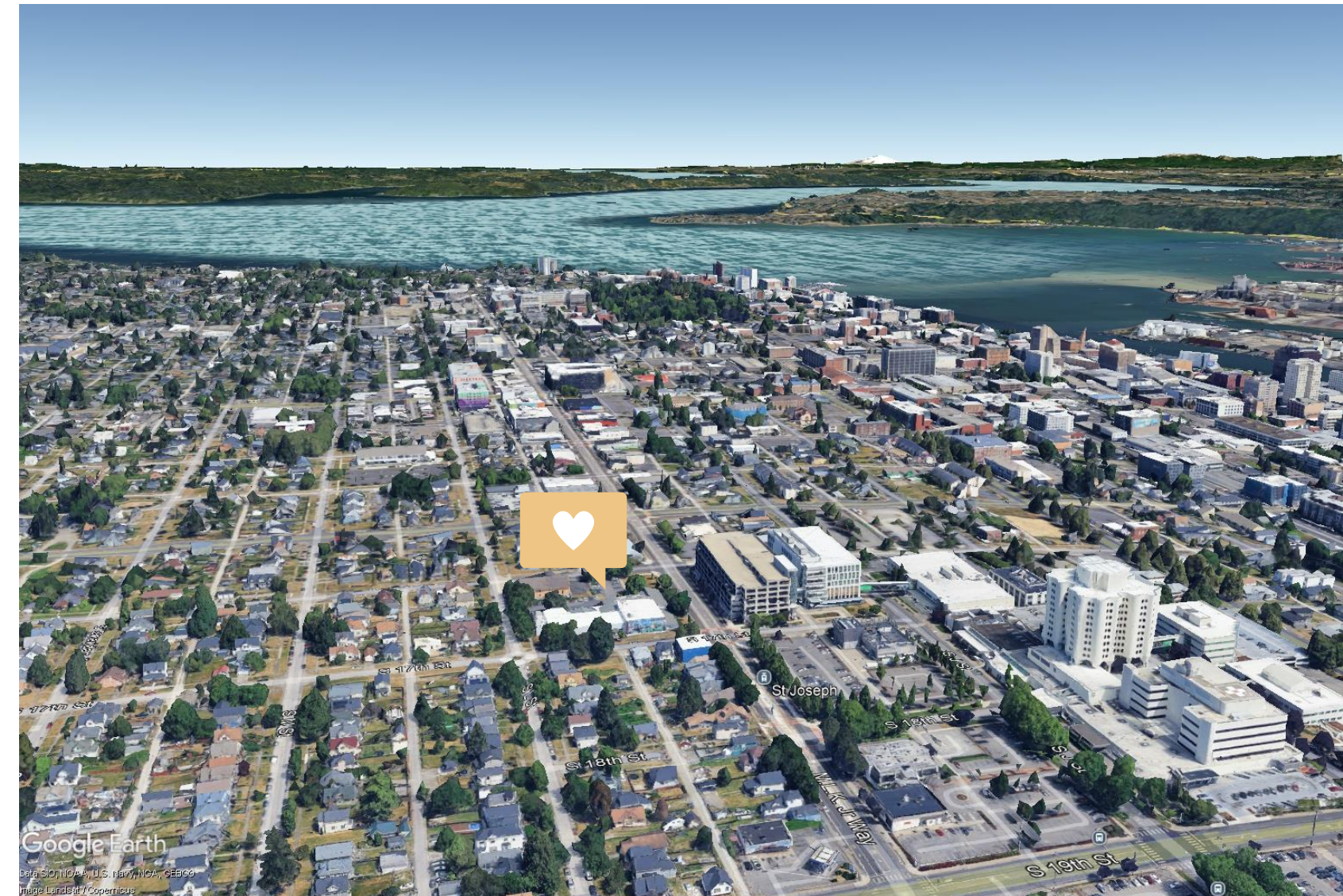


Project Timeline



What is a feasibility study?

- Analysis of current site and facility conditions as well as land-use, zoning, transportation and urban planning considerations
- Explore strategies to maximize benefit of this facility for indoor and outdoor recreation; evaluate the potential for addressing other community needs such as housing, library services, and other community partners
- Quantify the programmatic needs at People's Community Center with the assumption that the area will have greater housing density and demand for recreation services will grow proportionally
- Explore adjacent church property as a potential acquisition to expand the building footprint and creative use of public rights of way
- Explore project delivery strategies, including handing over property to Parks Tacoma
- Develop anticipated total project delivery costs



Community Advisory Meetings

Meeting #1 (Saturday, 11/22)

- Redevelopment Feasibility Study Process & Timeline, People's Center Overview- History and Programming

Meeting #2 (Wednesday, 12/3)

- Project Narrative, Solicitation Discussion, Vision for People's Center Feasibility Study

Future Meetings TBD

Community Advisory Ground Rules

1. Value each other's time
2. Respect one another's perspectives
3. Make space for unheard voices
4. Openness to all opinions (every voice counts)
5. Lean into discomfort

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Community Advisory Project Commitments

1. Honor and respect the legacy and history of Hilltop in every project decision.
2. Center the people with fewest options/most barriers as a vital function of People's Community Center.
3. Track what happens to ideas when they are shared in meetings, not just document them.

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Community Advisory Meetings

- Share information about the upcoming People's Center feasibility study timeline and process
- Vision and goals for the community center
- Input from People's Center community members (you!) on the Feasibility Study Solicitation (Hiring a Design Firm)
- Determine potential role in the solicitation and study process



Around the Room

- Share Name
- Your Connection to People's Center and Community Voice
- Story or something you enjoy about People's Center



5 Minute Break!

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Question #1:

What makes People's Center special?

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Question #2:
**How has People's Center had an
impact on your life?**

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Question #3:
**What community center features are
vital to People's Center current
programs and events?**

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Participatory Budgeting (2023)

- FAQ for the participatory budgeting process and how the team got feedback that pertains to the current center, programming and a new center
- A summary table of ideas and feedback organized by MPT budget areas, timeline for implementation and budget leads.

People's Community Center Participatory Budgeting FAQ & Feedback

- 1. Who was a part of the process?** Input was gathered from stakeholders through several Participatory Budget meetings, community feedback, youth engagement, customer input, a broad range of ideas and input was collected.
- 2. How was input collected?** Input was collected at the participatory budgeting meetings, online through the Metro Parks Social Pinpoint website, at the teen late nights.
- 3. What happened to all the different ideas that were collected for input from the different stakeholders?**
 - The participatory budgeting process received a lot of input and ideas. Some ideas and ideas however could be addressed by different program budgets.
 - The ideas and feedback that were presented were divided up into different program budgets. Ideas with numbers in parenthesis were ideas that multiple people affirmed.
 - After meeting with leads for each area, feedback and ideas was timelined under what could happen *This year, Next year, in Multiple years* or items that were *out of budget scope*.
 - Some feedback has already been implemented. (Eg. extended hours at Peoples: Peoples is now open on Sundays!)
 - Some input and ideas is listed under a new facility which is tentatively scheduled to be built in 2028 (need to pass City of Tacoma & MPT bonds)
- 4. What if I have more questions or if I want to give additional feedback?** Below is a summary table with contact information for the different leads.

Table 1: Ideas and Feedback organized by MPT budget areas, timeline for implementation and budget leads:

Aquatics Budget:	Building Budget	Accessibility Budget
Lead: Jan Bretana: Supervisor, Aquatics Programs & Facilities Contact: janb@tacomaparks.com	Lead: Antonio McLemore: Community Center Supervisor Contact: antonio.mclemore@tacomaparks.com	Lead: Katt Merilo Recreation Coordinator - Adaptive & Inclusive Recreation Contact: katt.merilo@tacomaparks.com

Question #1:

What is your favorite community center or gathering space (other than People's Center) and why?

Question #2:

**What would you improve at People's
Center?**

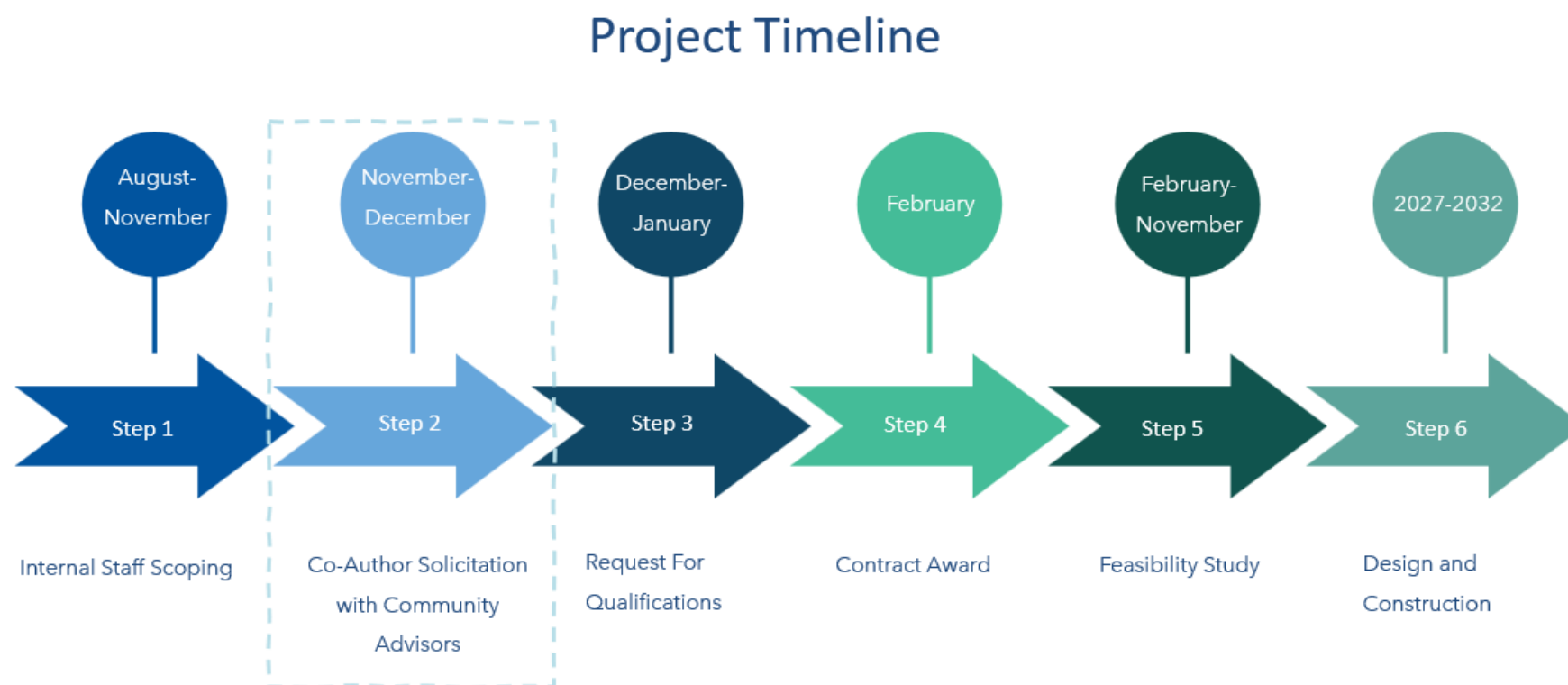
Question #3:

**What features would you like to see
at the future People's Center?**

Next Steps

- I. Draft Project Narrative from input, share with group
- II. Determine advisory group role in solicitation and study

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THANK YOU!

Want to keep the
conversation going &
share more?



Website will be open until 12/17 for additional thoughts and
for community advisors not able to attend.

Click here: <https://www.engagepiercecounty.com/peoples-community-center-feasibility-study>

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