

Peoples Center Redevelopment Feasibility Study

CAG Meeting #4 | 7/22/2026

Attendees: Erin Irby, Manni Valenzuela, Delia Flore, Antonio McLemore, Christy West, Robert Doss, Hayes Alexander III, Dr. Robin Jones, Jennifer Lacy, Alisa Lee.

Parks Tacoma Budget 2026-2027

- Biennium budget will move to an annual budget for the future stabilization of Parks Tacoma funds.
- There will be budget workshops for the beginning of fall. Targeted budget workshops will be provided to the following groups:
 - The Spanish speaking community
 - The AAPI community hosted at APCC
 - The Black/African American community
- One additional workshop will be held for advisory councils and another for the general public.
- The Peoples Redevelopment project will not be impacted by general fund deficit. The current feasibility study phase is fully funded through a DOC grant and the remainder of the project is protected by 2026 bond funding, which is separate from the operational budget.

PC Redevelopment Timeline/Feasibility Study Process Update

- The study will kick off in August, and once complete, design will commence directly after the study is finalized.
- The work of the CAG has directly impacted the successful completion of hiring a firm!

Study and Engagement Timeline Draft

- Social Pinpoint (SPP) page will launch in August 2026 as the active outreach and engagement for this project launches at National Night Out at Peoples on 8/4.
 - SPP opportunity for folks to register to the page to get active updates and stay engaged automatically.
- How can we invite folks to participate in project engagement at large celebrations and events?
 - Peoples has historically been a “passport destination” at Hilltop Street Fair. Something to consider.

- Vision is for three community workshops will take place:
 - First can inform the public about the project and provide opportunities for the community to participate.
 - Second can review results of the engagement at the first meeting and brainstorm implementation.
 - Third, can bring the process full circle to present future plans derived from previous public feedback.
- What is our last date for the end of this community engagement?
 - Quarter 2 of 2027. A discussion will be held with the consultant team, so that timeline may shift into Q3.

Draft Engagement List and Strategies

- Resounding question: What other opportunities are you aware of that will help us reach important groups to include in this process? Who are we missing?
- Churches and faith-based communities
 - Greek Orthodox Church
 - Russian church near baseball field
 - Shiloh Baptist
 - St Johns
- Bryant Neighborhood Center
 - They are connected to the Trinity Church who provided community meals and serve the hilltop in big ways. HAC currently meets at this location.
- Tacoma Ministerial Alliance
 - TMC facilitates the community turkey giveaways through Peoples and Eastside and unite local churches across the region.
- Free Mason Group
 - Connect with Kevin Carrera
- Special interest activity groups
 - Focus groups with pickleball, coaches, aquatics, groups under contract, athletics, training,
 - Grid Iron
- Folks focus on the need for health services within the center, citing needs in community and with staff. Erin clarifies that these conversations will occur, but with executive leadership and consultant teams to navigate those conversations.
- Hilltop Urban Gardens
- Hilltop Reunion ran by Kevin Ryan at People's Park
- Innovative Cuts (Barber team)

- The lead instructor at Bates organizes a barber lounge featuring free quarterly events at community centers.