

People's Center Redevelopment
Feasibility Study

Community Advisory Group Meeting
7/22/2026 | 5:30-7 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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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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Today's Agenda

- 5:30-6 PM Social Hour + Dinner
- 6-7 PM Hybrid Meeting
 - Around the Room (10 min) (Manni)
 - Feasibility Study Update (10 min) (Erin)
 - 5 Minute Break
 - Outreach & Engagement (20 min) (Delia)
 - Questions/Wrap-Up/Next Steps (10 min)



Around the Room

- Share Name & Pronouns
- What is one way you have been connecting with your community and/or loved ones during the summertime?

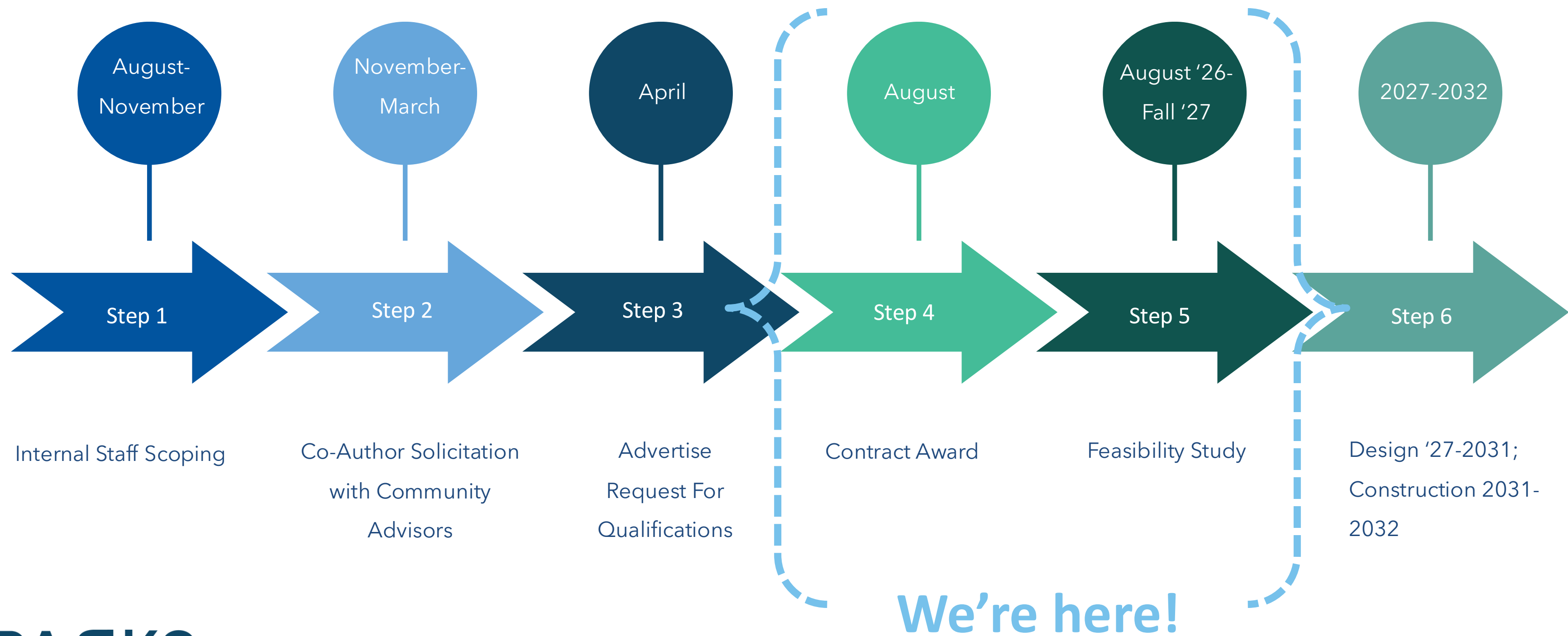


Parks Tacoma Budget 2026 + 2027

- 2026 Budget Expense Reduction
- General Fund / Operating Budget is separate from the 2026 Bond package
- UTGO bond funds can only be used for park and facility capital improvements- not operating or maintenance expenses
- 2027 Budget Workshops are being planned for August/September this year
- More information: [Budget, Performance & Data - Parks Tacoma](#)



People's Center Redevelopment Project Timeline



Feasibility Study Process Updates

Consultant Selection

- Received 7 submittals, 3 were chosen for an interview held in late June
- Trevor served on Evaluation and Interview Panel, along with three Parks staff, and one City of Tacoma staff
- Panel unanimously agreed on a firm who will be formally hired next month, contract will be approved at a Parks Board meeting



5 Minute Break!

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Study & Engagement Timeline Draft

Activity	Q1 - '26	Q2 - '26	Q3 - '26	Q4 - '26	Q1 - '27	Q2 - '27	Q3 - '27	Q4 - '27
Community Advisory Group - Monthly/Milestone Meetings								
Elected Officials (City Council, Parks Board) invited to CAG								
Request for Qualifications + Consultant Selection								
Public Project Website Release								
National Night Out								
Hilltop Street Fair								
Center Staff Engagement								
Feasibility Study Production								
Black History Month Luncheon								
Hilltop Healthy Kids Carnival								
Community Workshops				1	2	3		
Partnership/Institutional Outreach								
Feasibility Study Draft								
Feasibility Study Final								

Draft Engagement List

- People's Community Advisory Group
- People's Center Steering Committee
- HEAC
- Hilltop Business Association
- Parks Tacoma Board and Executive leadership
- Parks Tacoma Advisory Councils
 - Art & Culture, BRAAC, Active Living
- People's Center members and users
- Parks Tacoma staff
- Primary service area/audience: Hilltop neighbors



Draft Engagement List

- Secondary service area/audience: Adjacent Tacoma neighborhoods
- New Tacoma Neighborhood Council
- Councilwoman Jamika Scott, District 3
- City Council
- City Manager's Office
- COT Public Works Staff
- Existing Partners & Potential Partners
 - Refer to Full Potential Partner List
- Local business owners
- ***Who is missing?***



Draft Engagement Strategies

- Meet people where they are
 - Bring engagement to trusted, community chosen locations rather than requiring attendance at formal Parks Tacoma led meetings
- Language Access
 - Translate materials and provide interpretation as requested
- Flexible Timing
 - Host and attend events at multiple times to accommodate diverse schedules



Draft Engagement Strategies

- Childcare & Food
 - Provide food and work with People's Center staff to provide childcare during hosted meetings
- Accessibility
 - ADA compliant venues, large print options, reducing barriers to engage
- Online & Offline Balance
 - Have website based opportunities and in-person, paper based contributions
- Youth-focused Outreach
 - Connect with and prioritize youth voice at existing programs such as Teen Late Night, Camps, and use appropriate methods to connect with younger audiences



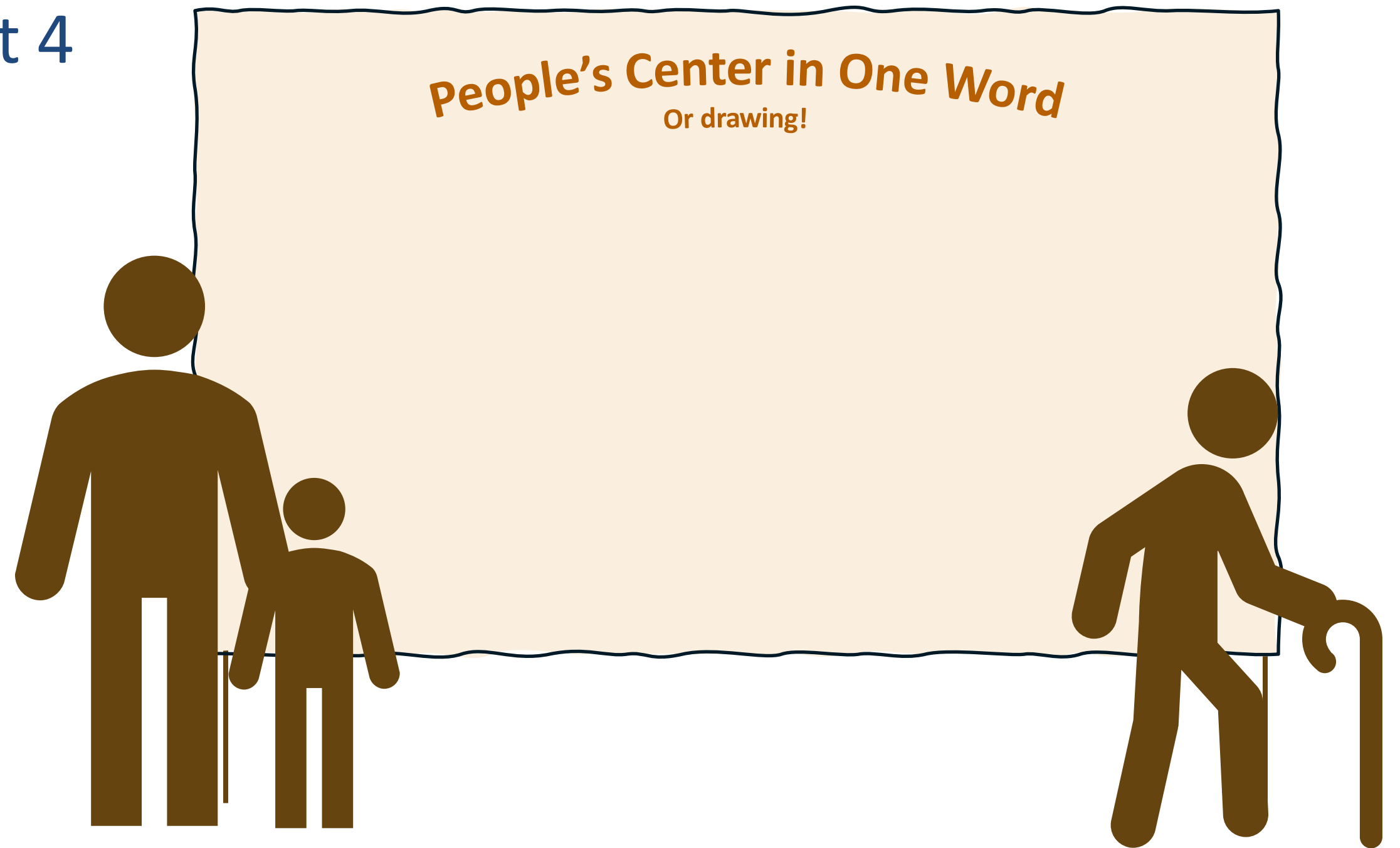
Draft Engagement Strategies

- Senior focused Outreach
 - Attend senior programming, resource fairs, tech hubs, mini trips, and senior hub hours. Participate in community center fitness classes alongside elders to establish and build relationships while decreasing power differential.
- Community Center Staff
 - Center experiences, values and vision of center staff through workshops and relationship building
- Community Connectors & Focus Groups
 - Work with **Community Advisory Group members** to connect with trusted groups

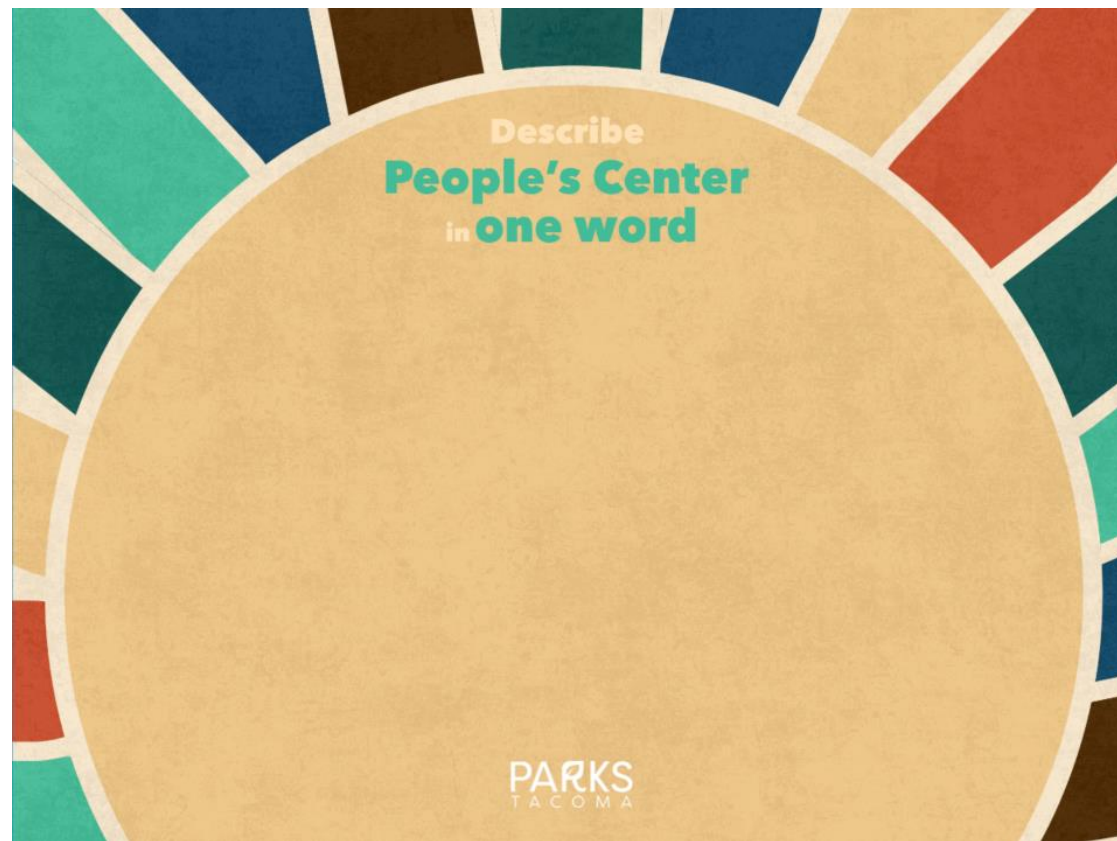


National Night Out – August 4

- First outreach event for the Redevelopment Feasibility Study
- Focus on identity, belonging at People's Center through a collective banner
- We need your help deciding on the design of the banner.



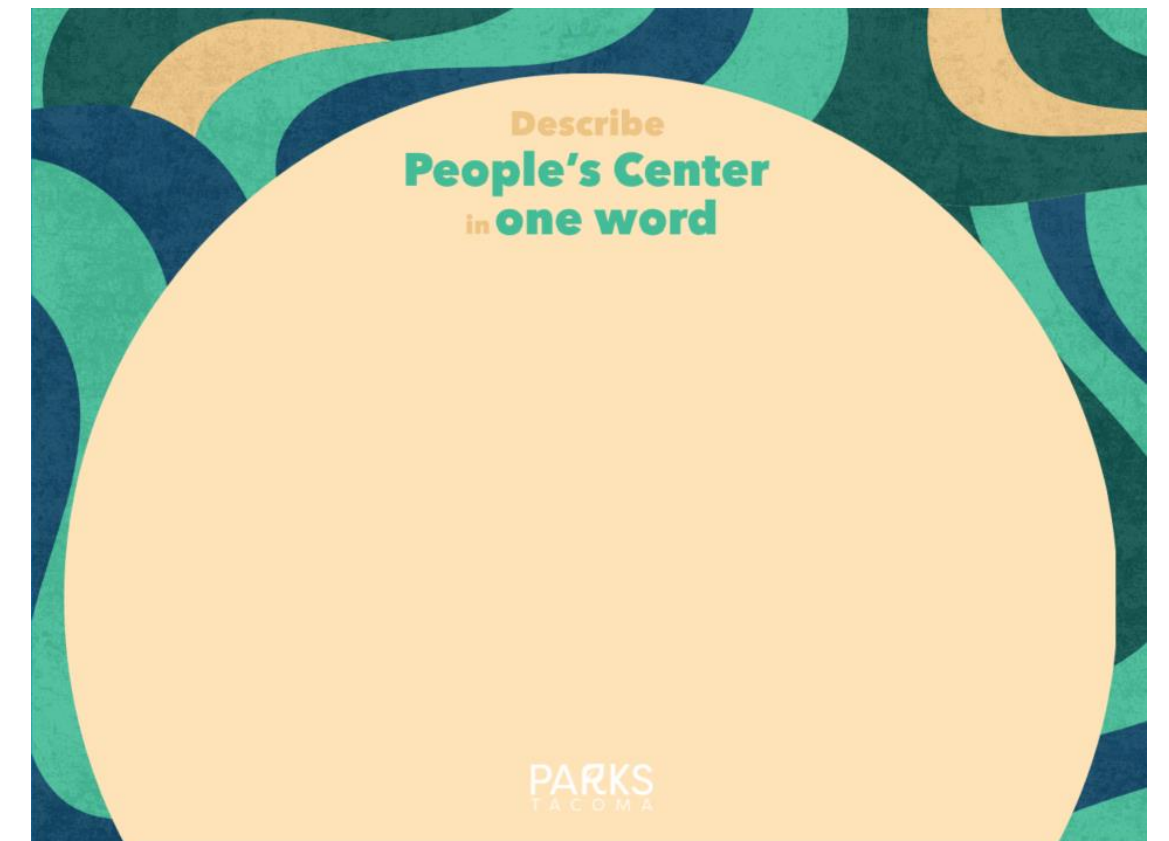
Banner Options



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Let us know what you think!

Next Steps + Asks

- Milestone based meeting structure?
- What role would you like to have in future engagement efforts?
 - National Night Out
 - Workshops, Events, Focus Groups, etc.
 - Advocacy

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Next Steps + Asks

- How was this community advisory group process for you? What did you like? What could be improved?

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THANK YOU!

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