Cowley-Goettman Recreation Center Schematic Design

Community Meeting

April 9, 2025

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Pashek+MTR
Landscape Architecture

Existing Conditions











How did we get here:

- Recreation Center closed in 2003.
- Spray pad constructed in 2009.
- Playground constructed in 2018.
- Conceptual Design Community Meetings (2018-2021).
- City hired consultant team to develop construction documents based on 2021 Concept.
- Planned Construction Funds for 2027.

Most Achievable Results from 2019 survey:

- Parking: addition of parking and turn around
- Building Amenities:
  - Indoor Sport Activities: Basketball, Ping Pong, Volleyball
  - Indoor Events: Birthday Parties, Community Meetings
- Outdoor Amenities: Playground, Spray Pad, Drinking fountain, Sustainable Features, Grilling Station, Observation Area, Pollinator Garden

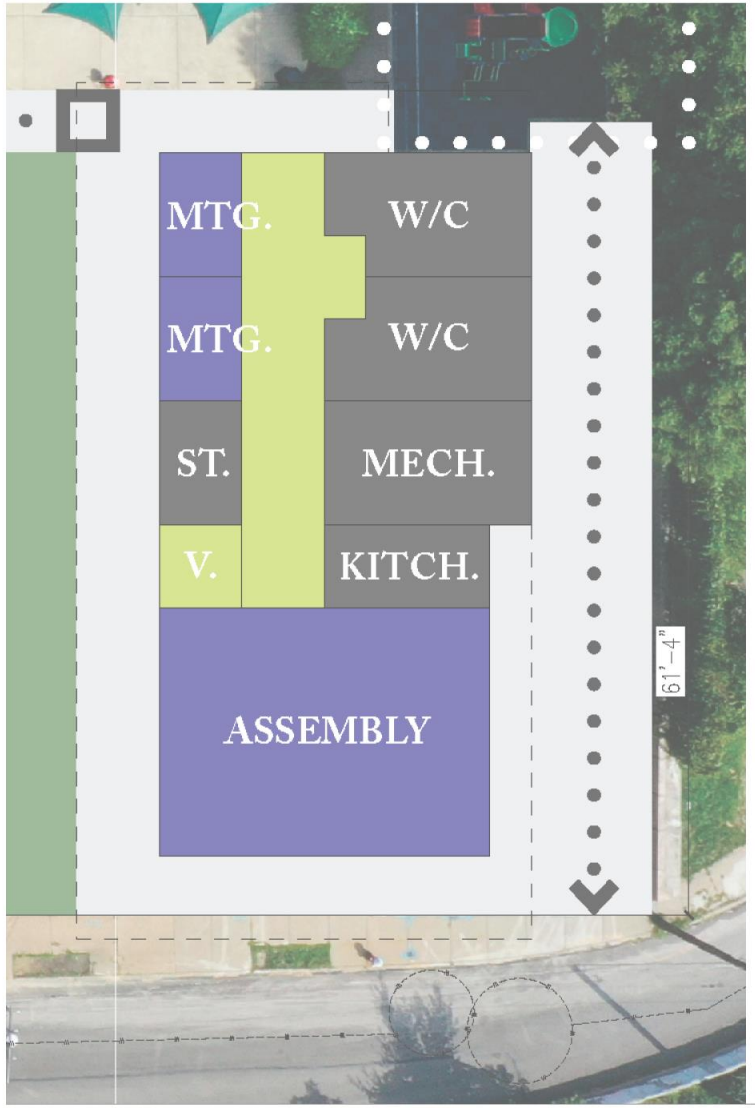
2021 Presented Concept



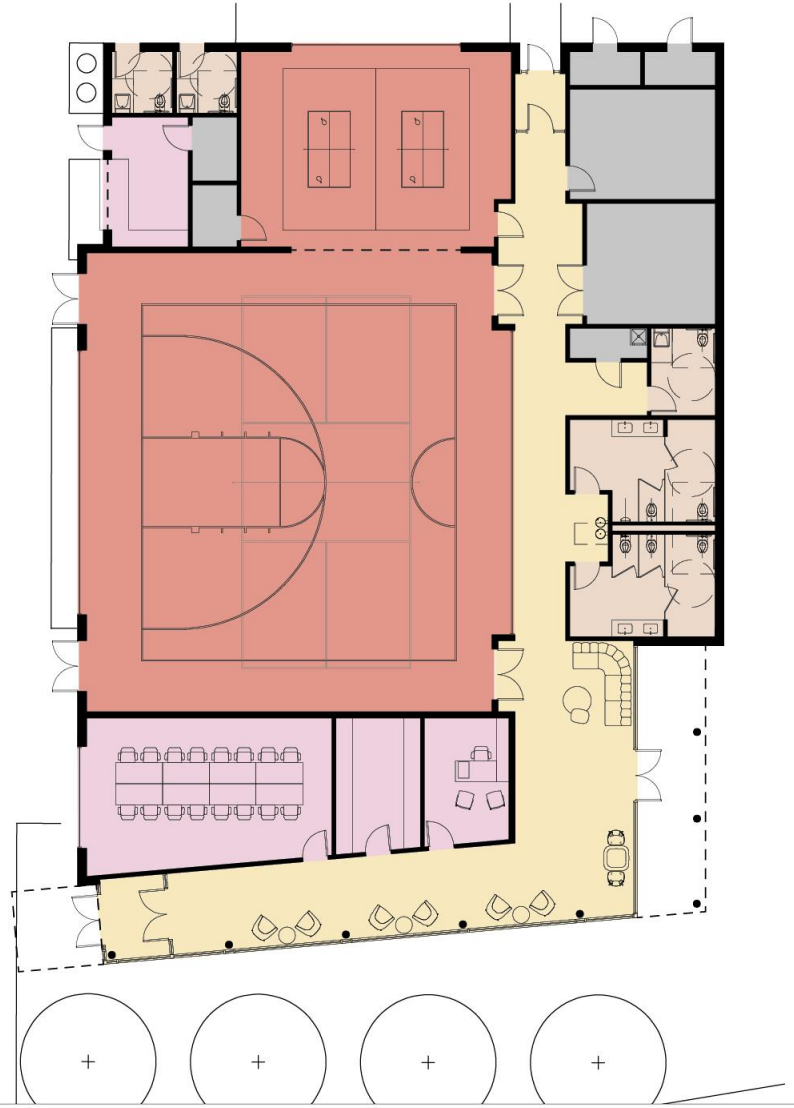
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PROJECT EVOLUTION

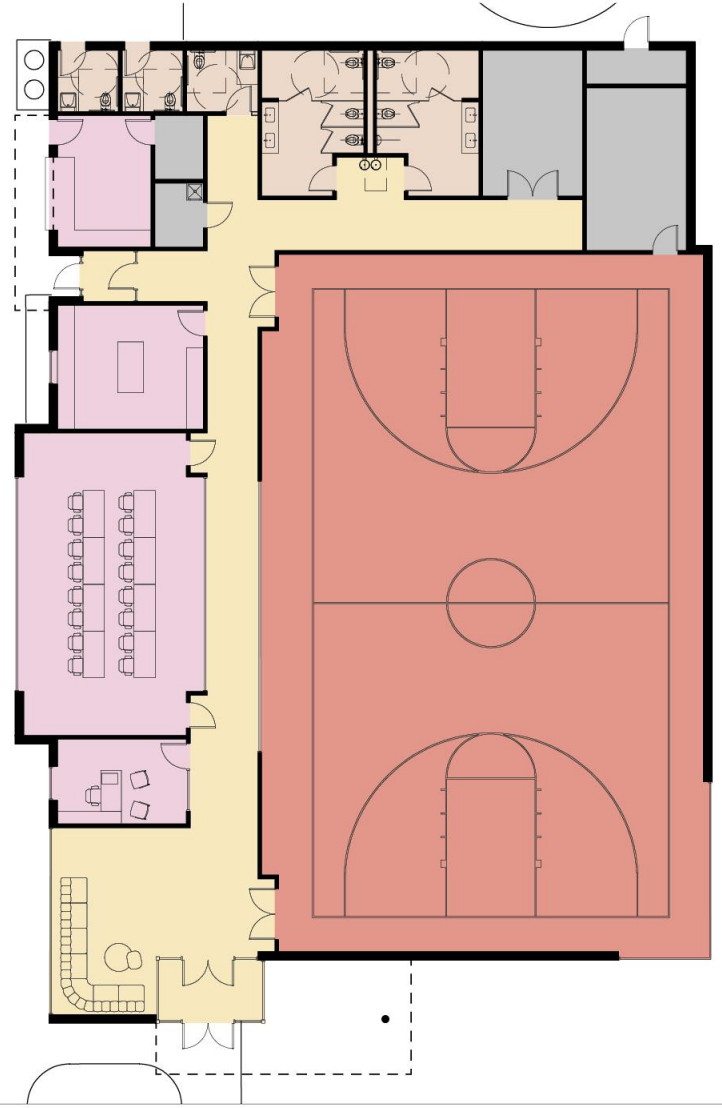
EARLY CONCEPT



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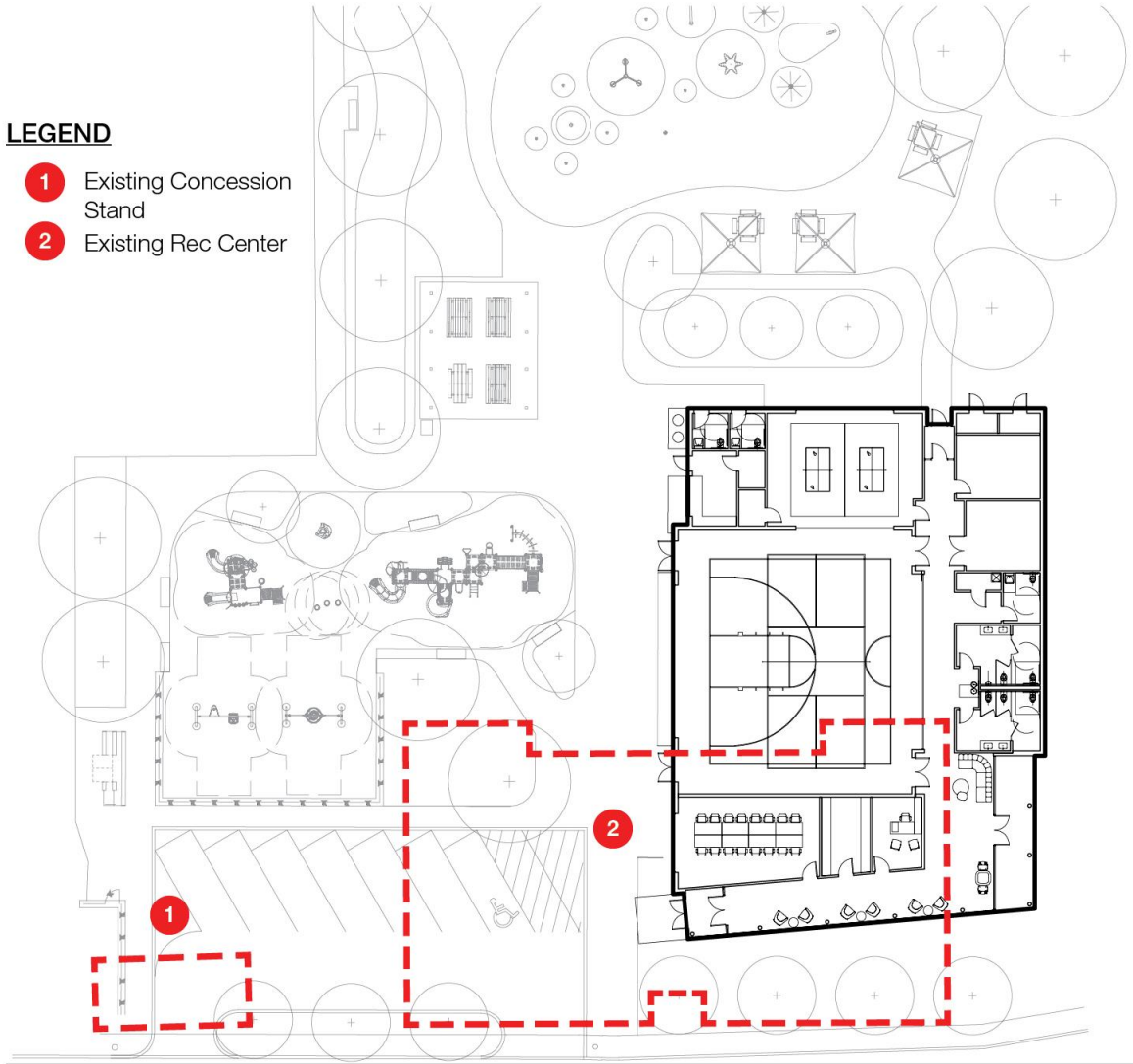


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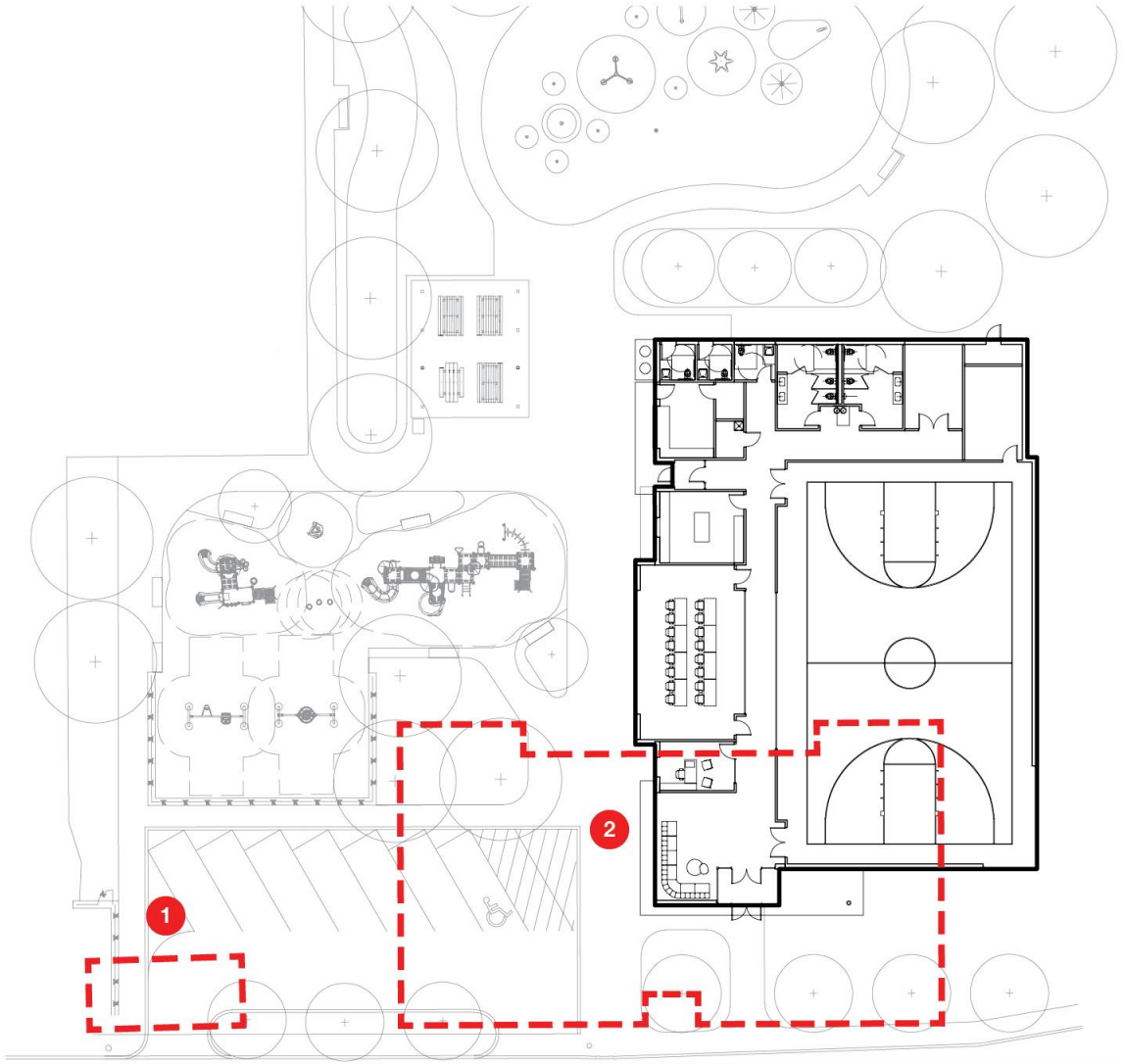
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SITE PLAN DIAGRAM - COMPARISON

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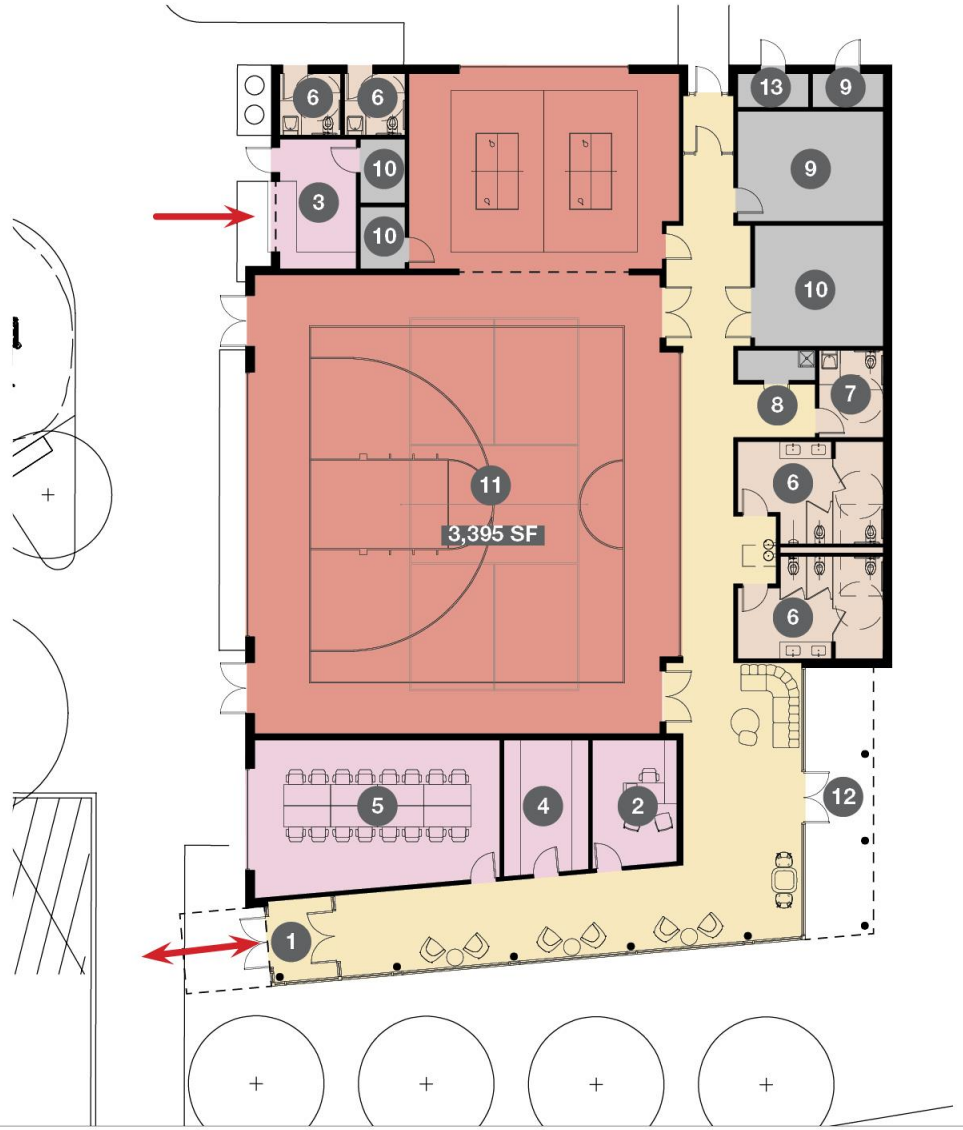
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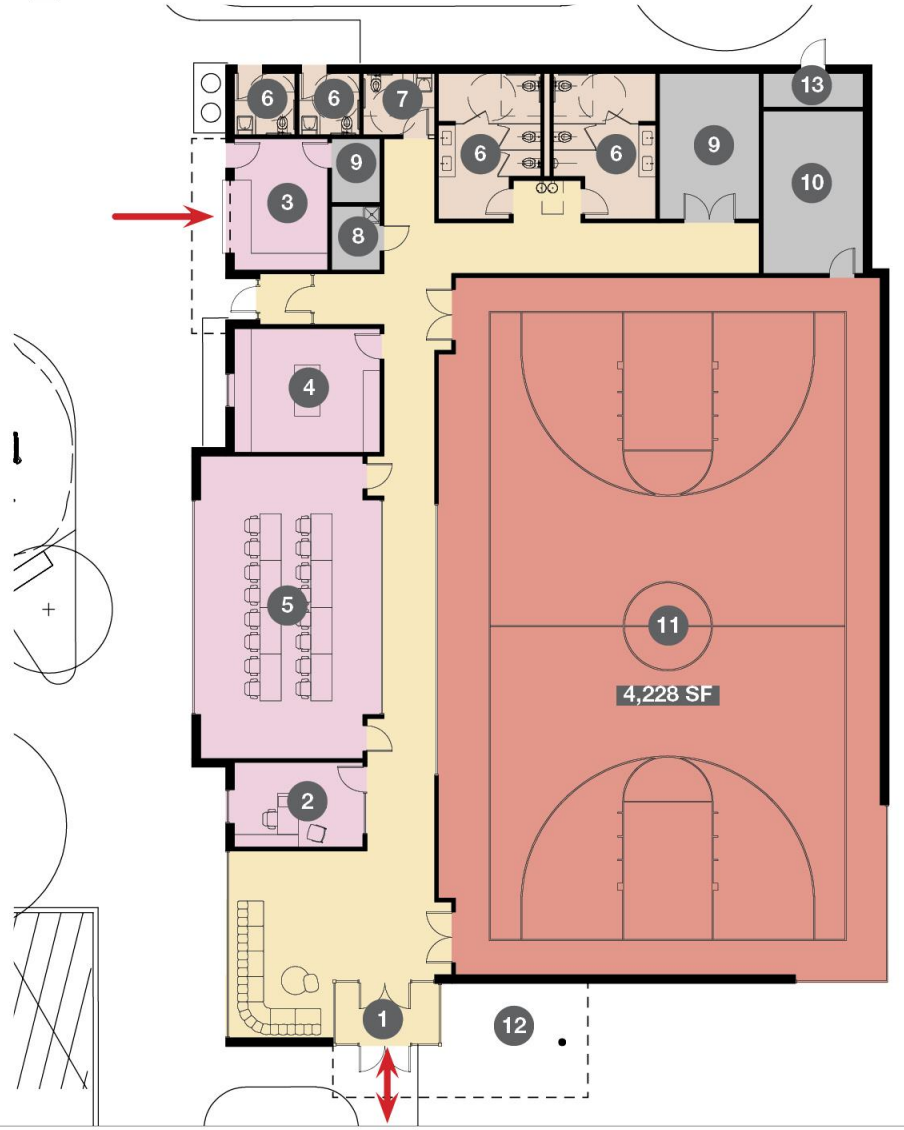
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Option 02: 8,697 Square Feet

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SCHEME 02



LEGEND

1. Entry
2. Office
3. Concessions
4. Kitchen
5. Dining / Meeting / Classroom
6. Restrooms
7. Family Restroom
8. Janitor
9. Mechanical
10. Storage
11. Multipurpose Community Room
12. Porch
13. Spray Park Equip.

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Scheme 01
VISION IMAGERY







The Approach

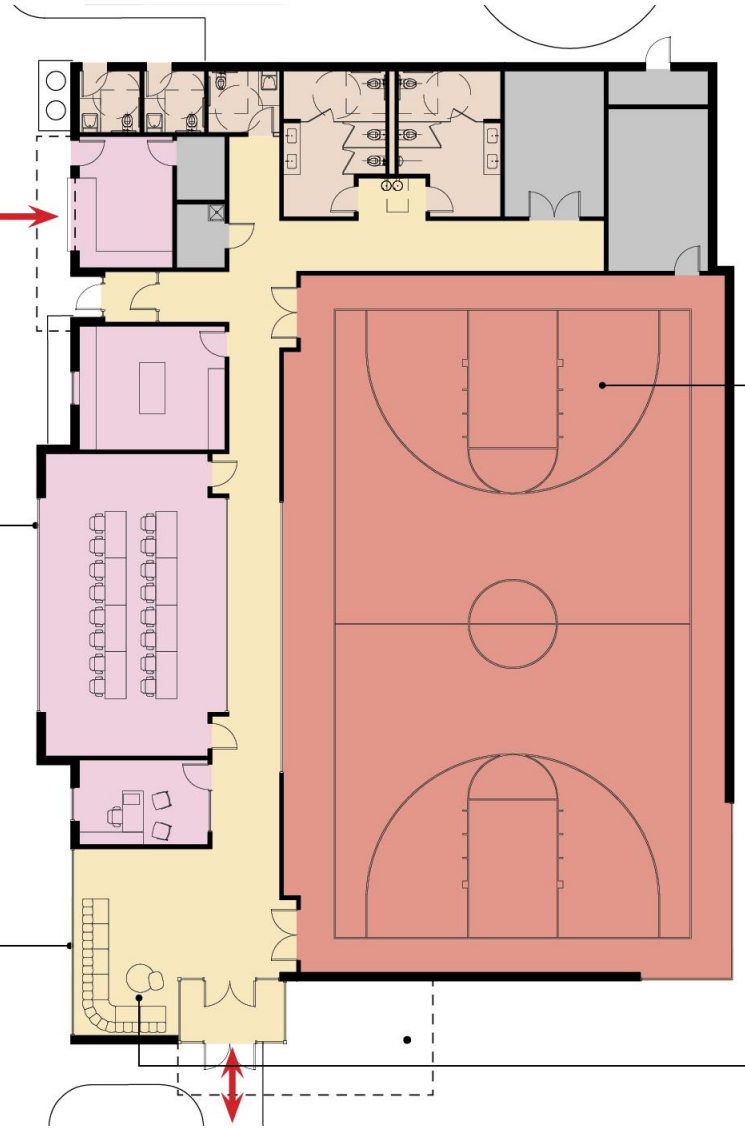
- Multipurpose Community Room with half court gym.
- Flex Programming space for recreational activities (ping-pong, exercise classes, educational training sessions), rental space for parties or events, or rental space for nonprofit organization.
- Gym faces the playground creating connectivity to the park.
- Circulation along the exterior wall with glass facade to create connectivity with the urban context.
- Exterior porch with views to the river.

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Scheme 02
VISION IMAGERY











THE APPROACH

- Multipurpose Communtiy Room with full court gym.
- Full court could host competitive clubs and organizations for rent to generate revenue.
- Meeting room faces the playground creating connectivity to the park.
- Exterior porch with views to the river.

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Site Features























LEGEND

1. Recreation Center
2. Parking Lot
3. Spray Park
4. Playground
5. Rain Garden
6. Seating w/Umbrella
7. Pavillion (24' x 28') w/Grill
8. Benches
9. Bleachers





Next Steps

- Gather input from tonight's meeting and Engage Page (https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/cowley)
- Develop Final Scheme and present to community.
- Revise Scheme based community input and develop technical construction drawings.

What are Your Thoughts?

- Which Building Scheme do you like the most?
  - Scheme 1: Half Court with Flex Space
  - Scheme 2: Full Court
- Why do you like that Building Scheme?
- What do you like most about the Site Design Features and why?
- What would you like to modify?

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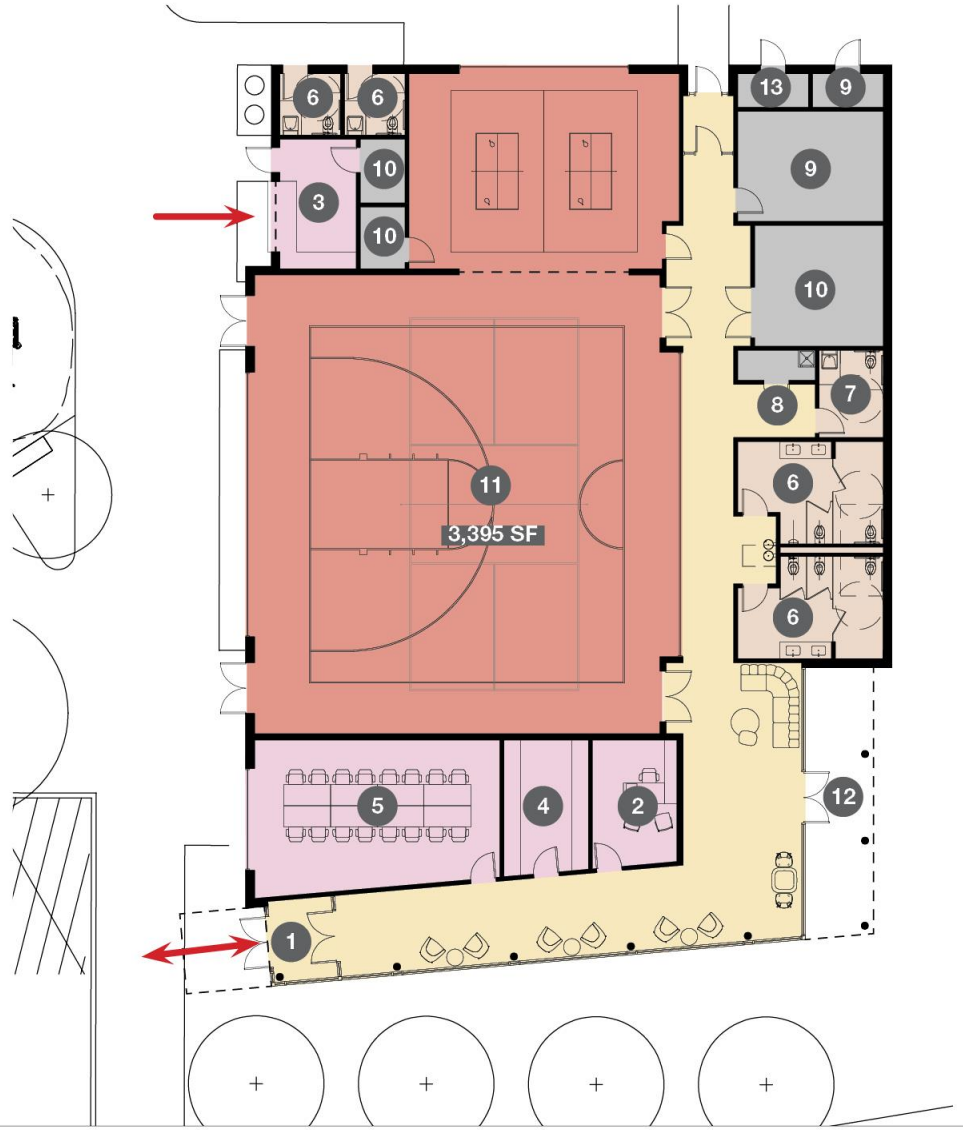
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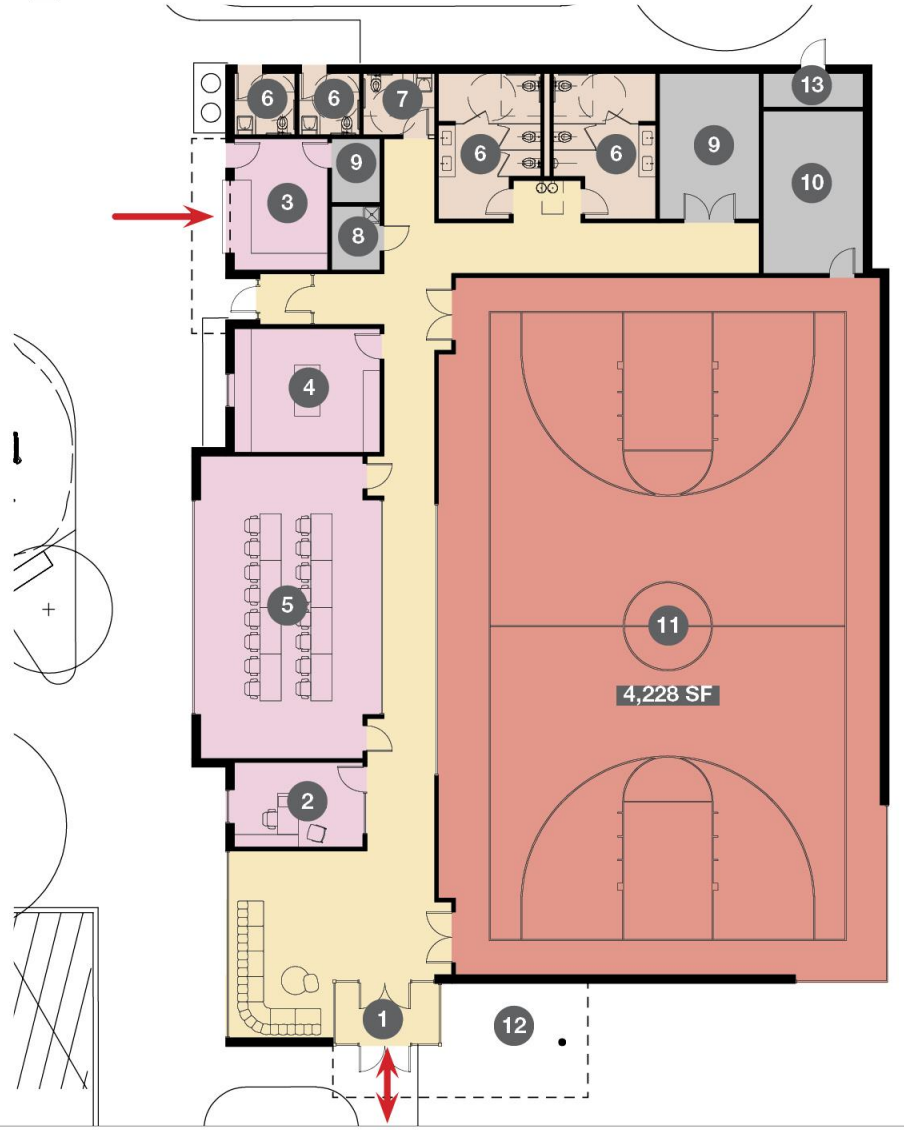
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Thank You!

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