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**PAYNE MARYLAND PROJECT FEEDBACK QUESTIONS**

1. Comments about the building plans:

* There needs to be a water feature on the site.
* There should be mosaic, frieze or other sculptural decoration along the long wall facing Payne Ave.
* Need theatre space and movie space.

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

* theatre
* movies
* arts of all kinds
* Badminton - especially popular with the Hmong community.

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1. Comments about the building plans:

Need an area closer to the fields with bathrooms and concession area for games + for people using the fields for unstructured play like volleyball, soccer, baseball. The bathrooms are not convenient from fields. ~~+ might~~

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

It is a nice design, but it does not fit with the older style of building on Payne Ave. That makes it more separate from the surrounding community visually – does not fit.

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

- Community gatherings
- Adult continuing Ed. Classes
- Teen group
- Basketball tournaments – need more than one court

⇒ The group that gathered tonight was ethnically homogenous. There should be an effort to reach out to the other ethnic communities in the neighborhood through orgs. w/ whom they naturally connect — Hmong American Partnership, etc.

⇒ These groups may have input into how some spaces should be designed to accommodate their needs, activities + the way they gather.

⇒ For whatever reason, these groups apparently don't respond to the communications/type of gathering that brought us here tonight as evidenced by their absence.

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1. Comments about the building plans:

- Should have concession area next to kitchen
- Possibly have outside entrance for bathroom.

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

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1. Comments about the building plans:

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

- Programmings relating to the Hmong community
How to cook Hmong dishes
Hmong classes- to read & write
Hmong story telling.

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1. Comments about the building plans:

Do we really need a second (upper) level? Seems like a lot of space to just go unused...

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

I am very concerned about the modern look of the building. Payne is such an historic area, it would be great if the new facility reflected that. I appreciate the references to the river, but don't think that is super relevant to the Eastside.

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces: To be more constructive, how about MORE WINDOWS.

A huge children's section in the library :)

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**PAYNE MARYLAND PROJECT FEEDBACK QUESTIONS**

1. Comments about the building plans:

Stop spending money
We dont Have!

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

Cant Afford your dream

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

How many forclosers on houses
in St. Paul Nobody Has money
or
a Job

Stop spending
Stupid

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1. Comments about the building plans:

It looks good so far.

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

It looks modern, which is nice.

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

Free, public WIFI needs to be a priority. Please!

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1. Comments about the building plans:

How will existing plans work with phase II? Why isn't every effort being made to refurbish our Carnagie library? St. Anthony library is a great example

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

Exterior is fine but existing library fits neighborhood as it is now

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

Coffee shop

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1. Comments about the building plans:

   Like The Designs

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

   Nice conceptal DRAWINGS

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

   Coffee Shop

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Don't neglect the other rec centers on the East Side! This project, although worthwhile, shouldn't suck resources away from the others, esp Duluth & Case

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1. Comments about the building plans:

restrooms should be next to library.
don't put mechanical rooms underol next to meeting rooms
sky lights would be nice
there needs to be either surveillance camera or lots of staff.
kitchenette would be needed

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

The glass on the "community" space is pretty vulnerable to vandalism.
where is the parking? how many spaces?

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

BASKETBALL! 2 COURTS!
organized sports activities for children.
preschool!
sufficient staff to run lots of programming.

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1. Comments about the building plans:

what about energy supply: solar? wind?
garden on roof.

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

How about ~~a~~ murals on the bldgs?

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

Healthy snacks helping people to understand the importance.

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1. Comments about the building plans:

Were any polls taken prior to this endever to see if the people of

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

this community wanted this facility or - NOT !!!

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

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1. Comments about the building plans:

- Where is the community input?
- why did you buy existing, open, viable businesses when you could use existing, vacant space (residential or business)?
- No one spoke in favor of this project tonight - when will you listen?
- Why are we spending money for new buildings? Will there be money to maintain or staff them?

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

- We need jobs in St. Paul - not more buildings that will sit empty!

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1. Comments about the building plans:

A new building will not change the needs of the neighborhood, Nor will it address the social ills. It will cost more money for staffing and programming than we are willing to spend on current structures. This community needs to develop the empty businesses and sell/rent the empty housing in the area. How about 'Developing' some programming for ~~childre~~ Children & Seniors in the community with the 16+ million just to build the building we don't need.

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

Does not fit in with current architecture/designs.

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

I would like to see our current recreational facilities properly staffed and running to capacity for the residents of this community.

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**PAYNE MARYLAND PROJECT FEEDBACK QUESTIONS**

1. Comments about the building plans: The design is not informed by existing neighborhood architecture. It is disrespectful of the vernacular context, and therefore, inevalant.

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

Meetings where there is a democratic process, not like tonight's meeting when 'questions' were dismissed due to moderators poor vision. Shame on you!

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1. Comments about the building plans:

Comments about the "Payne Believer" closing and "Embers Resturant" opening in it's place, and failing as a business. I visited that resturant twice and both times I left with the impression that the real reason this building is open and in use again was for the "Bingo Hall" in the back of the inside of the building. When my guest & myself sat to enjoy the meal we felt out of place because we weren't in the back gambling. The building was miss representing itself and that's why I believed it failed. This neighborhood didn't want more bars nor gambling.

Please dont miss represent this building.

I believe a well designed building could and will be a great sucess.

I also enjoyed the libaray in Maplewood and Roseville

2. Comments about the building exterior appearance drawings:

3. Activities you would like to see happen in the spaces:

Library's ~~Libraries~~ Library's. I go out of my way (because I have a car) to use these ~~Libraries~~ Library's where Arlington Library is small, dark, and just not really very interesting for learning to me as well as the White Bear Library on White Bear Ave by Arlington St.

In addition this neighborhood is very mixed with nationalities. My question is why was the crowd in here very white? Where or why didn't the others come. The Spanish, Hmong, the youth?

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