

Senior Center Sub-Committee Preferred Alternatives

Executive Summary

January 10, 2018

Top Goals for a Solution: Capital Project is Financially Feasible (6 votes), Easy access for users (5); flexibility in design to meet changing needs of community (5); a dedicated space for seniors (4), and operation costs are sustainable long-term (4)

Preferred Alternative of the Committee

- **Alternative 2 – Identify a site for one Senior Center that is a mixed-use building (3 votes)**
- Alternative 1 – Create a new Southside Senior Center through renovations on the existing Southside Branch Library and work with private developer to re-develop Harry J Olson Center (2 votes)
- Alternative 3 – No physical Senior Centers but more robust programing in various locations (1 vote)
- Alternative 4 - Make minimal repairs to buildings and continue to operate the buildings as we are today (1 vote)

Clarifying details that may need to be discussed for inclusion in the preferred alternative verbiage

- Very important to include senior housing
- Need one staff person with office space at various locations to organize senior activities and coordinate with partners
- Dedicated space at various locations in our city/county
- We may want to focus on transition/gradual change to multiple locations
- Encompass La Crosse County
- Affordable for seniors
- More collaboration with others: La Crosse County (ADRC), Gundersen or Mayo, United Way or similar organizations, private organizations
- Just a kitchen can be used for other functions and provide revenue
- Kitchen use for seniors because we have a pancake breakfast for a fundraiser
- Multi-rooms for different programs
- Start new
- Design for the future
- Allow for regional cooperation

Second Preferred Alternative of the Committee

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- Alternative 3 – No physical Senior Centers but more robust programing in various locations (0 votes)

Feedback from citizens is available in the Full Summary document