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Lake City Community Center

Needs Assessment

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Executive Summary Outline

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) and Seattle's Office of Housing (OH) are collaborating on this multi-use project, with SPR leading the community center component and OH overseeing affordable housing development. This collaborative approach underscores the city's commitment to addressing multiple social determinants of health within a single facility or site. In addition, OH and SPR partnered with the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) to ensure that historically underserved and non-English-speaking community members were part of this process. After significant fire damage that the Lake City Community Center building suffered in 2023, this needs assessment seeks to determine programmatic needs for the new building that accommodates recreation needs as desired by the community.

Summary of Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations

These findings paint a picture of a community that understands the multifaceted nature of public health and sees the potential for the LCCC to address these needs comprehensively. The consistent themes across various engagement methods suggest a strong community consensus on the desired direction for the new facility.

Key considerations for LCCC design and future programming based on these findings include:

- 1. Prioritizing flexible, multi-use spaces to accommodate diverse programming needs.*
- 2. Incorporating both indoor and outdoor recreation areas.*
- 3. Ensuring accessibility and cultural competence in all aspects of design and programming.*
- 4. Opportunities to integrate social services and community resources into the LCCC's future programming.*
- 5. Developing strong partnerships with local organizations to provide comprehensive programming.*
- 6. Emphasizing intergenerational activities and spaces.*
- 7. Including facilities for food preparation and community meals.*

By embracing these community priorities and viewing them through a public health lens, the new LCCC has the potential to become a model for how urban community centers can serve as catalysts for improved population health, increased health equity, and enhanced community resilience.

Finally, through this needs assessment process, BvP received some comments about participation fatigue and the extended nature of community conversations on the future of the LCCC, which started before the 2023 fire. This suggests moving the project forward to the construction phase will be welcomed by many Lake City community members.

Next Steps

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Construction : begins 2027

SECTION 1

Project Overview

In April 2023, the former Lake City Community Center (LCCC) suffered significant fire damage, forcing its closure. Originally developed in the mid-20th century as a gathering space for Lake City's Lions Club, the single-story building had long served as a neighborhood hub for health-promoting activities and social connection. Despite lacking modern amenities such as a gym or air conditioning, the LCCC played a crucial role in supporting community health through diverse programming, ranging from early childhood development activities to senior nutrition programs.

Prior to the fire, the City of Seattle already recognized the need to upgrade and expand the LCCC's capabilities. With fire damage accelerating those plans, the City began to envision a transformative project for the site. The new vision involves developing a multi-use building with a state-of-the-art community center on the ground floor, complemented by multiple stories of affordable housing units above. This innovative approach recognizes the intrinsic link between housing stability and community health outcomes.

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In April 2024, OH issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to prequalify potential developers interested in pursuing this ambitious vision. Three development teams, led by BRIDGE Housing, Mercy Housing, and the Low-Income Housing Institute, were selected to advance to the next stage of review. A subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) process began in July 2024, with the goal of selecting a contractor by the end of the year. Current projections anticipate construction of the new LCCC will commence in 2026.

Recognizing the critical role community input plays in creating robust public spaces, SPR hired Broadview Planning (BvP) to design and conduct a needs assessment for the new LCCC. Such assessments are crucial to ensuring new public facilities reflect and respond to the needs and priorities of community members. A key component of the LCCC needs assessment, conducted from April to September 2024, was an engagement process to collect and assess input from local residents, workers, community leaders, and other Lake City stakeholders about their preferences for the design and programming of the new community center.

This report is designed to capture a snapshot of local conditions, resources, and community preferences for the new LCCC. It includes the following elements:

- Neighborhood Profile
- Public Health Approach
- Community Engagement Overview
- Findings + Key Themes

The information presented on the following pages provides critical support to SPR, OH, and the prequalified development teams by helping to ensure opportunities for recreation, community health, and well-being remain at the forefront of the new LCCC's design. By approaching the LCCC project through a recreation and public health lens, SPR will create a vital public resource that will contribute to the long-term health, resilience, and vitality of the Lake City neighborhood for generations to come.

1,300+

POINTS OF ENGAGEMENT

670

Survey
Responses

70

Lake City Summer Festival
Visioning Activity Participants

100

Ice Cream Social
Attendees

30

Interviews and
Focused Conversations

200

Lake City Farmers Market
Visioning Activity Participants

50

Pop-up Attendees and
Door-to-Door Visits

290

Department of Neighborhoods
Points of Contact

50+

Small Businesses Engaged

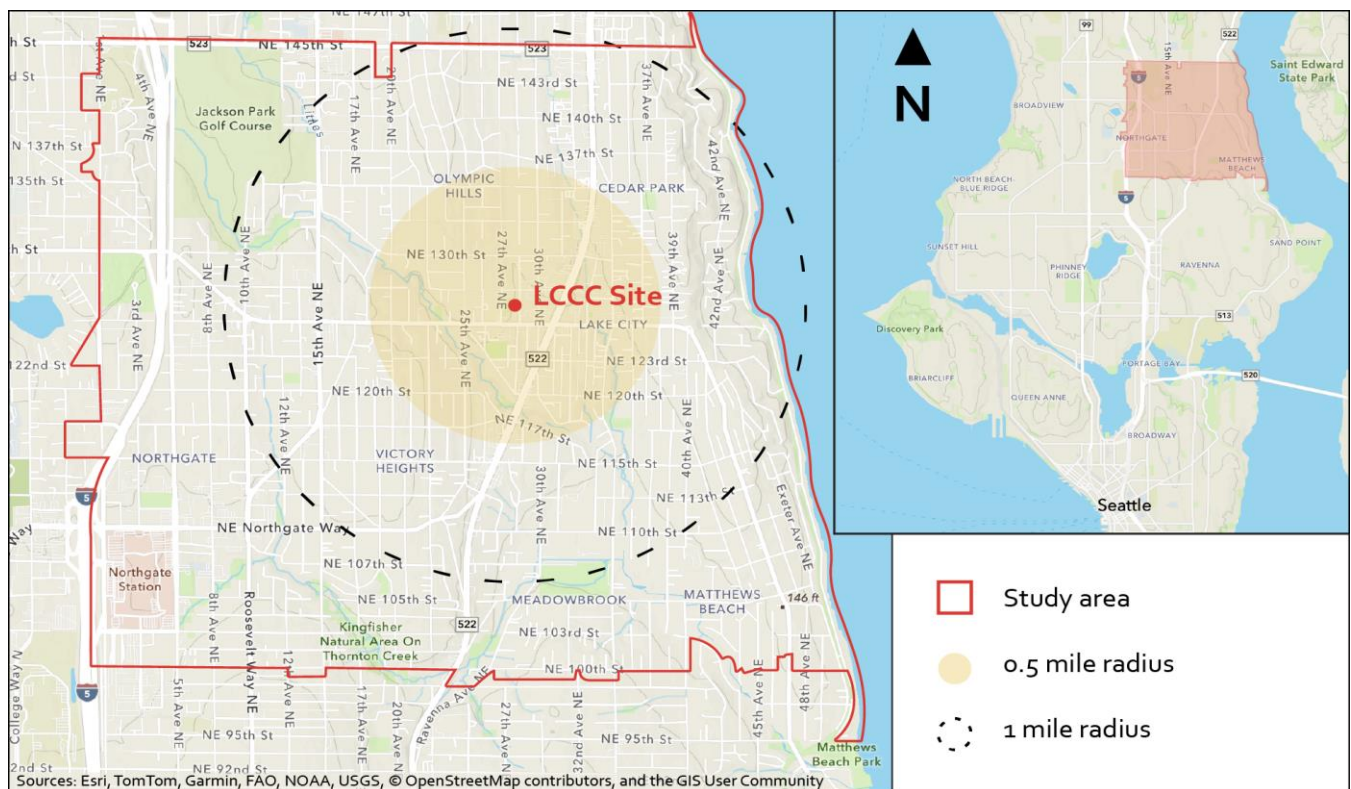
SECTION 2

Lake City Neighborhood Profile

The Lake City neighborhood is home to a diverse, vibrant, and growing community. This section will discuss data related to the Lake City neighborhood describing the resident demographic, household demographic, neighborhood recreation facilities, and local economy around 1 mile radius from the community center to understand community center users and usages to help inform planning.

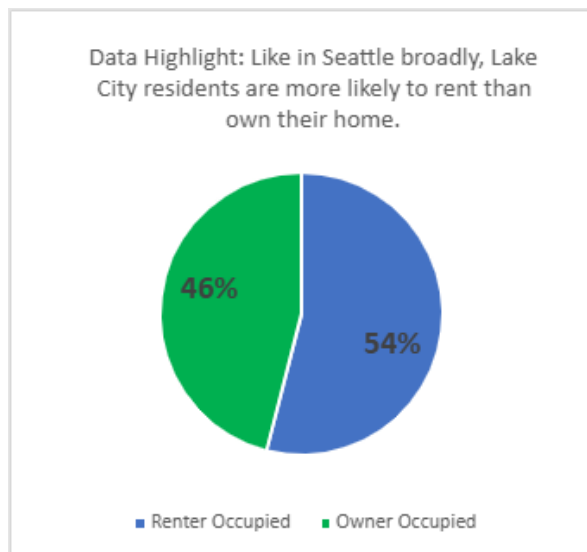
The study area for the LCCC needs assessment is generally defined as north of 95th Street, south of 145th Street, and east of I-5 to Lake Washington. SPR, Project Advisory Team (PAT) members (see Appendix A), and BvP collectively identified this geography as the area most users of the LCCC are likely to identify as their home community. The 98125 zip code is a close proxy for the study area; thus, U.S. Census data tabulated for that geography serves as the basis for the following demographic analysis. All cited data is from the 2020 Decennial Census or, when available, the American Community Survey's estimates for 2022 and/or 2023.

Study Area, LCCC Needs Assessment: 98125 Zip Code

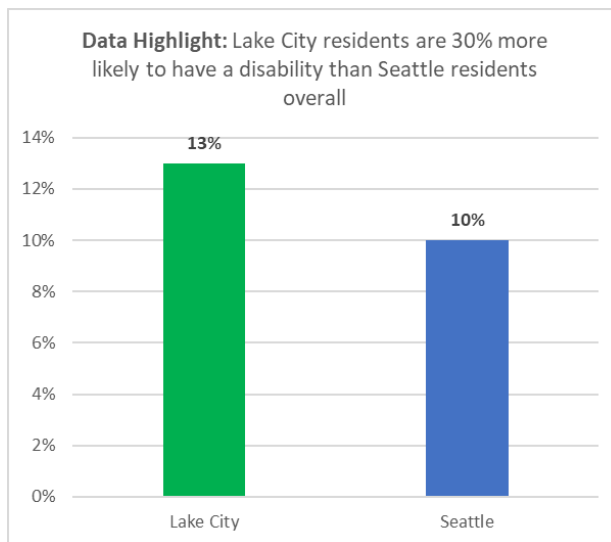
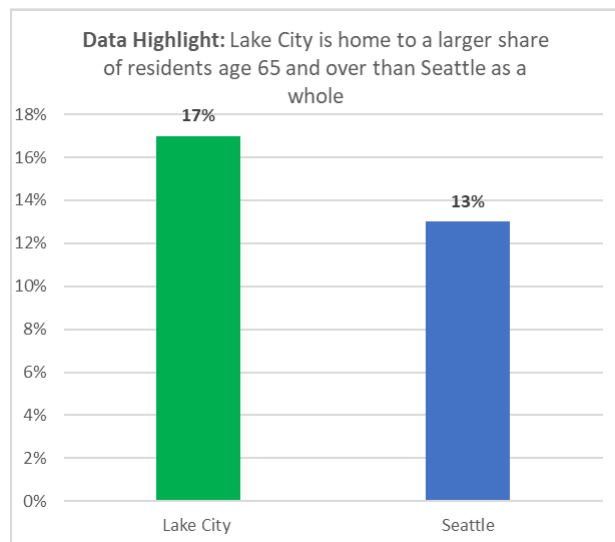


Household Characteristics

The study area has a population of roughly 43,000 people living in 19,765 households (average household size of 2.17, slightly larger than Seattle's average household size of 2.02). Residences are 54% renter-occupied and 46% owner-occupied, compared to Seattle's citywide split of 56% renter-occupied and 44% owner-occupied.

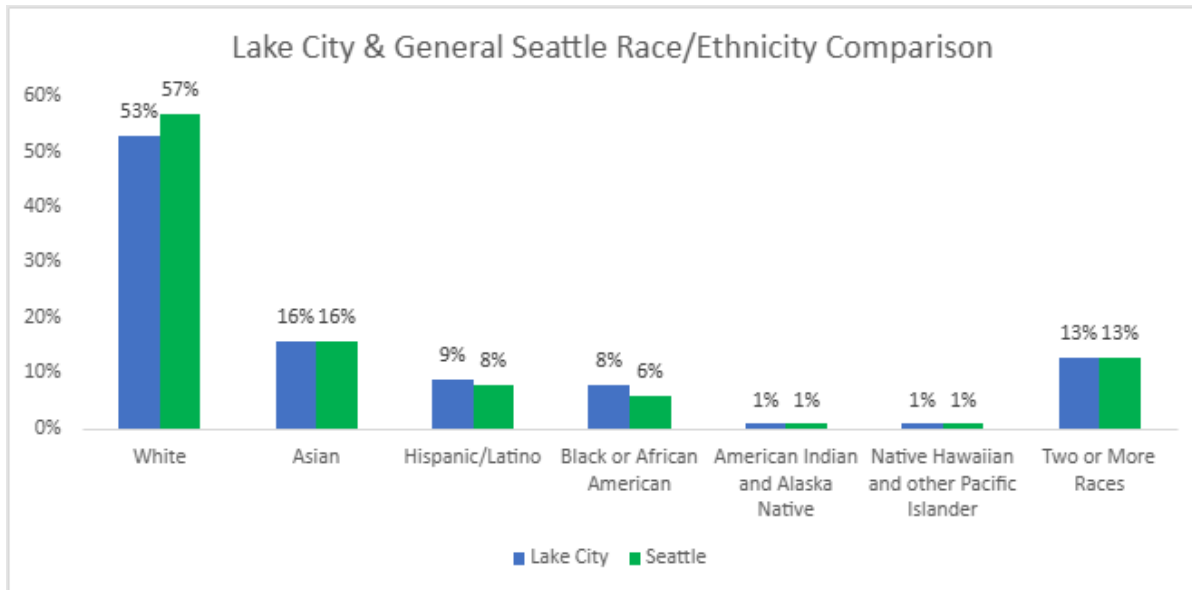


Around 16% of the area's population is comprised of children under 18, and about 17% are adults 65 or older. In comparison, across Seattle as a whole, just under 15% of residents are under 18 years of age and 13% are 65 or older.



Disability rates are also elevated in the study area, where just over 13% of residents are living with a disability. The citywide rate is about 10%.

Race, Ethnicity, Language



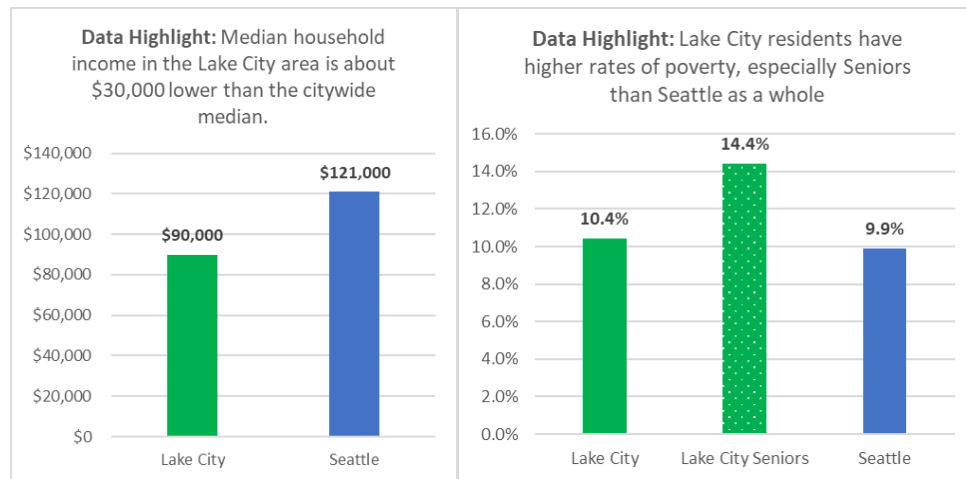
The racial and ethnic composition of the study area is 53% white, 16% Asian, 9% Hispanic/Latino, 8% Black or African American, less than 1% American Indian and Alaska Native, and less than 1% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, with 13% identifying as another race or as two or more races. As a city, Seattle is 57% white, 16% Asian, 8% Hispanic or Latino, 6% Black or African American, less than 1% American Indian and Alaska Native, and less than 1% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, with 13% identifying as another race or as two or more races.



Linguistically, the study area is diverse, with 26.3% of residents speaking a language other than English at home. This includes nearly 10% who speak Asian and Pacific Islander languages, 5% who speak Spanish, and 5% who speak other Indo-European languages. Overall, these figures indicate slightly more linguistic variance in the Lake City area than across Seattle as a whole, where just under 22% speak a language other than English at home.

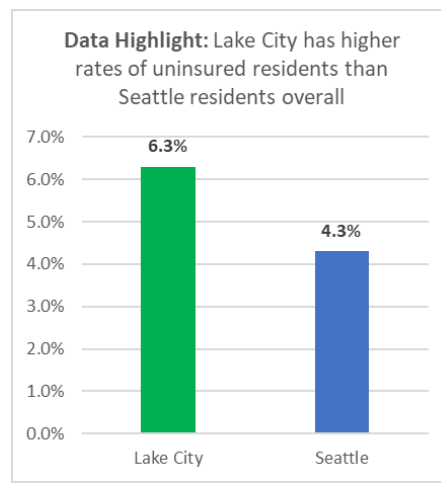
Lake City neighborhood falls under highest and second-highest priority area in [City of Seattle's Race and Social Equity Composite Index map](#). The Index uses data for racial, socio-economical, and healthy equity Index for comparisons across the city to determine priority.

Economics



Economically, the study area is less affluent than many other Seattle neighborhoods. Whereas the median household income in the study area falls just below \$90,000, the citywide median household income is nearly \$121,000.

Consistent with the above finding, the poverty rate in the study area is also slightly higher than the citywide figure. For Seattle as a whole, the poverty rate is 9.9%; within the study area, it rises to 10.4%. Lake City-area seniors are even more likely to be low-income, with 14.4% living below the poverty line.



Lake City community members are also less likely to have health insurance coverage than other Seattle residents. While 6.3% of study area residents lack health insurance coverage, the citywide share is just 4.3%.

LCC STUDY AREA

AT A GLANCE

Household Characteristics

- Total population: 42,965 (Seattle: 737,015)
- Number of households: 19,765 (Seattle: 364,627)
- Average household size: 2.17 (Seattle average: 2.02)
- Housing tenure:
 - Renters: 54% (Seattle: 56%)
 - Owners: 46% (Seattle: 44%)
- Age distribution:
 - Children under 18: 16% (Seattle: 15%)
 - Adults 65 and older: 17% (Seattle: 13%)
- Disability rate: 13% (Seattle: 10%)

Race and Ethnicity

- White: 53% (Seattle: 57%)
- Asian: 16% (Seattle: 16%)
- Hispanic/Latino: 9% (Seattle: 8%)
- Black or African American: 8% (Seattle: 6%)
- American Indian and Alaska Native: <1% (Seattle: <1%)
- Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander: <1% (Seattle: <1%)
- Other race or multiracial: 13% (Seattle: 13%)
- Highest and Second Highest Racial and Social Equity Composite Index - Citywide neighborhood comparison

Language

- 26.3% speak a language other than English at home (Seattle: 22%)
 - Spanish, Somali, Amharic, Tigrinya, Oromo, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog
 - Other Asian and Pacific Islander languages
 - Other Indo-European languages

Economic Indicators

- Median household income: \$89,983 (Seattle: \$120,608)
- Poverty rates:
 - Overall: 10.4% (Seattle: 9.9%)
 - Seniors: 14.4% (Seattle: 11.6%)
- Uninsured rate: 6.3% (Seattle: 4.3%)

SECTION 3

LCCC as a Catalyst for Community Well-being: A Public Health Approach

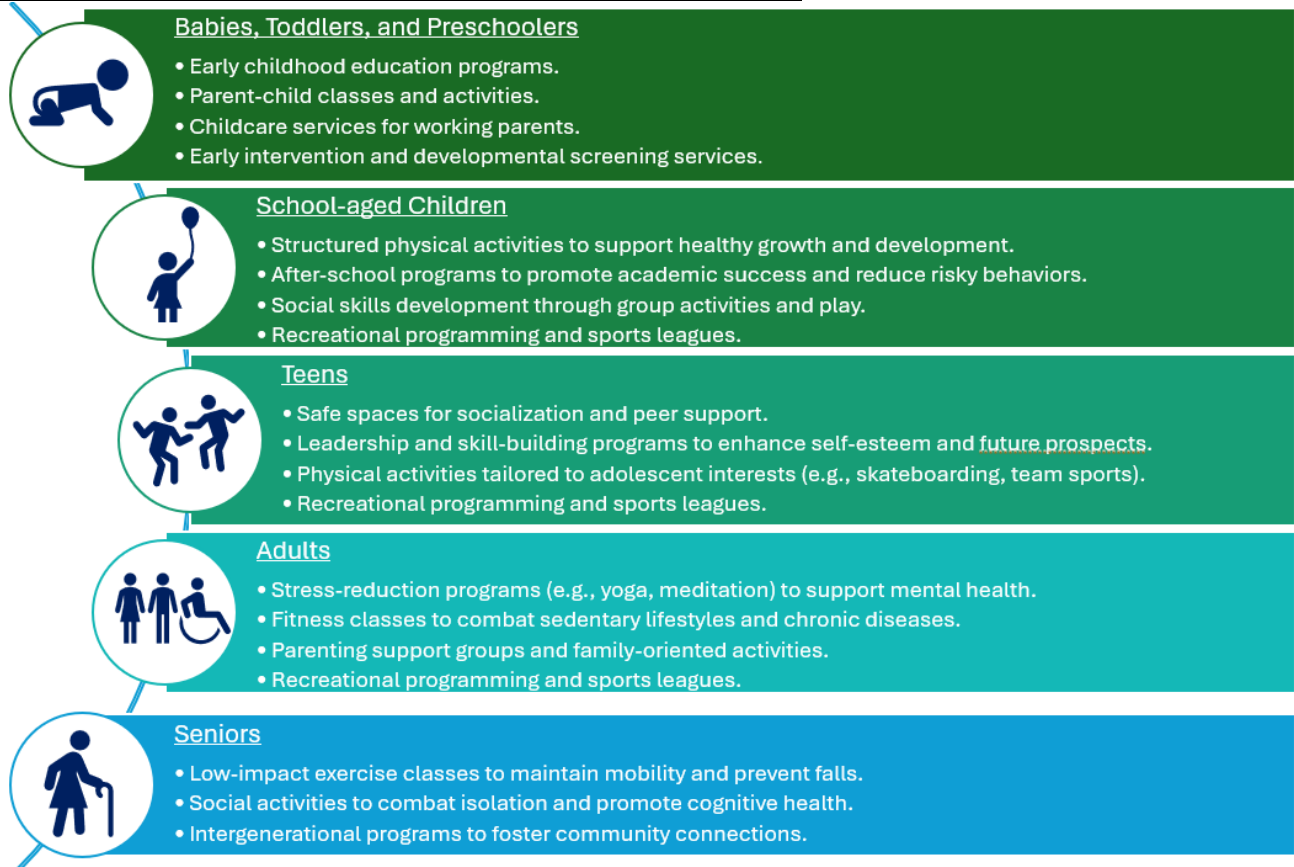
Modern community centers serve a growing spectrum of roles in urban neighborhoods. In addition to more traditional, low-cost recreational and child-centered programming, many of today's community centers offer social services resources, arts and cultural programming, multilingual and culturally specific events, emergency hub services during extreme weather, and diverse community and health-related activities designed to build and sustain local relationships and connections.

By addressing the specific needs of Lake City's diverse population, the new LCCC can become a powerful tool for promoting health equity and improving overall community well-being. These tailored programs and services will not only enhance individual health outcomes but also strengthen the social fabric of the neighborhood, creating a more resilient and connected community.

Programming + Services Opportunities

The new LCCC has the potential to offer tailored social and health benefits that address the unique and varied needs of Lake City's diverse population. The following represents a sampling of the scope of services provided by contemporary community centers.¹⁻⁵

Tailored programs for different age groups (children, teens, adults, seniors)





Culturally relevant activities for diverse ethnic communities

- Multilingual program offerings and informational materials.
- Cultural celebration events to promote community cohesion and cultural pride.
- Culturally specific exercise classes (e.g., tai chi, bhangra dance).
- Cooking classes featuring diverse, healthy cuisines.

Adaptive recreation for individuals with disabilities

- Accessible facilities and equipment to ensure inclusion.
- Specialized programs for individuals with various physical and cognitive abilities.
- Support groups and social activities for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.
- Training programs to promote independence and life skills.

Support for low-income families and individuals

- Free or subsidized programming to ensure equitable access.
- Job skills training and employment resources.
- Health education and preventive care programs.
- Partnerships with local food banks for nutrition support.

Social activities and resources for broad community connection

- Community gatherings and events (e.g., movie nights, craft fairs, conversation groups).
- Low-barrier classes on a variety of health- and recreation-related topics (e.g., cooking, arts/crafts, exercise/mindfulness).

Long-term Community Health Outcomes

In addition to addressing immediate social and health-related needs, the new LCCC has the potential to generate significant long-term health benefits for the Lake City neighborhood. By providing consistent access to recreational facilities, health-promoting programs, and social connections, the LCCC can contribute to lasting improvements in community health outcomes. These potential long-term benefits include:

- Reduced healthcare costs through prevention of chronic diseases, mental health support, and injury avoidance.
- Improved physical well-being, including better long-term health outcomes, increased life expectancy, and improved mobility across all age groups.
- Enhanced mental well-being, including reduced rates of depression and anxiety in the community.
- Strengthened social well-being, with stronger social connections and reduced isolation, particularly among vulnerable populations.
- Increased social capital, health literacy, and environmental resilience.
- Positive impacts on youth development, adult education, and lifelong learning.

By focusing on these long-term outcomes, the LCCC can position itself as a critical investment in the future health and prosperity of Lake City. These enduring benefits extend far beyond immediate recreational value, contributing to a healthier, more resilient, and more vibrant community for generations to come. Regular assessment and reporting on these long-term outcomes will be crucial to demonstrate the LCCC's ongoing value and to guide future programming and resource allocation decisions.

SECTION 4

Community Engagement: Meeting People Where They Are

The LCCC needs assessment, conducted from April to September 2024, employed a comprehensive public engagement process designed to capture diverse perspectives from Lake City’s residents, workforce, community leaders, and other local stakeholders. This approach prioritized broad, equitable, and inclusive community participation to help shape the future of the LCCC.

Vision

A broad, equitable, and inclusive engagement process that offers Lake City community members with a range of opportunities to provide early input on design and programming priorities for the neighborhood’s new community center.

Goals

- Prioritize equity and offer multiple low-barrier engagement opportunities that allow community members, including those who speak languages other than English, to provide project input in five minutes or less and in their own language.
- Organize and host a variety of engagement opportunities to solicit input from Lake City community members, including one-on-one interviews, focus groups, tabling sessions, door-to-door business outreach, an online survey, and a public meeting/event. Collectively, these engagement efforts should draw the participation of several hundred community members.
- Build relationships between community members and City departments that extend beyond the completion of the needs assessment.
- Raise awareness and excitement for the new Lake City Community Center.
- Provide SPR, OH, and the prequalified development teams with expanded information and context to inform future decision-making about the design and programming of the new LCCC.

Engagement Strategies

Over several months, BvP and SPR, with support from the Department of Neighborhoods (DON), implemented a broad range of in-person and digital public involvement approaches to engage Lake City community organizations, human service providers, business owners, and residents in the needs assessment for the new LCCC. Details about the content and reach of each engagement technique are provided below.

Project Advisory Team (PAT)

- Composition: 6 members representing diverse community organizations
- Meeting dates: May 7, May 21, June 25, and August 13, 2024
- Role: Guide the development of the new LCCC and provide input on the needs assessment process

Interviews and Focused Conversations

- Participants: Approximately 30 individuals
- Timeline: April - September 2024
- Organizations represented: Local nonprofits, City departments, schools, and community groups

Community Surveys

- SPR-led Survey to gather initial public feedback
 - Timeline: March 27 - May 15, 2024
 - Total responses: 240

- Languages: English (237), Chinese (Simplified) (3)
- BVP-led Survey with outreach support from Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaisons to gather detailed public feedback
 - Timeline: June 10 - August 9, 2024
 - Total responses: 430
 - Languages: English (320), Spanish (45), Traditional Chinese (39), Vietnamese (26)

Community Events, Tabling, and Door-to-Door Outreach

- Events attended: 9 (including farmers markets, cultural events, and an ice cream social)
- Timeline: May - August 2024
- Estimated total engagement: Over 500 community members
- Activities: Tabling, visioning exercises, dot voting, in-person conversations



Tabling at the Lake City Farmers Market, June 2024

Ice Cream Social, July 2024



Direct Mailing

- Project and event notices were mailed to residences within 0.35 miles of the LCCC site and reached 3,897 community addresses.
- Purpose: Promote the community survey and ice cream social event

DON-led Outreach

As part of a broader partnership between DON and SPR, DON supported this needs assessment process in the following ways:

- Providing guidance on equitable and inclusive community engagement strategies.
- Amplifying outreach for the Ice Cream Social
- Partnering with Community Liaisons (CLs) for targeted culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach to those who speak languages other than English as well as people with disabilities. Languages represented included Amharic, Chinese (Traditional), English, Oromo, Spanish, Tigrinya, and Vietnamese.
- Supporting the project team with community partnership building.

DON also hosted and facilitated events in Lake City, in addition to supporting SPR efforts, which included direct outreach and engagement on the LCCC needs assessment effort. DON and CL led engagement can be found in Appendix B of this report. Below are some of the activities that DON supported or led:

- Proofreading the translated survey
- In-language outreach for the Ice Cream Social, including following up outreach
- Attending existing community events with Sound Generations
- Hosting an in-language Focus Group with Akin
- Door-to-door in-language outreach to BIPOC and immigrant businesses
- Utilizing DON resources by collaborating with DON Community Engagement Coordinators to amplify outreach efforts with both established and non-established community groups
- Timeline: July-September 2024
- Estimated total engagement: 390 community members

Demographics of Participants

Demographics varied across engagement methods. Key highlights include:

- Total points of engagement (not including SPR mailing): 1,300+
- Survey respondents: Diverse age ranges, with slight overrepresentation of residents 65 and older in the BvP survey and some oversampling of non-White respondents in the SPR survey
- Geographic distribution: Approximately 80% of survey respondents from the Lake City area zip code 98125
- Language: Engagement conducted in 8+ languages

This multi-faceted engagement approach allowed BvP to reach a broad cross-section of the Lake City community, ensuring diverse perspectives were captured in the needs assessment process.

SECTION 5

Findings + Key Themes

Through this needs assessment effort, seven key themes emerged that should inform both the design process and next phase of community engagement for the LCCC:

1. **Diverse, Multigenerational Programming:** Lake City residents envision a community center that serves all age groups, from early childhood programs to senior activities. This aligns with the public health goals of promoting lifelong wellness and intergenerational connections.
2. **Focus on Physical Health:** Strong demand for fitness and sports activities underscores the community's recognition of physical activity as a key determinant of health. The desire for both indoor and outdoor recreation spaces reflects a need for year-round access to health-promoting activities.
3. **Mental Health + Social Wellbeing:** The emphasis on arts, cultural activities, and educational programs highlights the community's holistic view of health, recognizing the importance of mental stimulation, creative expression, and social connections in overall wellbeing.
4. **Addressing Health Equity:** Requests for low-cost, accessible programming and support services (including language classes, mental health resources, and healthy meal programs) demonstrate an awareness of health disparities within the community and a desire for the LCCC to play a role in addressing these inequities.
5. **Community Gathering, Connection, and Resilience:** The desire for community gathering spaces, kitchen facilities, and event areas suggests a recognition of the LCCC's potential role in building social capital and community resilience—critical factors in public health emergencies and long-term community wellbeing.
6. **Safety + Security:** Comments on public safety and personal security emphasize local support for a safe and accessible space where community members of all ages can gather to participate in healthy, engaging activities without risk of harm.
7. **Cultural Competence:** The call for culturally specific programming and multilingual services reflects the diversity of Lake City and the need for health promotion efforts that are culturally relevant and accessible to all community members.
8. **Integration of Services:** Feedback suggesting support services for vulnerable populations (e.g., food and meal programs, emergency hub resources during extreme weather events) indicates an understanding of the interconnected nature of health and social services, and the potential for the LCCC to serve as a centralized hub for community resources.

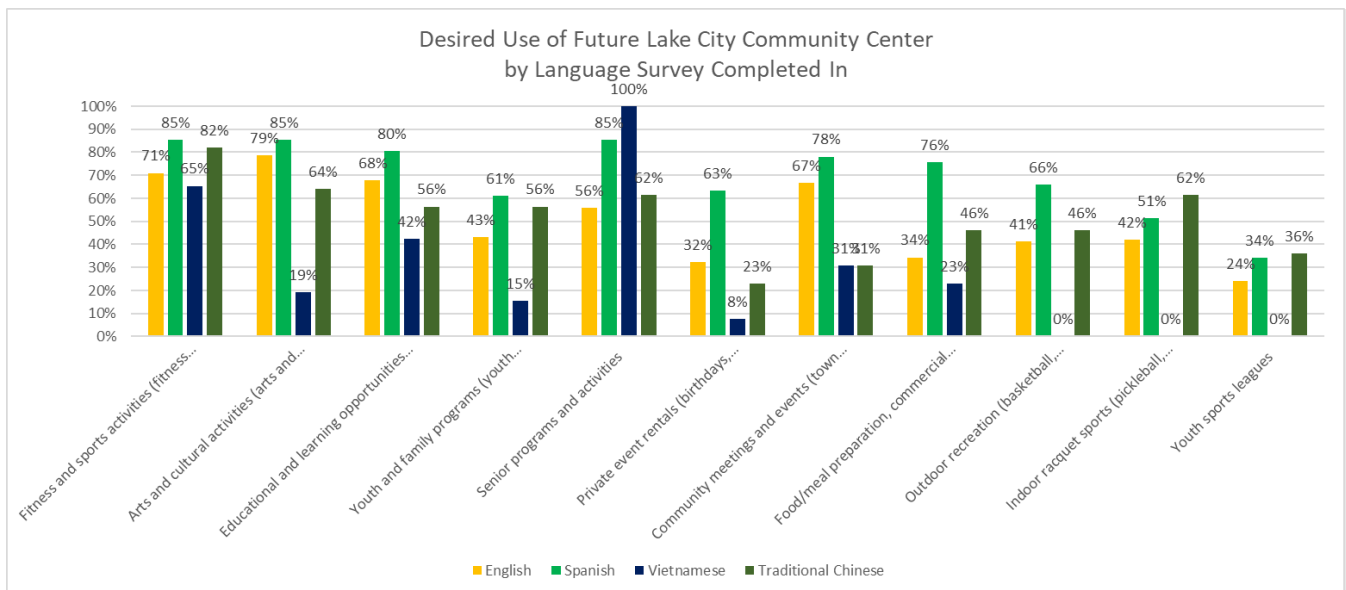
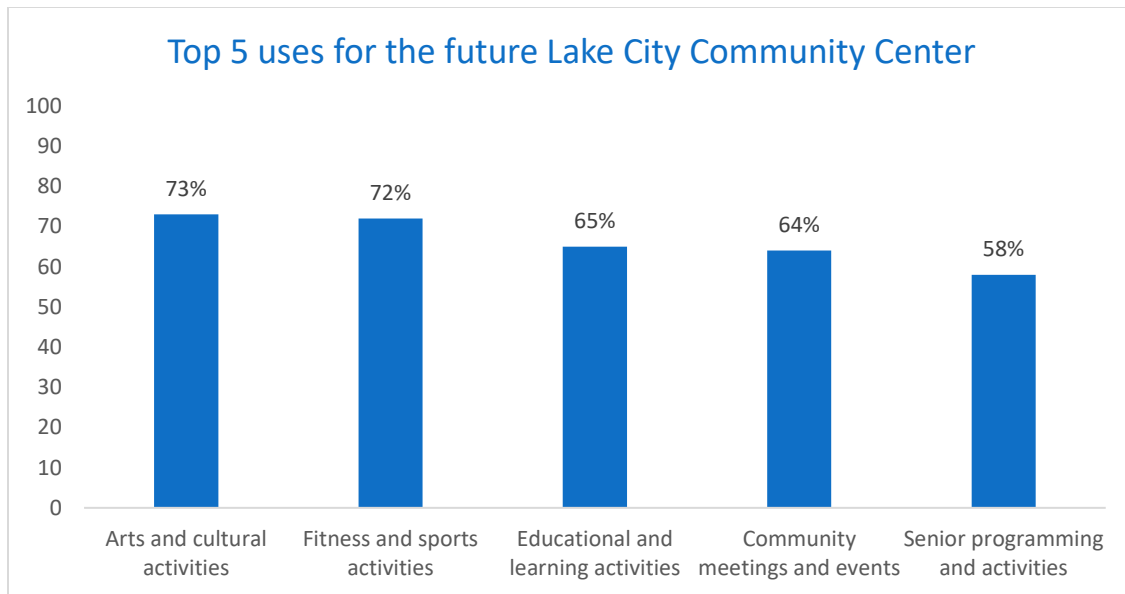
Findings by Engagement Method

A multi-faceted approach to community engagement allowed BvP to capture a wide range of perspectives and preferences from Lake City residents. Each method of engagement provided unique insights, contributing to a holistic understanding of the community's needs and aspirations for the new LCCC. The following sections detail the specific findings from each engagement strategy, highlighting both the commonalities and the distinct perspectives that emerged through different forms of outreach. Additional detailed findings are available in Appendix A.

Survey Results

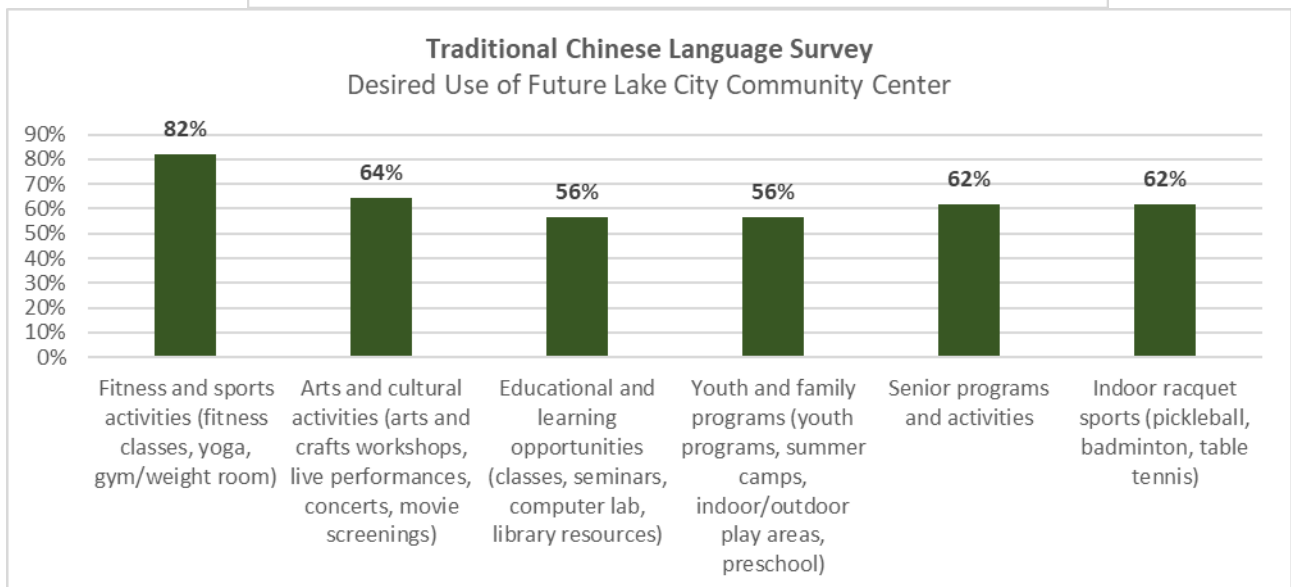
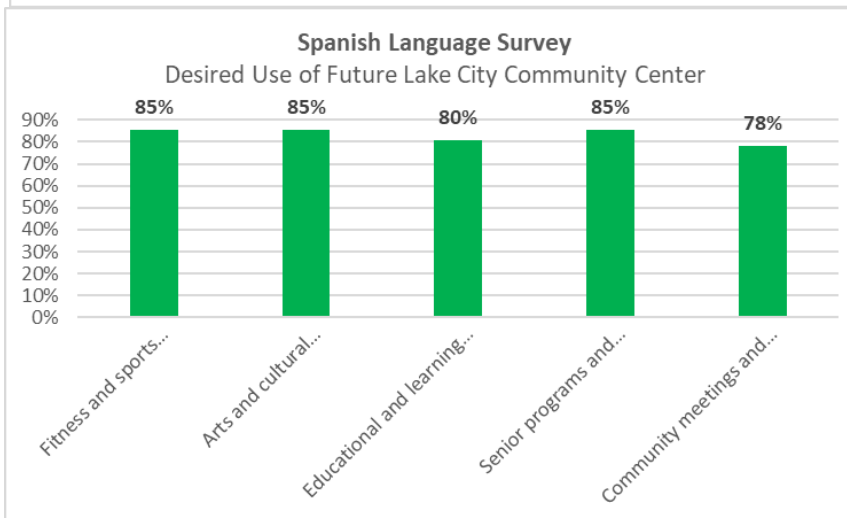
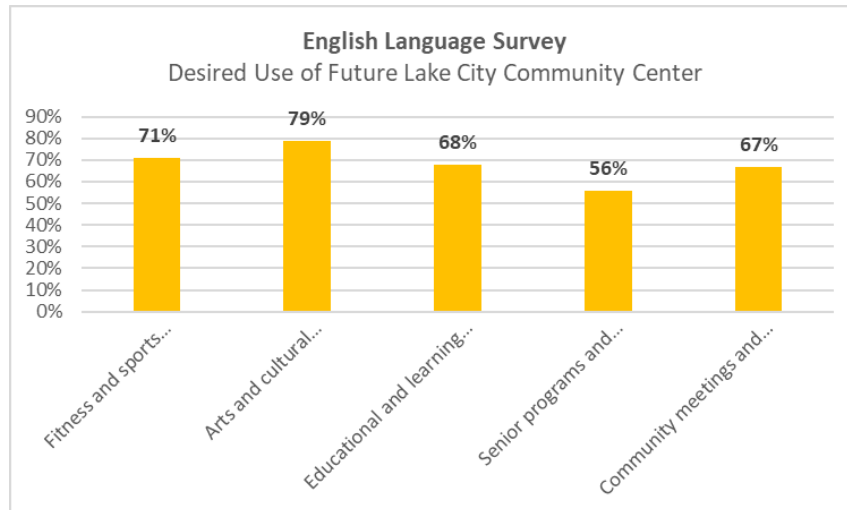
Across all survey respondents, the top 5 use requests for the future Lake City Community Center were:

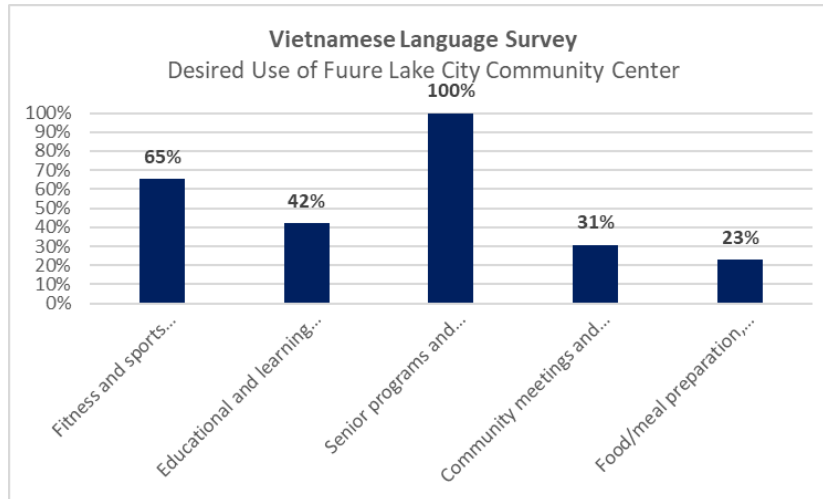
1. Arts and cultural activities (73% of respondents)
2. Fitness and sports activities (72% of respondents)
3. Educational and learning activities (65% of respondents)
4. Community meetings and events (64% of respondents)
5. Senior programming and activities (58% of respondents)



Notable variations by language group:

- **Spanish** respondents showed higher interest in all use options, particularly fitness and sports activities, arts and culture, senior programs (85%) and educational opportunities (80%).
- **Traditional Chinese** respondents expressed strong interest in fitness and sports (82%), arts and cultural activities (64%), in addition to youth sports leagues (62%) .
- **Vietnamese** respondents strongly prioritized senior programs and activities (100%), in addition to fitness and sports (65%).





Community Events and Tabling

Key priorities identified through interactive exercises at community events included:

- Senior programs and activities.
- Food and meal preparation facilities/commercial kitchen.
- Fitness and sports activities.
- Arts and cultural programming.
- Community meeting and event space.

Interviews and Focused Conversations

Recurring themes from interviews and focused conversations included:

- Need for flexible, multi-use spaces.
- Importance of a commercial kitchen or food preparation space.
- Desire for specific programming for seniors, teens, young families, and the unhoused.
- Interest in emergency hub services during extreme weather events.
- Emphasis on public safety and building upon the site's location within Lake City's civic core.

Door-to-Door Business Outreach

The primary request that emerged from business outreach was for the new LCCC to provide support/daytime services for the local homeless population.

Implications for LCCC Design and Programming

These findings paint a picture of a community that understands the multifaceted nature of public health and sees the potential for the LCCC to address these needs comprehensively. The consistent themes across various engagement methods suggest a strong community consensus on the desired direction for the new facility.

Key considerations for LCCC design and future programming based on these findings include:

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SECTION 6

Conclusion: Cultivating Well-Being through a Vital Community Hub

This needs assessment process revealed a clear vision for the LCCC that goes beyond traditional recreation, positioning the new facility as a cornerstone of public health and neighborhood resilience. In particular, the engagement process highlighted the community's desire for a multifaceted facility that addresses diverse needs, promotes equity, and fosters community connections.

As the project moves forward, it will be crucial for SPR to:

- Prioritize design elements that support flexible, multi-use spaces capable of accommodating the diverse programming needs identified by the community.
- Develop partnerships with local health providers, social service organizations, and cultural groups to create a robust network of support centered around the LCCC.
- Implement a sliding scale fee structure and targeted outreach to ensure equitable access to LCCC programs and services.
- Create an operational structure that allows for ongoing community input to ensure the LCCC remains responsive to evolving health needs.

By embracing these recommendations and the community priorities identified through this needs assessment, the new LCCC has the potential to become a model for how urban community centers can serve as catalysts for improved population health, increased health equity, and enhanced community resilience.

As Lake City looks to the future, the LCCC stands poised to play a pivotal role in shaping a healthier, more connected, and more vibrant neighborhood for all residents. The success of this project will depend on continued engagement with the community, adaptive management in response to evolving needs, and a commitment to the principles of equity and inclusion that have guided this process from the start.

Next Steps:

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APPENDIX A

Detailed Engagement Findings

This appendix provides a comprehensive overview of the engagement strategies employed and the detailed findings from each method. The diverse approaches ensured broad community participation and captured a wide range of perspectives on the future of the Lake City Community Center (LCCC).

1. Project Advisory Team (PAT)

The Project Advisory Team played a crucial role in guiding the needs assessment process. This group of community leaders provided valuable insights and helped shape engagement strategies.

LCCC PAT Members

Name	Professional Affiliation
Darcy Buendia	Hunger Intervention Program
Vedrana Durakovic	Sound Generations
Susan Lee	Refugee Women's Alliance
Sanjay Mishra	Seattle Public Schools
Mark von Walter	Architect + community volunteer
Yerusalem Kamara	PAT youth representative + student

Meetings between the PAT, SPR, and BvP occurred on May 7, May 21, June 25, and August 13. Key points of collaboration with the PAT included defining the study area, establishing the engagement framework, and identifying individuals and organizations to involve in interviews and focused conversations.

2. Interviews and Focused Conversations

In-depth interviews and focused conversations with approximately 30 community members provided rich, qualitative data about the community's needs and aspirations for the LCCC. Represented organizations included:

- Akin / North Seattle Family Resource Center
- Familias Adelante
- Hunger Intervention Program
- Lake City Community Center / Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Lake City Neighborhood Association
- Lake City Partners
- Literacy Source
- North Helpline
- Refugee Women's Alliance
- Salvation Army
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- Seattle Office of Housing
- Seattle Public Schools
- Sound Generations

Key themes that emerged from these discussions included:

- Need for flexible, multi-use spaces.
- Importance of a commercial kitchen or food preparation space.
- Desire for programming tailored to various age groups and populations.
- Interest in emergency services during extreme weather events.
- Emphasis on integrating the LCCC within Lake City's civic core and articulating how the community center can serve as the cornerstone of a broader vision for Lake City.
- Interest in incorporating the Bank of America building into plans for a broader civic plaza.

3. Community Surveys

Two comprehensive surveys were conducted to gather quantitative data on community preferences. The first survey helped us gather Initial public feedback and the second survey helped us build upon those Initial feedback and helped us tailor the questions to Inform more detailed feedback on the community center needs.

a) SPR-led Survey (March 27-May 15, 2024)

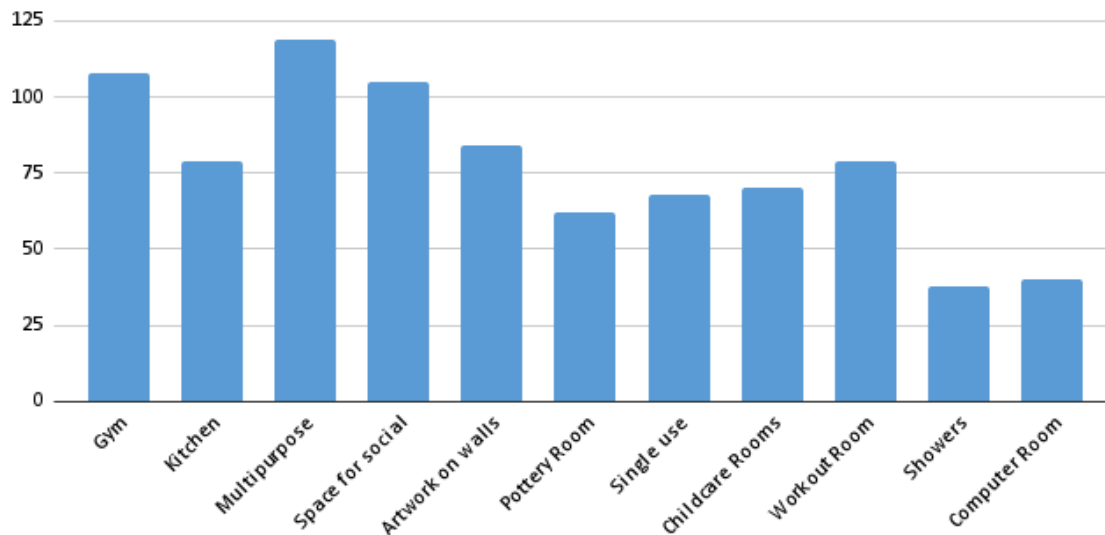
SPR-led Survey: Intake and Demographic Results	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Responses: 240<ul style="list-style-type: none">o English: 237o Chinese (Simplified): 3- Resident of greater Lake City (zip code 98125): 167 / 80%- Demographic highlights<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Age:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Received responses in all age brackets- Underrepresentation of residents 65 and older- Overrepresentation of residents 18 and youngero Race:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 42% white (-21% neighborhood average)- 27% mixed race (+19% neighborhood average)- 21% Asian (+7% neighborhood average)- 7.5% Hispanic/Latinx (equal to neighborhood average)- 2% African American/Black (-6% neighborhood average)	

A total of 240 survey responses were received, predominantly in English (n = 237) with a small number in Simplified Chinese (n = 3).

Top 5 Space and Design Requests for the Future LCCC

- Multipurpose room (51% of respondents)
- Gym (45% of respondents)
- Space for social interaction (44% of respondents)
- Artwork on walls (35% of respondents)
- Workout room (33% of respondents)

Count of When you think of Lake City Community Center, what amenities do you envision? (You may choose more than one)

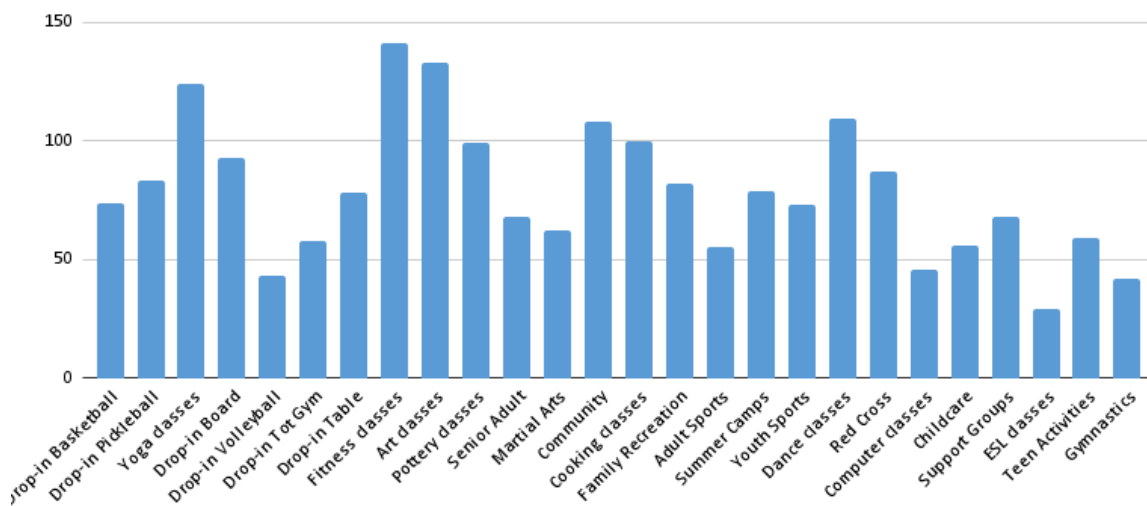


Count of When you think of Lake City Community Center, what amenities do you envision? (You may choose

Top 5 Programming Requests for the Future LCCC

- Art classes (14% of respondents)
- Fitness classes (14% of respondents)
- Dance classes (13% of respondents)
- Yoga classes (13% of respondents)
- Community meetings (11% of respondents)

Count of Which activities would you and your family attend at Lake City Community Center? (You may choose more than one)



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Overall Trends and Recommendations from Survey 1

- **Strong preference for active spaces:** The high demand for a gym and workout room suggests a community interest in fitness and physical activities.
- **Emphasis on social spaces:** The desire for social interaction spaces indicates the community values the LCCC as a gathering place.
- **Cultural representation:** The request for artwork on walls may reflect a desire for cultural representation and a welcoming atmosphere.
- **Diverse programming interests:** The top programming requests span various activities, suggesting a need for versatile spaces and diverse offerings.
- **Demographic reach:** The survey successfully engaged a racially diverse group of respondents, particularly younger residents.

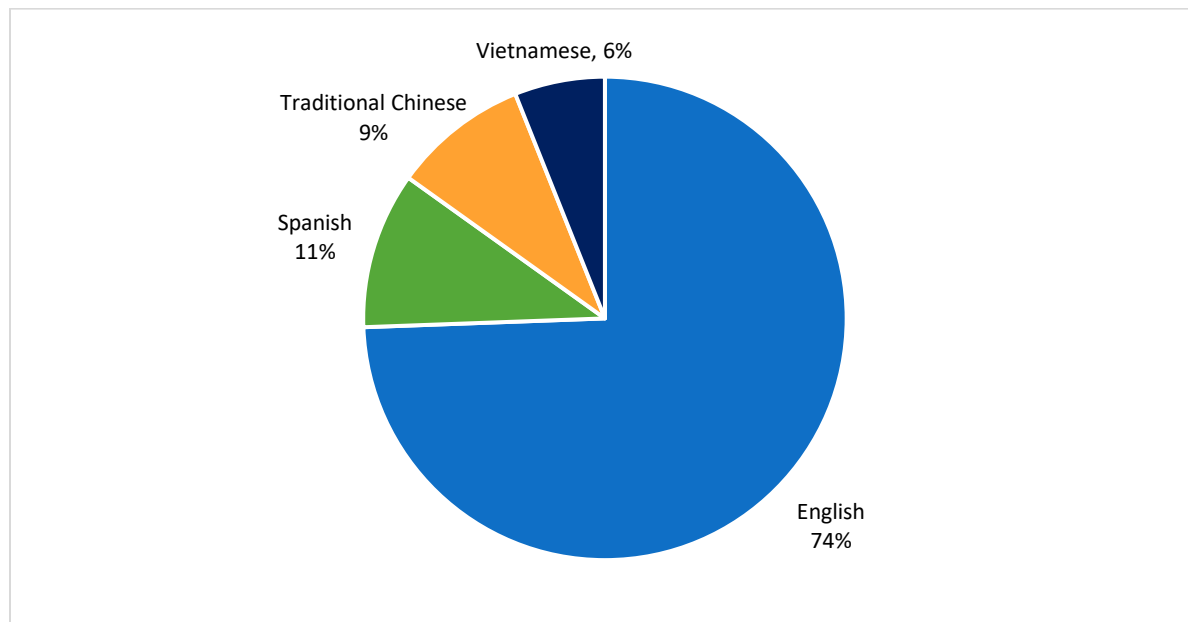
b) BvP-led Survey, supported by DON Community Liaisons for In-language responses
(June 10-August 9, 2024)

BvP-led Survey: Intake and Demographic Results

- Responses: 430
 - o English: 320
 - o Spanish: 45
 - o Traditional Chinese: 39
 - o Vietnamese: 26
- Resident of greater Lake City (zip code 98125): 167 / 80%
- Demographic highlights
 - o Age:
 - Received responses in all age brackets
 - Overrepresentation of residents 65 and older

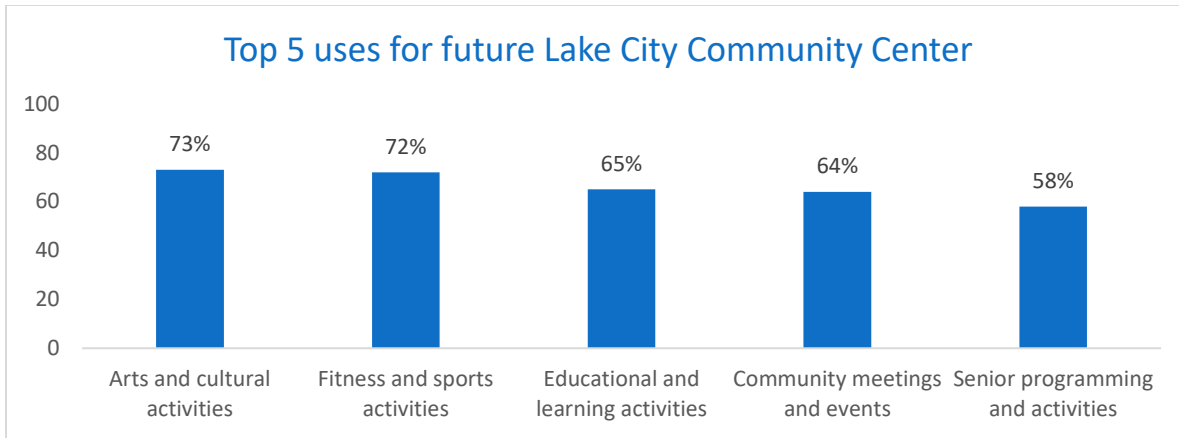
- Underrepresentation of residents 24 and younger
- Race:
 - 76% white (+13% neighborhood average)
 - 10% Hispanic/Latinx (+2% neighborhood average)
 - 7% Asian (-7% neighborhood average)
 - 5% African American/Black (-3% neighborhood average)
 - 2% American Indian/Alaskan (+1% neighborhood average)
 - 0.5% Pacific Islander (equal to neighborhood average)
- Disability
 - 27% of residents live in a household with someone who has a disability

A total of 430 survey responses in several languages, include English (n = 320), Spanish (n = 45), Traditional Chinese (n= 39), and Vietnamese (n = 26).



Across all survey respondents, the top 5 uses for the future Lake City Community Center were (note: respondents could select multiple options):

1. Arts and cultural activities (73% of respondents)
2. Fitness and sports activities (72% of respondents)
3. Educational and learning activities (65% of respondents)
4. Community meetings and events (64% of respondents)
5. Senior programming and activities (58% of respondents)



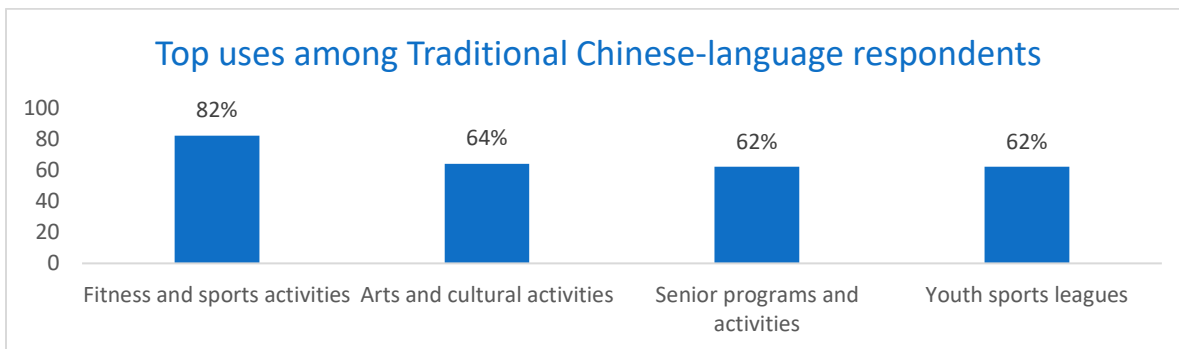
Spanish language respondents were much more likely to say they would use the community center for all use options compared to English language respondents. Spanish language respondents' top uses include:

- **Fitness and sports activities** (85% compared to 71% among English language respondents).
- **Arts and cultural activities** (85% compared to 79% among English language respondents).
- **Educational and learning opportunities** (80% compared to 68% among English language respondents).



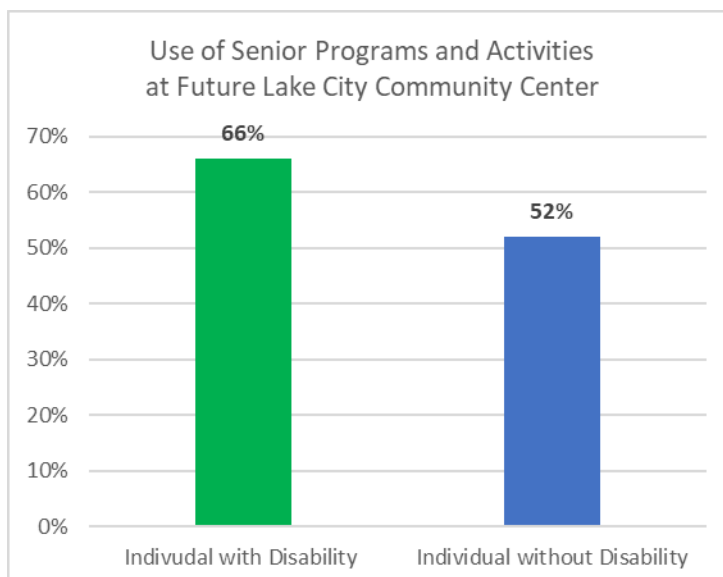
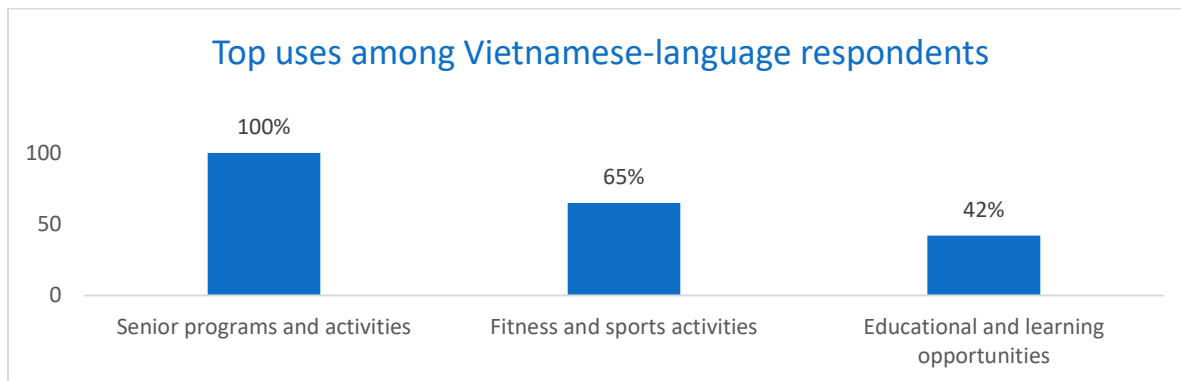
Traditional Chinese language respondents were more likely to say they would use some of the options compared to English language respondents. Traditional Chinese language respondents' top uses include:

- **Fitness and sports activities** (82% compared to 71% among English language respondents).
- **Arts and cultural activities** (64% compared to 79% among English language respondents).
- **Senior programs and activities** (62% compared to 56% among English language respondents), tied with youth sports leagues (62% compared to 24% among English language respondents).

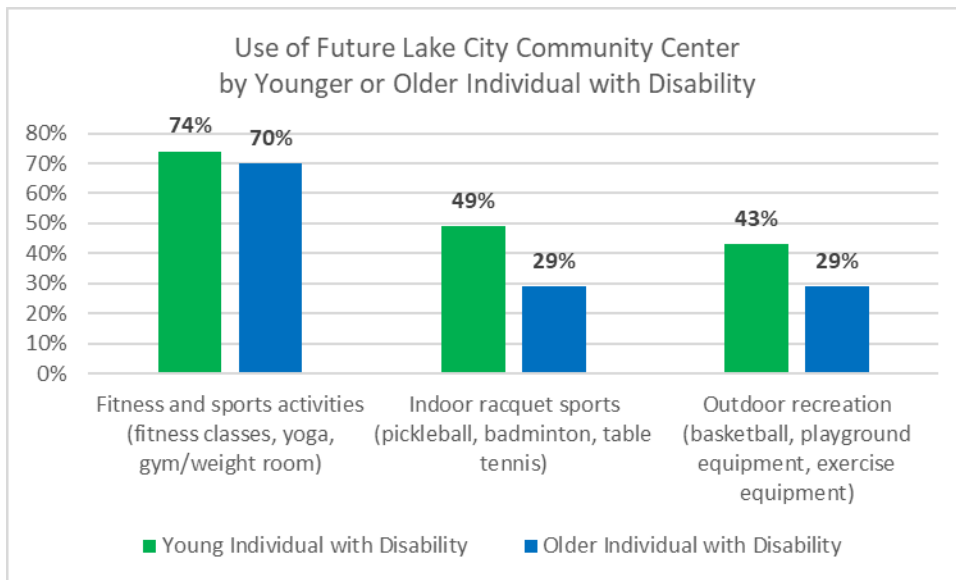


Vietnamese language respondents were less likely to say they would use the community center for most use types compared to English language respondents. Vietnamese language respondents' top uses include:

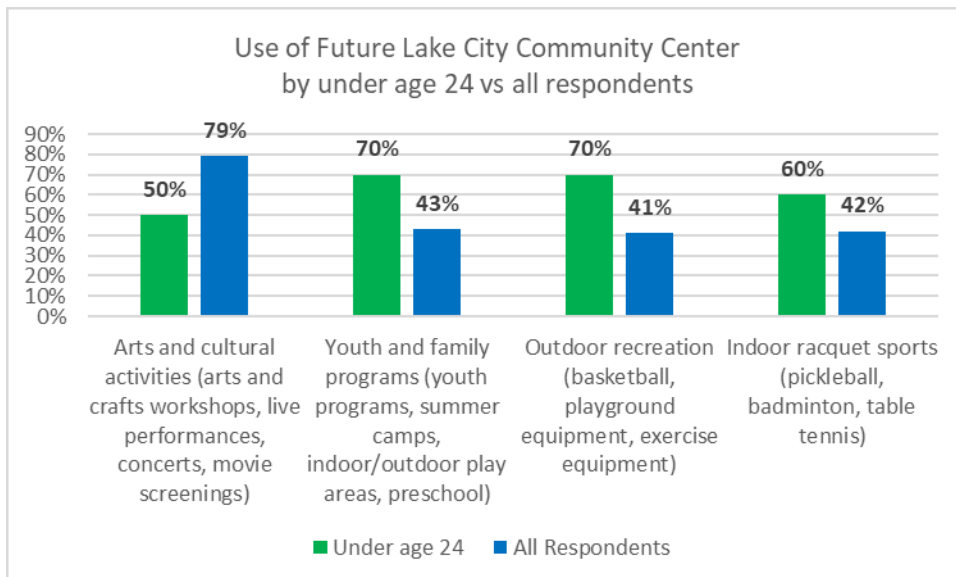
- **Senior programs and activities** (100% compared to 56% among English language respondents).
- **Fitness and sports activities** (65% compared to 71% among English language respondents).
- **Educational and learning opportunities** (42% compared to among English language respondents).



Most survey respondents who reported having a disability in their home (58%) were 55 years of age or older. This cohort of older individuals with disabilities in their home were much more likely to say they would use the community center for senior programs and activities (66% compared to 52% of respondents without disabilities).



While younger people with disabilities in their home made up a smaller proportion of respondents, they were more likely to use the community center for fitness and sports activities (74% compared with 70% among older respondents with disabilities), indoor racquet sports (49% compared with 29% among older respondents with disabilities), and outdoor recreation (43% compared with 29% among older respondents with disabilities). This suggests that younger people with disabilities would use the community center as a safe space for physical activities. All Spanish-language people with disabilities in their household (100%) said they would use the community center for fitness and sports activities, outdoor recreation, and indoor racquet sports.



Respondents aged 24 and under were much less likely to use the facility for arts and cultural activities (50% compared to 79% of all respondents) and much more likely to use the facility for youth and family programs (70% compared to 43% of all respondents), outdoor recreation (70% compared to 41% of all respondents), and indoor racquet sports (60% compared to 42% of all respondents). This suggests that young respondents appreciate programming tailored to their demographic cohort, and that they are more likely to play pick-up games/sports than more organized sporting activities.

Overall Trends and Recommendations from Survey 2

- Accessibility is crucial across all age groups and activities.
- Multi-generational programming should be balanced with age-specific offerings.
- Active, physical programs are popular across demographics, suggesting a need for various fitness spaces.
- Cultural and linguistic competence in programming is important, especially for disability-related services.
- Partnerships with other local organizations could support the provision of specialized programs for different age and ability groups.

While there weren't one-to-one comparisons for questions across the two surveys, results of the SPR-led survey were generally consistent with the BvP-led survey, particularly in the areas of fitness activities, arts and cultural programming, and the desire for community gathering spaces.

4. Community Events, Tabling, and Door-to-Door Outreach

These engagement methods allowed for direct interaction with community members in various settings, providing both quantitative and qualitative data.

In-Person Engagement Events

Event	Date	Engagement Activities	# Engaged
Community Resource Fair at Akin	May 10	- Attendee only; networking event	~12
World Dance Party at Akin	May 18	- Tabling / in-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection	~10
Lake City Farmers Market	June 13	- Tabling / in-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection - Tabletop visioning exercise: "What would you like the new LCCC to include?"	100-130
Lake City Business District Outreach – door-to-door	June 18	- In-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection - Hanging 20 event posters in Lake City	10
Lake City Farmers Market	June 20	- Tabling / in-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection - Tabletop visioning exercise: "What would you like the new LCCC to include?"	60
Arabic Story Time at Lake City Library	June 22	- Tabling / in-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection	15
Lake City Farmers Market	June 27	- Tabling / in-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection - Tabletop visioning exercise: "What would you like the new LCCC to include?"	40

Event	Date	Engagement Activities	# Engaged
Familias Adelante Group Meeting at Akin	July 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interviews/focused conversations - Survey distribution and collection - On-site translators (Spanish) 	21
LCCC Ice Cream Social	July 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tabling / in-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection - Dot exercise - On-site translators (DON-contracted Community Liaisons; multiple languages) - Free ice cream and arts/crafts for children 	~100
Lake City Summer Festival	August 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tabling / in-person conversation - Survey distribution and collection 	70
DON-led Outreach Efforts	June-September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proofreading the translated survey - In-language outreach for the Ice Cream Social, including following up outreach - Attending existing community events - Hosting an in-language Focus Group - Door-to-door in-language outreach BIPOC and immigrant businesses 	289

Highlight: Lake City Farmers Market Visioning Exercise

While tabling at the Lake City Farmers Market on June 13, 20, and 27, BvP staff set up an interactive visioning exercise. A large piece of butcher paper with the question “What would you like the new LCCC to include?” written at the top was placed in the front of the booth. Visitors were given markers and encouraged to write down their ideas for the new LCCC on the butcher paper. After the events, BvP collected the sheets of butcher paper from the visioning exercise and tabulated the results for further analysis.

The responses from the visioning activity are visually represented in the following word cloud, where the size of each word reflects the frequency of its appearance on the visioning butcher paper. BvP estimates 200 people participated in the visioning activity across all three Lake City Farmers Market tabling sessions.

5. Door-to-Door Business Outreach

Direct engagement with local businesses revealed specific concerns and needs of the business community, particularly regarding services for the local homeless population. Map 1 presents an overview of door-to-door outreach locations and tabling events.

Map 1. Outreach Locations



6. Equitable, Targeted Community and Cultural Events

Between April and August 2024, BvP attended multiple, targeted community and cultural events in Lake City. These gatherings ranged from resource fairs to children's story times to an in-language event for Spanish-speaking families to continue to go where community gathers in order to reach historically underserved communities. Conversations in these community spaces brought forth a variety of design and programming recommendations for the new LCCC were:

- Need for culturally specific programming and events.
- Desire for low-cost, accessible activities for all age groups.
- Interest in support services for adults and families.

Additional details about DON's outreach efforts are available in Appendix B of this report.

Finally, through this needs assessment process, BvP received some comments about participation fatigue and the extended nature of community conversations on the future of the LCCC, which started before the 2023 fire. This suggests moving the project forward to the construction phase will be welcomed by many Lake City community members.

APPENDIX B

Department of Neighborhoods Outreach Report

Promoting Racially Equitable Outreach for the Future Lake City Community Center

Background

In June 2024, the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) was invited to partner with Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) and Broadview Planning (BVP) to support equitable outreach efforts for the planned rebuild of the Lake City Community Center (LCCC).

To prioritize equity, DON brought an Equity and Engagement Advisor to ensure equity remained central during the planning phase. The Equity and Engagement Advisor collaborated with BVP and SPR to identify and address barriers to participation, especially for historically underserved and non-English speaking community members.

A key best practice in this effort involves partnering with DON Community Liaisons (CLs) who are independent contractors that act as a neutral bridge between people and city government, ensuring underrepresented groups have access to City information, resources, and decision-making power. CLs are embedded community leaders representing historically underserved communities, including communities of color, immigrant and refugee populations, people living with disabilities, and seniors.

Strategies for Equitable Engagement

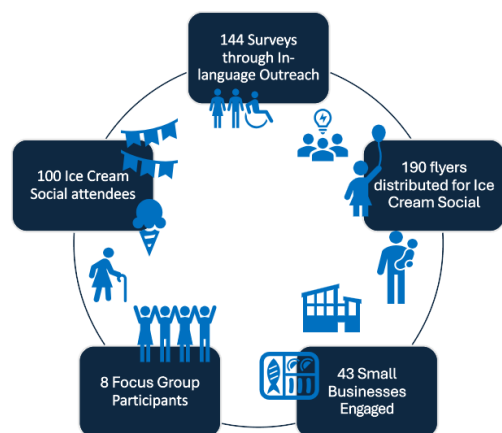
The core strategies to advance equitable engagement for this project included:

Targeted outreach with Community Liaisons through the following activities:

- Proofreading the translated survey
- Conducting in-language outreach for the Ice Cream Social, including following up outreach efforts
- Attending existing community events
- Hosting an in-language focus group
- Carrying out in language, door-to-door outreach to small businesses
- Utilizing DON resources by collaborating with DON Community Engagement Coordinators to amplify outreach efforts with both established and non-established community groups

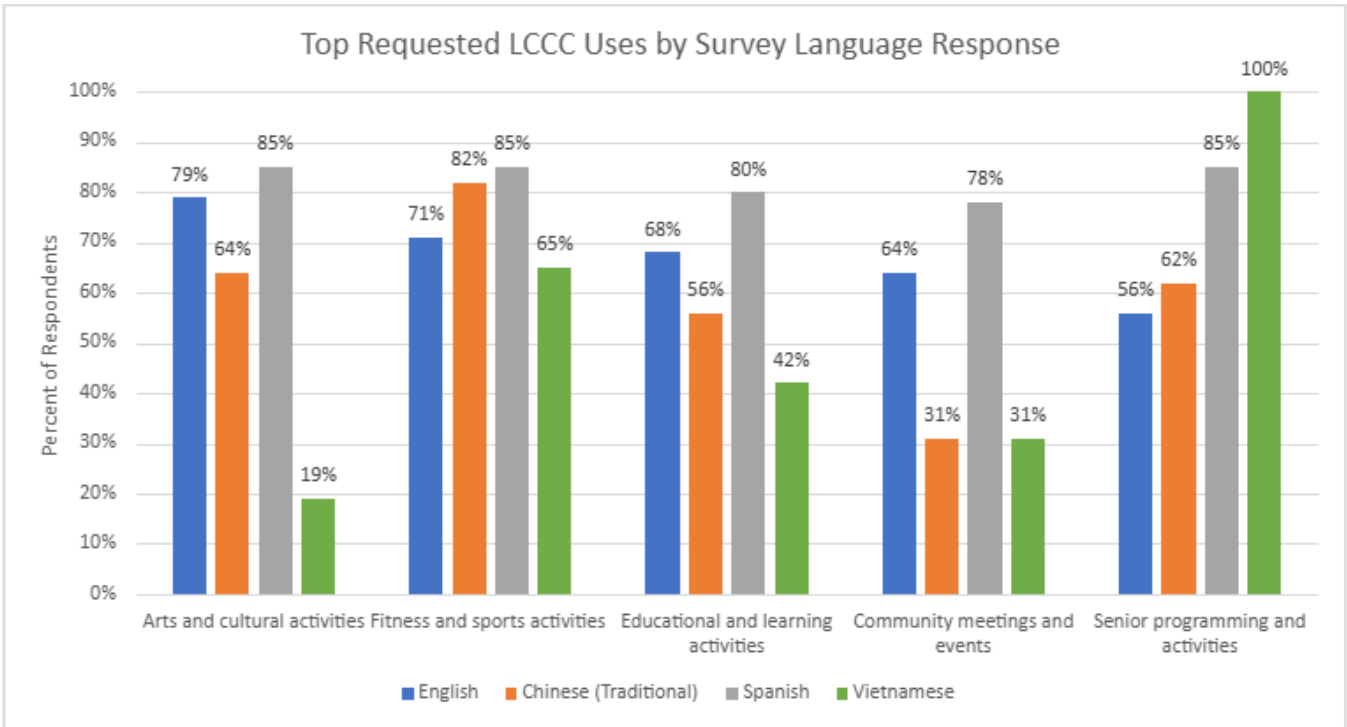
Through these strategies, DON was able to reach communities that had been overlooked in previous outreach efforts and are historically underrepresented to ensure their feedback was incorporated into the Lake City Community Center planning.

Outreach Themes



Through the outreach strategies and the non-English survey responses collected by CLs described in the Needs Assessment, the following themes should be considered by the project team:

When comparing responses about how community would use the future center, differences were noted based on the language of the survey submitted. *Note: Participants who provided feedback in Oromo, Tigrinya, and Amharic did so through a focus group.*



In addition to the preferences for how the community center would be used, the following additional themes were heard through the targeted, in-language CL outreach with East African, Chinese, and Spanish-speaking community members:

1. Maintain Previous Services Offered
 - a. East African participants would like the following programming to continue in the new center:
 - i. Programs for children and youth- afterschool programming, tutoring and homework help, youth activities, and story time.
 - ii. Adult Services- job search assistance, community events, classes for learning English, computer training, cooking.
 - iii. Family Support Services- community services, language support, public health programs (e.g. WIC), and childcare services.
2. Desire for a Dedicated Senior Community Center:
 - a. Seniors expressed a strong desire for their own Senior Community Center. They noted that while Ballard and Shoreline have dedicated centers, the Lake City Community Center, which serves a broader audience, can become overcrowded and noisy.
 - b. Seniors also emphasized the need for a designated space for social activities.
3. Design Preferences for New Space:
 - a. Seniors suggested, if having their own center is not possible, they would like the new space to be designed with its own entrance to create a sense of calm and relaxation upon arrival.
 - b. Young people with disabilities and Spanish speaking respondents shared they would like fitness and recreation activities- for both indoor and outdoor activities.
4. Additional Features Desired:
 - a. Seniors would like the Community Center to include a garden for learning to garden and grow vegetables. They also suggested the center provide transportation for field trips to places like the beach or parks and offer English and fitness classes.
 - i. The seniors would like an exercise and fitness room.
 - ii. The desire for senior activities and programs was also expressed by seniors with disabilities.
 - b. East African community members would like to see more programs for:
 - i. Children and Youth- after hour programs for kids, summer camp, STEM program, skateboarding, playgrounds.
 - ii. Adults- job search assistance and readiness training, handcraft activities, yoga, separate bathroom and gym for men and women, sports-basketball.
 - iii. Rentable Space- Space for social activities including a full kitchen and banquet hall that can be rented for events.
5. Facility Cleanliness and Safety Concerns:
 - a. All community Members emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness outside the Community Center. Concerns were raised about homeless individuals frequenting the previous Community Center, leading to feelings of insecurity and instances where individuals used the bathroom for personal hygiene. Community members also raised concerns about being exposed to drug, alcohol, and tobacco use while using the future facility.

For a more detailed information about the DON supported and led outreach, please see the table at the end of this report.

DON Supported Outreach

To achieve the results described above, DON led and supported several targeted outreach activities, leveraging CLs for their trusted neighborhood relationships and in-language outreach skills. The following outreach events and strategies were employed:

1. Ice Cream Social and Follow Up Outreach

One of the signature events for the LCCC outreach was an Ice Cream Social on 7/12. DON's Equity and Engagement Advisor with CLs immediately began promoting the event through a series of online and in-person activities that included:

- Sharing information with DON Community Engagement Coordinators
- Posting on social media
- Direct outreach to community members in northeast Seattle for small group & one-on-one conversations
- Direct outreach at Farmers Market/ Asian Food markets
- Direct outreach at Meadowbrook Community Center, Library, Post Office (standing outside talking with people)
- Direct outreach to Cedar Park Apartment (talking with seniors)
- Private community parties with ACRS- Asian Counseling Resource Services
- Direct outreach to Lake City Collective, Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWA), Lake City Early Learning Center and Refugee Artisan Initiative

The event attracted 100 attendees and was supported with interpretation by the CLs, who invited community to attend.

After the event, CLs followed up with community members they had invited but who were unable to attend, a vital step to reducing barriers for participation in the planning process, especially for non-English speaking community. Each CL was given 25- \$10 Fred Meyer gift cards as incentive for community members to complete the survey to honor their time. This in-language outreach through trusted messengers resulted in 144 surveys collected in 4 languages- English, Traditional Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. During this outreach, CLs also engaged with Sound Generations Latino and Chinese Lake City Seniors group, who had been displaced when the Community Center caught fire.

2. Expanding Engagement to Address Representation Gaps Through Small Business Outreach, and Focus Groups- After the Ice Cream Social and subsequent outreach, DON Equity and Engagement Advisor and the LCCC project team reviewed initial survey results and identified gaps in outreach that included missing voices from:

- Ukrainian, Oromo, Tigrinya, and Amharic-speaking communities
- BIPOC and immigrant area businesses

The DON Equity and Engagement Advisor, in collaboration with Community Liaisons, worked to address these gaps through additional in-person, in-language outreach. This included direct outreach to businesses and focus groups conducted in partnership with Akin. However, due to low turnout, the targeted outreach to Ukrainian community members was not realized.

Summary of Outreach Activities and Results:

Activity	Strategy	Result
Ice Cream Social and Follow Up Outreach	DON’s Equity and Engagement Advisor and CLs attended existing community events, going to where community already gathers for in-language outreach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice Cream Social Results In Partnership with DON CLs and DON Equity and Engagement Advisor Promotion and Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flyers Distributed: 190 ○ Event Attendees: 100 • Post Ice Cream Social - Survey Results Led by DON CLs and DON Equity and Engagement Advisor Total Surveys Collected: 144 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spanish: 33 ○ Chinese: 42

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 17 participants of Chinese background preferred completing the survey in English ○ Vietnamese: 25 ○ English (People with Disabilities): 27
Akin Focus Group	<p>CLs facilitated in-language focus groups with East African community members who spoke Tigrinya, Amharic, or Oromo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants received \$50 gift cards, along with zoo tickets, coffee, and snacks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DON CLs engaged with 8 community members in 3 languages
Small Business Outreach	<p>Using the translated survey, CLs speaking English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Vietnamese conducted door to door outreach with small businesses to ensure their feedback was included in community center planning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DON CLs engaged with 48 participants from 43 businesses

DON Recommended Next Steps:

Based on what DON heard during the planning phase of outreach, DON has developed the following recommendations as the project moves into design. DON looks forward to continuing its partnership with SPR and implementing the recommendations to ensure the future Lake City Community Center is planned, designed, and constructed centering on racially equitable engagement. These recommendations are:

- Deepen Relationships with Partners from the Planning Phase- Building on the data showing different preferences for using the future facility and additional themes from targeted in-language outreach, the project team should continue to build relationships with organizations that were involved in the planning phase. The following quotes highlight the significance of DON's efforts to strengthen relationships with community partners and emphasize the importance of in-language and culturally specific outreach.
 - Ann Fuller from Akin stated, *"The community often feels overlooked and doesn't feel they can give input. I am happy to see the City reach out to Akin and help on this and other future community collaborations."*
 - Kate Cornelius, Lake City Seniors Program Manager, expressed, *"The seniors will really appreciate that 'The City' is showing up and listening to their input on the new community center. Thank you for providing paper surveys in their languages—this will give them a sense of ownership in the process."*
- Loop Back with Community- DON recommends reconnecting with community partners and CLs from the planning phase to share what the City heard. This could include creating a simple, translated one-pager summarizing the community input and outlining how to engage during the design phase. This can be part of the public information release process during the design input outreach meeting.
- Increase Diversity and Representation of the Project Advisory Team (PAT)- Continue to increase diverse membership of the PAT by asking who is missing and who are not currently represented.
- Identify Gaps and Address Them through Building Partnerships in Outreach- Continue to analyze data to identify gaps in engagement and when possible, co-designing strategies with community to engage them.
- Utilize Best Practices with CLs and Community- Continue working with CLs on engagement, including co-designing strategies, materials, and messaging to ensure it is linguistically and culturally appropriate.

LCCC Outreach by DON with Themes
DON Community Liaisons Engaged in this Outreach:

- Linda Li (Chinese/Lake City Neighborhood)
- Anna Moya (Spanish)
- Mary Monroe (Lake City neighborhood/People with Disabilities)
- Anna Tran (Vietnamese)
- Neguse Naizghi (Tigrinya)
- Mergia Sonessa (Oromo)
- Dereje Negassa (Amharic & Oromo)
- Sahra Samatar (Somali)

Event	CLs & Languages	Date	# Engaged	Outreach Activities	Themes
CL Survey Proofreading	Anna Moya Linda Li Anna Tran Sahra Samatar Dereje Negassa			DON's CLs proofread the Lake City Community Center surveys ensuring interpretation was accurate, as the online survey was translated using google translate. The Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Somali and Amharic surveys were proofread for accuracy by Community Liaisons representing those communities with noted corrections and sent to the SPR team. Completed 7/2/2024.	n/a
CL Data Entry of Non-English Survey Responses	Anna Moya Anna Tran Linda Li			CLs conducted data entry of surveys in Spanish, Traditional Chinese and Vietnamese.	Surveys data was incorporated into the summary described in the Needs Assessment. Community Liaisons collected a total of 144 surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish 33 • Chinese (Traditional) 42 • Vietnamese 25 • English 17-11 were done by Chinese community members preferring the English survey version • People with Disabilities 27
Ice Cream Social Outreach	Linda Li Mary Monroe Anna Moya Anna Tran	6/28-7/12/2024	190 flyers were distributed in the neighborhood by CLs	Community Liaisons conducted outreach strategies to invite the community to the Ice Cream Social Event on 7/12. These strategies included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting on social media 	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct outreach to community members in northeast Seattle for small group & one-on-one conversations • Direct outreach at Farmers Market/ Asian Food markets • Direct outreach at Meadowbrook Community Center, Library, Post Office (standing outside talking with people) • Direct outreach to Cedar Park Apartment (talking with seniors) • Private community parties with ACRS-Asian Counseling Resource Services • Direct outreach to Lake City Collective, Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA), Lake City Early Learning Center and Refugee Artisan Initiative 	
Ice Cream Social	Linda Li Anna Tran Anna Moya	7/12/2024	100	The Ice Cream social had 100 participants from diverse backgrounds, including seniors, children, and youth. CLs attended the Ice Cream Social to provide interpretation and support outreach efforts. They talked with attendees, encouraging their participation in the dot board exercise and supported answering questions.	Themes from the Ice Cream Social are found in Appendix A
Ice Cream Social Follow Up	Linda Mary Monroe	7/13-31/2024	<u>144 total surveys by CLs:</u>	After the 7/12 Ice Cream Social, CLs followed up with community members they	Surveys collected during this outreach were incorporated into the summary described in the Needs Assessment.

	Anna Moya Anna Tran		Survey collected in three in-house languages: Chinese (42), Spanish (25) Vietnamese (25), English	invited but were unable to attend, ensuring their feedback was included as well using the survey designed by Broadview Planning to gather feedback along with \$10 Fred Meyer gift cards as incentives.	
Sound Generation Latino and Chinese Lake City Seniors Event	Anna Moya- Spanish Linda Li- Mandarin	8/2/2024	by Chinese community (17) Survey collected for People w Disabilities (27)	CLs engaged Seniors at Community Based organization- Sound Generations event to collect feedback w collection of survey Two in-language sessions held for survey input/collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish 8 Chinese 15 English 17 (Total of 32 surveys collected with Chinese population-27 completed in Chinese and five completed/preferred the English paper version.)	Surveys collected during this event were incorporated into the summary described in the Needs Assessment. Key Themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Desire for a Dedicated Senior Community Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The seniors expressed a strong desire for their own Senior Community Center. They noted that while Ballard and Shoreline have dedicated centers, the Lake City Community Center, which serves a broader audience, can become overcrowded and noisy. The seniors wanted an area for social activities Design Preferences for New Space: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If having their own center is not possible, the seniors suggested designing the new space with its own entrance to create a sense of calm and relaxation upon arrival. Additional Features Desired: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The seniors would like the Community Center to include a garden for learning to garden and grow vegetables. They also suggested the center provide transportation for field trips to places like the beach or parks and offer English and fitness classes. The seniors would like an exercise and fitness room Facility Cleanliness and Safety Concerns:

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o They emphasized the importance of maintaining cleanliness outside the Community Center. Concerns were raised about homeless individuals frequenting the previous Community Center, leading to feelings of insecurity and instances where individuals used the bathroom for personal hygiene.
Lake City Business Outreach	Anna Moya Mary Monroe Linda Li Anna Tran	9/23-30/2024	48 people at 43 businesses engaged	CLs conducted door-to-door outreach to BIPOC and immigrant businesses to understand community members' wants/needs for the Community Center. Business Engaged in the table below.	Overall Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Childcare</u>- small business owners and staff want to see childcare at the new LCCC. • <u>Spaces for Community to Connect</u>- there is a lack in spaces for community to gather socially and the small business community would like to see this included in the future LCCC. Another idea was to have semi-private space to allow working from home to be around others for social connection • <u>Camps and Activities for Children</u>- small businesses wanted to see more activities for children and young people like camps noting they have to go to Shoreline for these opportunities. There is currently a gap in activities for pre-teens and would like to see the future LCCC provide it. • <u>Activities for Seniors</u>- there is a desire for senior activities that are popular among the diverse community that speaks languages other than English. Suggested activities include Tai Chi, Mahjong, crafts, and free English language. • <u>Safety and Impact on Small Businesses</u>- Small businesses are facing significant challenges due to ongoing break-ins, which make it difficult for owners to repair damage and maintain affordable insurance coverage. Business owners also raised concerns about people experiencing homelessness in the neighborhood, feeling unsafe, and

					concerns about impacts to the new LCCC building considering the previous one burned down.
Akin Focus Group	Amharic Oromo Tigrinya	9/13/2024	8 focus group participants	CLs conducted focus groups to engage with the East African Community at Akin to hear feedback on what they want to see in the new Lake City Community Center. Participants were offered \$50 gift cards for their participation in the focus group.	<p>Quote from Ann Fuller from Akin on project outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The community often feels overlooked and doesn't feel they can give input. I am happy to see the city reach out to Akin and help on this and other future community collaborations.” <p>Key Themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continued Features Desired: The representatives would like the Community Center to continue with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afterschool programming, tutorial services, instructional services, class & homework help, job search, computer training, cooking, culture, childcare services, WIC program, Community events, Youth Activities, Public Health Nutritional Program, ESL Classes, Story Reading (two days per week), community services, and language support Additional Feature Desired <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After hours programs for kids, summer camp, STEM program, Job Readiness Training and application support, yoga, separate bathroom and gym for men and women, sports-basketball, skateboard Encouragement Amenities to Attend the facility <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Security and Safety of our children <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco use, and Homeless community is an issue

					<p>b. ESL, playgroups for various age groups, Activities for Mothers (handcrafts)</p> <p>c. Area for meetup with a full kitchen, banquet hall- rental space for events</p>
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Engaged Businesses by DON CLs (43 total)		
The Fish Store	Little Laurel's Montessori	Jose Taqueria
Abay Market	Xia Long Bao Restaurant	Thai Bistro & Spirits
Garcia Video	Hong Kong Dim Sum	Beyond the Bowl
Turntables and Trails	Friend BBQ	Mount & Bao Chinese Restaurant
Seattle Property Management	Mekoy Village	Caoba Salon & Spa
De Grazia's	Aceituno's Mexican Food	Lovely Nails and Spa
North Public Health Dental	T Mobile	Seattle Public Library
Dick's	Papa John	Lotus Pond
American Dance Institute	Panda Express	The Dentist
Chiang's Restaurant	Books on LC	Asian Food Center
Melody Dance Troupe	The Lil' Tiger Ice Cream	Lake City Watch Repair
WA International School	Smoke Plus	Thai One On
Kiki Bakery	Sher E Punjab Grill	#9 Alley Hot Pot
Amazon Fresh	LC Hair Salon	Spicy Style of Sichuan Restaurant
AWS Pedestal Systems		

Engagement Framework

In designing the engagement process for this project, SPR, PAT members, and BvP used the International Association of Public Participation's (IAP2) Spectrum of Public Participation (see below) to help define the level of participation and feedback that would be requested of Lake City community members. The "Consult" and "Involve" levels of participation, which are summarized on the following table, were ultimately selected for their focus on data collection, ongoing communication, and iterative conversation about future decision-making.

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

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Throughout the LCCC needs assessment, this framework consistently informed the design and content of the specific outreach techniques utilized in the community engagement process.

APPENDIX D

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