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Asian American Resource Center Master Plan Values: Concept Questionnaire

These are not intended to create a new mission or vision for the AARC, but rather guide the master planning process and advance the mission and vision.



Mission

The **mission** of the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) is to provide spaces, services, resources, and programs through an Asian American Pacific Islander perspective.



Vision

The **vision** is to empower Austin's diverse communities through cultural understanding and life-enhancing opportunities.



Master Plan

A **master plan** is a document designed to guide the future actions of a community. It presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the future of the site.



Master Plan Values Statements

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franchise bar
substance out
area for kangaroo
cultural activities
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austinculture.org / AARC - update
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Share your thoughts on Concept A

Concern with both designs is parking - at recent Night Market event at Braker + Lamar, congestion & parking was a nightmare, almost dangerous. - current parking situation and expected capacity don't seem to be aligned

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Share your thoughts on Concept B

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Handwritten notes on lined paper:

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I like the convenience of the drop off point relative to the ~~the~~ existing ; planned space. The open concept seems more open to the rest of the neighborhood, but I think it may dilute the impact of the actual facility.



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Although this design is more closed off to Cameron Rd than A, the design feels more impressive - creating a more enclosed space between the buildings for gathering space has more of a feeling of bringing people together. I also agree w/ the speaker that there is an appeal to being able to view large crowds as you pass by the center.

My only concern is that the walkway from the drop off point to the building entrances may be too long for seniors or those with mobility issues



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I like the more organic feel of the plaza, the Clear Creek cul de sac entrance, I'm less of a fan of the "wall" idea, I prefer inclusion to exclusion.

I prefer the treatment of the pond/floodplain area in Concept A, particularly the path directly engaging the creek.

Overall a more "natural" and organic design which I prefer, apart from the front partition concept.



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Share your thoughts on Concept B

Concerned about the distance of drop off areas in regards to persons with disabilities.

Natural area seems much less engaged and somewhat perfunctory. I'd like more engagement w/outdoors.

I do like the lack of "wall" and more welcoming entryway, but the straight lines feel too formal.

The Clear Creek cul desac is reduced to an appendix. not good for traffic flow.



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2. THE BRIDGE TO THE ARTS PARKING LOT SHOULD BE FOR PEDESTRIANS ONLY.



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I LIKE THE 3 ACCESS POINTS FROM CAMERON RD WITH THE CIRCULAR DROP-OFF POINT BEING IN THE CENTER IS MUCH MORE CONVENIENT THAN DROP-OFF POINT FOR CONCEPT B. I ALSO LIKE THE VARIED ORIENTATION OF THE NEW BLDGS TO THE EXISTING BLDG. I LIKE ~~BRIDGE~~ BOARDWALK ACROSS POND

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 **Share your thoughts on Concept B**

I DON'T LIKE THE CENTER ENTRANCE IN THIS CONCEPT,
SEEMS LESS GRAND AND DROP-OFF POINT IS LESS
CONVENIENT.



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In master plan, there are not any symbolic design for Asian American center



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- ⑦ - Circulator system would be good for drop-off, but I'm not sure if it's really necessary.
- ⑩ - I think this building is going to be main building of new ones, so I want it to be more clearly designed and planned.
- ⑪ - I don't think Sculpture Garden need to be added in the masterplan because there are already sculpture garden next to the existing building. Rather than that, how about commercial cafe for renting ??? With one commercial cafe, the outdoor space would be more safe.
- ⑮ - Library and learning garden is soooo good idea, I think!!
- ⑭ - stage is also very good idea!! :)

- Lofa



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⑤ The idea to make spaces for Asia street is good idea, but it needs to be more interactive with adjacent building.

③ cafe in this building might be noisy, I concerned.

⑤ & ⑬ How about making some furniture in ⑤ with connecting ⑬.

⑭ I want architects to consider the mural wall is the best for concept B.

④ The direction of the stage ^{in Concept B} is better than one of Concept A in terms ~~of~~ ^{that} pedestrian and visitors can use whole space freely (⑤, ⑧, ⑨, ⑩, ⑬)

— Loda [Redacted]



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Share your thoughts on Concept A

1. Classrooms need to be grouped together for Asian Language schools.
2. Need to have a plan for \$7.5M Budget. (Phase - 2)
3. How do you keep existing AARC in operation when the existing road is gone?
4. U-Shape seating Area for performance ctr
5. Cameron St Drop location has Elevation problem
