

St. Luke's Campus Community Workshop 3/4/2009 Summary

Question #1) What about the St. Luke's physical campus is currently not working?

Street Integration

- Campus is blocked by the heavy and high walls
- The current facilities is not inviting to the community
- The Valencia Street entrance is especially uninviting and wayfinding signage is insufficient
- The lack of lighting is not pedestrian friendly, and creates dark and unsafe passageways at night

Hospital Services

- The campus is not cohesive
- Services on the campus are too far apart, or too difficult to find

Design of Building

- Concrete walls create a compound-like structure that is not welcoming
- Lack of windows creates of lack of connection between those inside and outside
- The buildings are difficult to navigate
- The 1912 building is underutilized, and the history should be showcased

Community Involvement

- There has been a lack of community involvement in the planning process of the campus reconstruction
- There is a lack of community space at the current facilities

Traffic, Noise, and Parking

- Noise from the Emergency Room loading and unloading directly affects nearby neighbors at all hours of the day
- Parking spaces in the neighborhood are used by staff and visitors to the hospital, who do not use the parking garage
- Neighbors must contend with crime, which includes cars broken into and vandalism
- Concerns about congestion and traffic safety around the St. Luke's

Question 2: How would you like St. Luke's to look and feel in five years with a replacement hospital?

Street Integration

- Ground floor retail or other hospital services should provide a sense of connection to the street and be inviting to visitors and neighbors.
- Entrance paths should be created on the street level that are open to the public
- Lighting and other improvements should be made to increase safety

Hospital Services

- The replacement hospital should not cut the quantity or quality of services at the current hospital
- Range of services should be improved
- More doctors should be allowed to open offices for community care

Building Design

- Design should take a holistic approach and change the image of the facilities
- Facilities should be modernized and outfitted with state-of-the-art technology
- Campus is currently too spread out, and buildings and services can be consolidated
- Construction should be done in phases to avoid overload of construction and loss of service during the downtime

Community Involvement

- Community should have a reason to come to hospital without injury, and a community center, education center or daycare center would fulfill that need
- Local cultural and ecological history should be incorporated (heritage mural, art, etc.)

Traffic and Parking

- Parking should be more affordable and placed underground so as not to sacrifice street parking
- Cars should not have to pull onto residential streets to find a parking garage
- Bicycles should be provided good access and parking as well

Environmental Friendliness

- Green space needs to be integrated
- Carbon footprint should be minimized and alternative energy utilized

Question #3.) What are your specific concerns of campus development during reconstruction and after?

Traffic and Parking

- Parking availability concerns around construction, ambulances and patients during construction
- Traffic along Valencia and Cesar Chavez is unsafe for pedestrians

Community Integration

- The placement of the hospital is pivotal, and the concern is that the new building will intrude on the residential area of Guerrero and 27th Street
- The community needs to have a say in the process, and plans should not be forced

Construction

- Construction impacts need to be minimized on the surrounding community
- The neighborhood needs to be engaged on issues such as hours of construction activity, staging, and phasing.

Street Integration

- New building should not be built without a focus on integrating the streetscape in the design

Building Design

- Proximity to homes on Guerrero creates concerns around issues such as shadow, wind and noise
- Emergency Room and service entrances should be placed underground to alleviate noise

Services of Hospital

- A priority on maintaining continuity of patient care