

## Generations Center

The new Lathrop Community Complex in the City of Lathrop was created through acquisition and development of 6.8 acres. Construction included a new amphitheater/recreational use area, community complex building, public art courtyard, playground area, skate/BMX park, community garden, parkour course, walkways and parking lot.

Through community based planning meetings with youth, seniors, and families selected these and additional features. Approximately 100 residents participated and voted on a theme and solicit art ideas that will be selected for the casting of tiles throughout the project. (Designs ideas were submitted through poems, drawings, and computer generated graphics.) Residents and youth helped plant trees and shrubs, helped the project contractor put together the play structure at the park, and construct planters and drip irrigation in the Community Garden area of the complex. (Training was provided as an educational experience to teach volunteers the proper method of planting and how to install play equipment.) Residents also painted the rotating mural on the handball wall

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Design ideas from residents to be included in the project are:

#### Features

- Teen/Youth Center to offer social interaction
- Café/Kitchen area
- Counselor room
- Computer lab
- Multi-Purpose Community Room to provide space for community service groups to meet, for dance and fitness classes and social events.
- Private study rooms/Quiet Area
- Support Facilities (restrooms, office space, storage space, bus drop-off area)
- A “glass garage door” that allows for interconnection from the indoor to the outdoor space
- Use of Ball Walls for a rotating Art Wall exhibit where artists will have the opportunities to paint mural type presentations. The murals will be rotated a few times a year to give multiple artists or groups of artists the opportunity to display their work.
- Informative displays indoor and outdoor to show how energy and water can be conserved through the many sustainable techniques implemented on the site.

#### Sustainable Techniques & Safety

- Creative use of landscape materials to create visual interest and welcoming atmosphere.
- The Community Complex is registered for Silver Level LEED Certification and it is expected that eh Certification will be achieved shortly following the construction of the building in the spring/summer of 2013.
- Sustainable Sites: Alternative Transportation, Site Development, Storm water Design, Heat Island Effect, Light Pollution Reduction
- Water Efficiency: Water Efficient Landscaping, Innovative Wastewater Technologies, Water Use Reduction
- Energy & Atmosphere: Optimize Energy Performance, Measurement & Verification, On-Site Renewable Energy
- Materials & Resources: Construction Waste Management, Recycled Content, Regional Materials, Rapidly Renewable Materials, Certified Wood

- Outdoor open space areas designed to allow picnicking, concerts/productions, passive use or informal recreational play.
- Attractive entry sign
- Locate Community Center in central location and in close proximity to Lathrop High School for safe access to Teen Center for a safe and inspiring place to grow socially, share ideas and have fun.
- Skate park in close proximity to the restroom and vending machines
- Shared space will be adjacent to the Teen Center so that it can be an extension of the Teen Center when not in use for another function.
- Outside “Public Art Feature” that will allow the community to implement art design in the hardscape areas through casting of tiles, murals, etc.
- Indoor Environmental Quality: Outdoor Air Delivery Monitoring, Construction IAQ Management Plan, Low Emitting Materials, Indoor Chemical & Pollutant Source Control, Controllability of Systems, Thermal Comfort, Daylight & Views
- Natural light in the gallery and acoustics in the lobby
- The Courtyard will be centrally located, shaded with trees, and provide a location for residents and youth to display their artistic talents.
- Shade trees will be planted to provide protection from the intense summer heat and sun
- A high level of security lighting to assure safe evening use
- Will have video camera system monitored and accessible by police services to insure safety on the grounds after hours

**Hours:**

The park will be open Monday - Sunday, 6am to 10pm

The skate park will be open Monday - Sunday, dawn to dusk (during daylight hours)

The Lathrop Community Complex Building: Monday through Friday between 8am and 1pm

The center can accommodate classes for Pre-school age children (Mommy & Me Class, Playgroup), local community groups (Rotary, Lions Club, AARP) and presentations (Summer Reading Program presentations including Music, Clowns, and Magic Show as well as AARP Senior Driver Safety Seminars, etc.).

The Youth & Teen Center allows for drop-ins Monday-Thursday after school (approximately 1-8pm), Fridays and Saturdays from 1-9pm and Sunday afternoons from 3-6pm.

No fees for resident to use the park or the skate park features except for applicable rental fees if residents rent the skate park or another amenity for exclusive use.

