

Capitol Hill Champion: Community Center Meeting Space

Per the Champion's Document on [Prioritized Community Amenities](#), page 2, a strong demand exists for indoor community space in the TOD development. The realization of this space depends in part on viable community partners to achieve the goal, particularly the goal for an LGBTQ community center, or for some other form of cultural space.

Specifications for such a space depend on the needs and programming of the specific tenant partner.

However, there has been consistent need expressed for community meeting space. We feel that it would be a shame if this unique opportunity were to be missed, and we have been repeatedly asked to bring more clarity to the community space conversation.

It is our understanding that bonus points will be awarded in the RFP process for provision of community space. Listed below are considerations and specifications for community meeting space that could meet the needs of community organizations, agencies and individuals currently struggling to find appropriate and affordable spaces to convene.

- Multi-function space(meeting, performance, exhibition, presentation)
- To be rented affordably/gratis to community groups, particularly all-volunteer efforts (e.g., Seattle Parks does not charge neighborhood groups for renting the Cal Anderson Park Shelter House). There would need to be guidelines for who can utilize reduced rates
- Widely available during the day and evening (for instance library hours and rules limit use of that community meeting room)
- Acoustic design for large groups.
- Pin-up space along walls for posters and drawings with "chalk tray" at 36" AFF for presentation boards,
- Presentation abilities: white board, projector screen, projection equipment
- Sound system, or build out to accept one
- Lockers for ongoing teams to rent for storing supplies such as gavel and Roberts Rules for Capitol Hill Community Council,
- Easily stored furniture.
- Flexibility (sub-divides easily)
- Wide range of capacities. Currently it is difficult to find conference rooms that can accommodate 20+ people at a big table, or that can accommodate around 100 people for an all-staff meeting)
- Accessibility (transit, ADA, centrally located)
- Internet available (maybe a WiFi system that only works within the space)
- Workable kitchenette for light catering needs.
- Clean and safe restrooms