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Project Overview

On June 30, 2016, Calgary Housing Company became the new owner of East Village Place. East Village Place refers to both the 163 apartments ($750 - 5^{th}$ St. S.E.) and approximately 23,000 square feet of community space on the first two floors ($610 - 8^{th}$ Ave. S.E.). The intention of The City of Calgary and Calgary Housing Company is to develop the first two floors for community use. Understanding the importance of community space and the opportunity to utilize the space in a way that would meet the needs of the community, Calgary Housing Company partnered with Calgary Neighbourhoods to hear how community members would like to see this space used.

The ideas that you and your neighbours shared over the summer have been analyzed for themes. These themes will be used to inform a Request for Proposals (RFP). A RFP is a process where Calgary Housing Company invites interested organizations to outline how they would like to use the space to meet the community's needs. Your input, along with additional criteria (e.g. financial feasibility) will be used to evaluate these proposals.

The intention of this report is to share with you how Calgary Neighbourhoods collected your ideas and how your input will be used by Calgary Housing Company going forward.

In addition, a What We Heard report summarizing the feedback we received solely through online engagement is available at **Calgary.ca/EVP**. Information from the What We Heard report was provided to Calgary Neighbourhoods to include in this report which provides a summary of <u>both the online and in-person</u> engagement.



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Timeline

July 2016

Develop engagement activities.

August/September 2016

Talk with community members to hear their ideas on how they'd like to see their space used.

October 2016

Compile feedback received from the community.

November 2016

Report back to the community. Calgary Housing Company will initiate a Request for Information (RFI) process.

Early 2017

Calgary Housing Company will initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Beginning in July 2016, Calgary Neighbourhoods began developing a number of engagement opportunities that were designed to hear meaningful input from community members and to help build community. The various activities were developed to do one or more of the following:

- Bring people together in the community
- Build stronger connections in the community
- Highlight a few of the physical assets in the neighbourhood
- Develop skills and build capacity of residents
- Provide opportunities for community members to lead engagement activities



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Engagement Activities

How did we let you know about the engagement opportunities?

We strived to share information about the project with you in a variety of ways:

- Canada Post delivered postcards to each East Village mailbox during the first week of August
- Posters were displayed in every residential building, as well as the ALEX Senior's Clinic, Salvation Army Centre of Hope, Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre, K2EV and many local businesses
- Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) communications
- East Village Neighbourhood Association's (EVNA) website and social media
- Window display in East Village Place
- Communications through your Condo Associations
- Lifesprings Church communications
- Word of Mouth
- A City of Calgary resource (i.e. your community social worker and neighbourhood partnership coordinator)

Each of the various avenues encouraged you to visit your East Village Neighbourhood Association's website to learn more at **ev-na.com**. EVNA created a webpage for information about the community space including ways to share your ideas (i.e. a link to the survey and downloadable scavenger hunt maps and Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guides) and how to find out more information.

How did we hear your ideas?

The East Village neighbourhood is comprised of a diverse range of community members and because our hope is that the community space will be inclusive for all community members, the engagement activities were developed to hear from all of you.

Survey:

- Available both online and as a paper copy.
- Available from August 10th through September 21st.

Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guide:

- A resource for you to host and facilitate your own conversation with your neighbours.
- Available at ev-na.com from August 10th through September 21st.

Small table conversation event hosted at Murdoch Manor auditorium on August 11:



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- East Village community members from both the new condominiums and the senior's residences facilitated the small table conversations.
- To prepare for the small table conversation event, the facilitators participated in a pre-event facilitation workshop. The intention of the facilitation workshop was to provide community members with the opportunity and support to lead this engagement activity.
- During the small table conversation event, these facilitators were paired with City of Calgary staff that recorded your ideas.

Engagement sessions at various condominiums and the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre:

- Evolution's Fuse: August 29th
- Evolution's Midrise: September 6th
- Evolution's Pulse: September 7th
- Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre: September 8th
- First: September 19th
- River Twin: September 20th
- Orange Lofts (organized as a survey gallery walk due to the use of the common room):
 September 21st

Scavenger Hunt:

- An opportunity to learn about some of the physical assets in the community (i.e. the East Village community garden, 5th Street Square, the Little Free Library, and the proposed community space).
- The scavenger hunt led participants to four places in the community and encouraged participants to respond to questions at each stop.
- Available from September 5th through 19th.

Suggestion boxes at the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre:

Suggestion boxes were left on each floor of the building from September 9th through 20th.

One on one conversation:

• The East Village community social worker was available for one-on-one conversation from August 10th through September 9th.



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Your ideas

Calgary Neighbourhoods was supported by the Engage Resource Unit (engage!) to design the questions for the engagement activities. The questions were developed to encourage you to think about the kinds of activities you currently enjoy, what you would like in your neighbourhood, what you would like to see in the proposed community space, how you would like to use the community space, and your general considerations for how that space should look and feel.

Who we heard from:

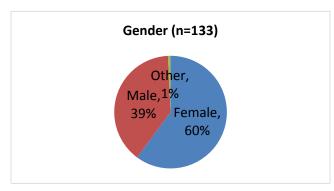
In total, 190 community members provided input into this project. The information reflected in this report is representative of the 190 people who participated in the engagement process and should not be interpreted as representing all the views of the wider community.

The following table shows the total number of community members (you) who submitted their ideas across the engagement activities:

Engagement Activity	Total Community Members
Survey	59
In-Person (small table conversation,	77
engagement sessions, scavenger hunt)	
Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre	54

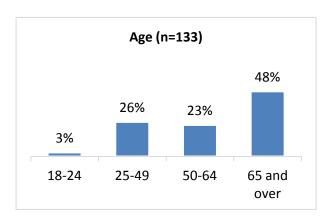
Demographic information was collected from you to ensure that we were hearing from a variety of community members. Community members from the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre were not asked demographic information to ensure that all potential barriers were removed from their participation. Thus, the following charts only include demographic information for residents that were asked, and chose, to share their information. Your individual responses are in no way connected to your demographic information.

For those of you who provided your demographic information (133 community members), 60% identified as female, 39% identified as male, and 1% identified as other.



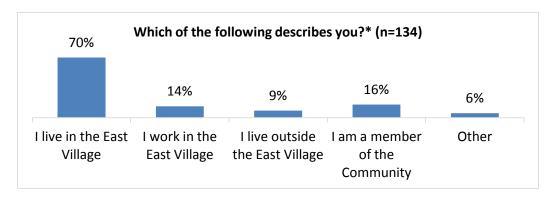


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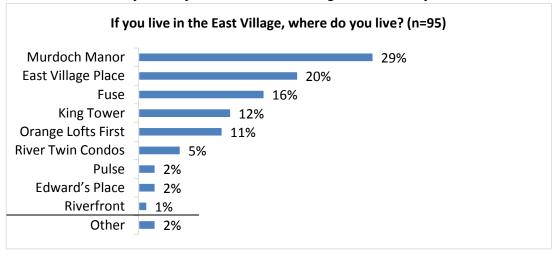
For those of you who provided your demographic information (133 community members), 48% were aged 65 and older, 23% were between 50-64, 26% were between 25-49, and 3% were between 18-24 years of age.

In addition to gender and age, we asked you to identify your relationship to the community. You were able to identify your relationship in more than one way and thus the below chart percentages do not add up to 100%.



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We further asked you, 'If you live in East Village, where do you live?'1.

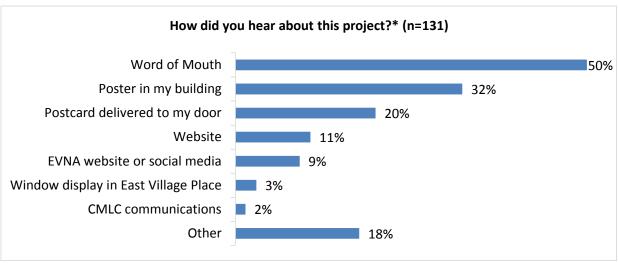


¹ Due to an error in our online survey, those of you who live in First and the Orange Lofts were combined. We apologize for this confusion.



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For future projects we were interested in learning which of our promotional avenues was the most effective. The following chart shows how you reported hearing about the engagement activities:



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What we heard

As was mentioned previously, the questions we asked were designed for you to share:

- What activities you currently enjoy.
- What you think is missing in your neighbourhood.
- What you would like to see in the proposed community space.
- How you would like to use the proposed community space.
- How you would like the community space to look and feel.
- What would make you feel comfortable in a community space.

Each of the engagement activities was introduced to participants with an explanation about the purpose of the questions and their explicit connection to the East Village Place community space.

The questions began by asking you to think broadly about the activities you enjoy and what you think is needed in your community to more specific questions directed at your ideas for the East Village Place community space. For the purposes of the RFP we will focus on the questions that specifically asked you about the proposed community space at East Village Place.



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For each overarching question listed below, we have included a summary of the most frequently mentioned responses (i.e. themes) and examples of your responses. The responses that have been included have been taken from your verbatim (i.e. word for word).

For a full list of questions asked online and in person, including a breakdown of which questions were used to develop the themes, please see Appendix A. For a complete list of all the information collected, please see the Verbatim section of this report, which can be found in Appendix B.

What does community space mean to you?

You described what a community space meant to you, and especially about the following key themes. The meaning of 'community space' is a space that is affordable and accessible. It's a space where a diversity of people gather to socialize, learn, and play. It is a welcoming and comfortable space with staff who understands the needs of the community. There are opportunities for structured and unstructured activities and there are free/low cost options for structured activities. The space is versatile with multiple uses, including events, functions, classes, and formal and informal gathering spaces.

I think of a space that represents the needs of the community that it resides in. It is a place of gathering that represents the various opportunities for people to meet. The community space represents the smaller spaces of people's lives.

Valued space offering affordable meals and services: now we don't have space – when we have it – people will be excited.

A space where there are activities, meeting place for seniors and younger people, should be a space for all. Should be something to do everyday.

A multi-functional place where all community members can interact and socialize/learn/engage.

Nice – friendly and welcoming staff.

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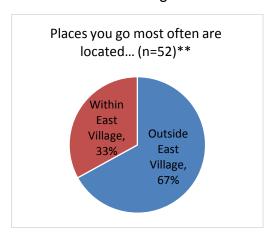
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What do you think is missing in your neighbourhood?

Across all engagement activities, when asked what you thought was missing from your neighbourhood, your top three responses were an affordable restaurant, a grocery store, including delivery or other accessibility options for those who cannot shop without support, and fitness/exercise/recreation options.

Although less frequent, you also mentioned social/medical services, other amenities and services such as clothing stores, pharmacy, drycleaner, banking, and hair salon/barber, opportunities to learn, increase/share knowledge, and education, a church, and entertainment options.

Those of you who shared your ideas through the survey or gallery walk were asked whether the places you go most often are located inside or outside of the East Village. The below chart shows that of the 52 community members who chose to respond to this question, 33% of community members responded that the places you go are most often located inside of the neighbourhood whereas 67% of community members responded that the places you go most often are located outside the East Village.



^{**} This question was only asked to community members who shared their ideas through a survey or gallery walk.

Grocery, inexpensive prepared food options, inexpensive bookable gathering space, senior friendly exercise/recreation space.

Fitness classes for all ages.

A permanent church, medical clinic, a social worker/counsellor office...

Affordable – deliverable meals (Sunterra is too expensive – Heart to Home Meals business).

There should be more of: entertainment (live music – dancing – jam sessions – movies – plays/shows.

Educational opportunities (university involvement) – lifelong learning in the area.

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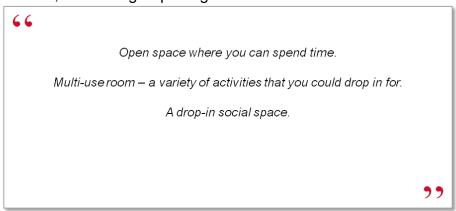
What would you like to see in the community space?

Your top 10 responses for what you would like to see in the space fell into four categories: structured spaces, unstructured/flexible spaces, community events, and bookable spaces. These categories are not listed in order of priority.

- 1. Structured spaces: spaces for dedicated programming, activities, and amenities.
 - Programming for range of ages and abilities
 - Fitness / health
 - Space for community agencies/non-profits to offer services
 - Space for special interest hobbies woodworking, gardening, etc.



- 2. Unstructured/flexible spaces: spaces that you can drop by anytime.
 - Space to socialize, for small groups to gather for conversation





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3. Community events

- Arts / cultural events / programs
- Educational/learning opportunities
- Entertainment
- Games / tournament

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Sponsored tournaments like BINGO, euchre, crib, etc.

Presentations on social issues/panel presentations.

Small concert area – for local bands who need a venue to play.

Art showcase – again provide space for local, up and coming artists.

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- 4. Bookable spaces for events and meetings.
 - Flexible spaces (e.g. different sizes and configurations) that allow for a range of community members and groups to meet for formal and informal events)

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A big room that can be separated into different sitting areas but also physically broken up by partitions to hold different clubs/groups that people can sign out or rent...

Meeting space, boardroom – bookable space (e.g. for condo boards to hold their meetings, AGM).

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How would you like to use the community space?

Across all engagement activities, you were very clear about how you would like to use the community space. In order of greatest frequency, you would like a multi-use and multi-purpose community space that has:

- 1. Events
- 2. Arts / music / entertainment / theatre
- 3. Food / restaurant / market
- 4. Fitness / recreation
- 5. Programs for children and seniors

Entertainment such as performances (comedians, theatre, shows), fairs or trade shows.

Live band, food, dance, raffle, you meet people there.

A coffee shop. A place to meet new people. Fitness facilities.

Many different events and information with the potential to be involved (even private businesses, clubs like gaming, or local businesses).

Art and entertainment, health centre, food and drink, senior's and children's activities.

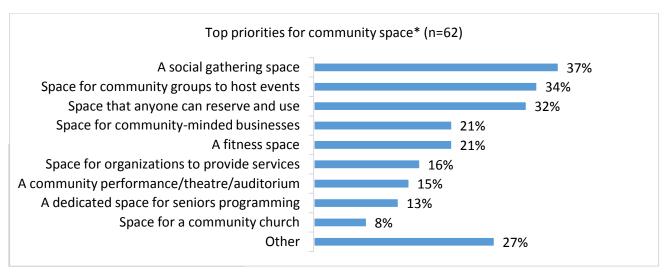
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The survey and gallery walk activities asked participants to prioritize their top three choices based on a variety of ways the community space could be used. Of the 62 community members who responded to this question, the top three choices were social gathering space, space for community groups to host events, and a space that anyone can reserve and use.

The top responses shared in the 'Other' category were community gardens, farmer's markets, activities for children or youth, a restaurant, bar, or a place for coffee, and arts related activities.



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How would you like the community space to look and feel?

You shared many attributes and qualities regarding how you would like the community space to look and feel. Most importantly you asked for the space to be welcoming, friendly, comfortable and inclusive of all. In terms of the physical space you would like it to be accessible, bright, open, functional, flexible, and clean. You would also like the space to feel safe.

Welcoming – bright, extended hours. Inclusive – All community members can participate in.

Comfortable, accessible, clean and cozy.

Should be friendly and freely accessible.

Bright, safe, welcoming.

Welcoming, lots of windows, movable tables and chairs, kitchen/canteen facility – durable building materials. Bright and light – display community event pictures/art/projects/etc. so it is more like home

Inviting for all people of all ages to come and interact with each other.

Functional and adaptable furniture that can be grouped together for that particular use and then rearranged for another use.

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What would make you feel comfortable in a community space?

Affordability and accessibility were cross-cutting themes that you talked about throughout the discussions on community space. A few community members mentioned that if there was a cost associated with using the space, such as an annual membership fee, this should be affordable to ensure the greatest inclusivity for all. Accessibility in terms of a space that is easily navigable for community members who use mobility aids, including wheelchair accessible bathrooms located on the main floor, was clearly highlighted.

If there is a membership it needs to be affordable (include all programs in membership fee, community meals and events).

Being able to use mobility aids.

Some free programs and activities (Move n' Mingle).

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You also described that a comfortable space would be friendly, welcoming, and open to anyone, with comfortable seating and tables. To ensure that the space is comfortable for you, you described that safety is an important characteristic, possibly with security staff present.

66 Respect for every individual.

Zero tolerance for bullying – racism – sexual orientation.

Open House Policy: come in, sit down and talk to people.

Doesn't have to be fancy but comfortable

Welcoming: 'people persons running it', people who would mingle with people, asking people how they're doing, open to change/flexible, walk around and shake hands.

Different kinds of seating – not fixed, moveable, different types including soft chairs and massage chair!

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A comfortable space would be functional including multiple uses in a visually appealing space, including food options and opportunities to contribute, especially through volunteer opportunities.



Large space with good acoustics and small spaces as well.

Healthy food options that are affordable.

A non-profit cooperative for groceries for seniors and opportunities for seniors to volunteer, such as participating in school lunch programs.

Beautifully designed but also functional.

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Next Steps

Request for Information and Request for Proposals

The ideas you have shared will now be used to inform Calgary Housing Company's Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Prior to the RFP, Calgary Housing Company will be using a Request for Information (RFI) process.

A RFI is a process where Calgary Housing Company provides additional information to interested organizations prior to those organizations submitting a proposal for the head tenancy. This provides organizations with additional time and information to prepare to submit their proposal. Organizations that are interested in being a part of the space but not necessarily the head tenant are encouraged to submit their information to be shared with interested head tenant proponents. For more information please visit Calgary.ca/EVP.

A RFP is a process where Calgary Housing Company invites interested organizations to outline how they would like to use the space to meet the needs of the community. Your input, along with other criteria (e.g. financial feasibility) will become the basis for evaluating these proposals.

Both RFIs and RFPs are advertised publicly and electronically on Alberta Purchasing Connection (http://www.purchasingconnection.ca/) and Merx (www.merx.com).

How we will keep you updated

Throughout the remainder of this process, Calgary Neighbourhoods will update community members at the East Village Neighbourhood Association's quarterly town hall meetings. Updated information will also be posted to Calgary.ca/EVPReport.



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Appendix A

Listed below are all of the engagement activities and questions associated with each.

Engagement Activities

Online Engagement Tactic

Survey

- 1. When you meet your family, friends, neighbours or other people, where do you like to go most often?
- 2. Why do you go there? What do you like about it? What time of day do you go there?
- 3. When I hear the words "community space" I think of ...
- 4. Thinking about the things you do, use and visit every day, are the places you go most often located Inside East Village or Outside East Village?
- 5. What programs, services, business or other amenities are missing from the East Village?
- 6. Thinking about the first two floors that will be developed for community use in East Village Place (shown in the photo above), in your opinion, what should be included in this community space? (Please select your TOP 3 priorities)

Space that anyone can reserve and use

Space for vendors, retailer or other businesses

Space for community-minded businesses

Space for community groups to host events

Space for organizations to provide services to the community

A social gathering space... somewhere to meet your friends and interact

Space for a community church

A dedicated space for seniors programming

A fitness space

A community performance/theatre/auditorium space

Other, please specify

- 7. What programs, services, businesses or other amenities would encourage you, your friends or your family to come to this community space?
- 8. How should this community space look and feel?
- 9. How did you hear about the East Village Place Community Space project?
- 10. Which of the following best describes you?

I live in the East Village

I live outside the East Village

I am a member of the Community

I work in the East Village

Other, please specify

- 11. If you live in East Village, where do you live?
- 12. I identify as ... male, female, other
- 13. My age is ...



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In-Person

In-Person Engagement Tactic

Gallery Walk

- 1. When you meet your family, friends, neighbours or other people, where do you like to go most often?
- 2. Why do you go there? What do you like about it? What time of day do you go there?
- 3. When I hear the words "community space" I think of...
- 4. Thinking about the things you do, use and visit every day, are the places you go most often located within the East Village in or outside the East Village?
- 5. Thinking about the first two floors that will be developed for community use in East Village Place, what should be included in this space? (Top 3 choices)
- 6. How should this community space look and feel?
- 7. What programs, services, businesses, or other amenities would encourage you, your friends or your family to come to this community space?

In-Person Engagement Tactic

Scavenger Hunt Activity

- 1. Thinking about all possible spaces, when I hear the words "community space" I think of...What programs, services, business or other amenities are missing from the East Village?
- 2. In your opinion, what are the 3 most important things that make a space a "community space"?
- 3. Can you name any "community spaces" in the East Village (past or present)? If so, what did/do you like about them?
- 4. What programs, services, businesses, or other amenities are missing from the East Village?
- 5. What programs, services, businesses or other amenities would encourage you, your friends or your family to come to the East Village Community Space?
- 6. Now that you can see East Village Place, how would you like it to look and feel?
- 7. What would be the biggest influence on your decision whether to use this community space?

In-Person Engagement Tactic

One-on-One Conversations

- 1. Tell us about a space that you and your neighbours like to go to in the community to meet your friends, family, neighbours, and others. What do you like about that space? Why do you go there vs. another place?
- 2. What does 'community space' mean to you?
 - a. What needs to be there?
 - b. Why would you go to the community space?
 - c. Who else would use it?
 - d. What are some of the reasons people may not use a community space?



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- e. What would having a community space allow you to do differently?
- 3. What are some reasons people might not use a community space?
- 4. What would make you feel welcome in that space?
 - a. Does the space need to be affordable? Accessible?
 - b. How important is the physical space itself vs. the people you meet there or what you do there?
- 5. What do you have to leave the East Village to buy/do/etc.?
 - a. What's missing from your community?
 - b. What should there be more of?
 - c. What services would make the greatest positive impact in your life (i.e. programs, services, activities, amenities, businesses, etc.)?
- 6. Would you answer any of the above questions differently if it was winter?

In-Person Engagement Tactic

Conversations at various multi-dwelling buildings and comment boxes at the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre

1. What do you think this space could be used for?

In-Person Engagement Tactic

Small Table Event

- 1. Tell us about a space that you and your neighbours like to go to in the community to meet your friends, family, neighbours, and others. What do you like about that space? Why do you go there vs. another place?
- 2. What does 'community space' mean to you?
 - a. What needs to be there?
 - b. Why would you go to the community space?
 - c. Who else would use it?
 - d. What are some of the reasons people may not use a community space?
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The following tables breakdown the specific questions that were asked in each engagement activity and connect these to the overarching question that was asked to inform the Request for Proposals (RFP).

What does community space mean to you?	
Engagement Activity	Question Asked
Survey (online and paper copy) Gallery Walk	3. When I hear the words "community space" I think of
Small table conversation event Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guide One on one conversation	2. What does 'community space' mean to you?
Scavenger Hunt	2. In your opinion, what are the 3 most important things that make a space a "community space"?

What do you think is missing from your neighbourhood?	
Engagement Activity	Question Asked
Survey (online and paper copy) Gallery Walk	 4. Thinking about the things you do, use and visit every day, are the places you go most often located inside the East Village or outside of the East Village? 5. What programs, services, businesses or other amenities are missing from the East Village?
Small table conversation event Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guide One on one conversation	4. Think about the things you do, use and visit during a week. What do you have to leave the East Village to buy/do/etc.? a) What's missing from your community?
Scavenger Hunt	4. What programs, services, businesses or other amenities are missing from the East Village?



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What would you like to see in the community space?	
Engagement Activity	Question Asked
Survey (online and paper copy) Gallery Walk Small table conversation event	7. What programs, services, businesses or other amenities would encourage you, your friends or family to come to the community space? 2. What does community space mean to you?
Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guide One on one conversation	 a) What are the most important things that need to be there for make it a community space? b) Why would you go to the community space? c) Who else would use it? What would other people use it for? d) What are some of the reasons people may not use a community space? e) What would be different for you with access to a community space? 4. b) What should there be more of in your community? c) What services would make the greatest impact in your life (i.e. programs, services, activities, amenities, businesses, etc.)? Why?
Scavenger Hunt	5. What programs, services, businesses or other amenities would encourage you, your friends and family to come to the East Village Community Space?
Suggestion boxes	What do you think this space should be used for?

How would you like to use the community space?	
Engagement Activity	Question Asked
Survey (online and paper copy) Gallery Walk	6. Thinking about the first two floors that are going to be developed for community use in East Village Place: In your opinion, what should be included in this community space? Please select your TOP 3 priorities.
Small table conversation event Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guide One on one conversation	 2. What does community space mean to you? a) What are the most important things that need to be there to make it a community space? b) Why would you go to the community space? c) Who else would use it? What would other people use it for? d) What are some of the reasons people may not use a community space? e) What would be different for you with access to a community space?
Suggestions boxes	What do you think this space should be used for?



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How would you like the community space to look and feel?	
Engagement Activity	Questions Asked
Survey (online and paper copy)	8. How should this community space look and feel?
Gallery Walk	
Small table conversation event Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guide One on one conversation	 3. What would make you feel welcome in a community space? a) Does the space need to be affordable? Accessible? Please provide an example of what would make the space affordable and accessible for you? b) How important is the physical space itself vs. the people you meet there or what you do there?
Scavenger Hunt	4. c) Now that you can see East Village Place, how would you like it to look and feel?

What would make you feel comfortable in the space?	
Engagement Activity	Question Asked
Small table conversation event	3. What would make you feel welcome in a
Kitchen Table Conversation Host Guide	community space?
One on one conversation	a) Does the space need to be affordable?
	Accessible? Please provide an example of
	what would make the space affordable and
	accessible for you?
	b) How important is the physical space itself vs.
	the people you meet there or what you do
	there?



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Appendix B

Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments are written here as they were submitted and have not been amended/altered. The letter 'X' has been used to replace personal names that were removed from this report. Responses under each engagement tactic have been combined where possible.

Online Feedback

When you meet your family, friends, neighbours or other people, where do you like to go most often?

- Coffee shop or for a walk by the river
- out aound E.V. Since the clean up its convenienet to just go somewhere close by.
- I stay at home. I can't go over to friend's houses because they aren't accessible for my wheelchair and I'd rather not go to restaurants.
- East Village.
- No comment.
- Nearest coffee shop.
- Coffee shop, bar, park
- The river parks
- Coffee shop; outside
- To a nearby restaurant or a park.
- Markets, pubs, restaurants, yoga, outdoor spaces
- restaurant, go for a walk, and church and shoping
- (Note: for gender they responded both male and female as they are a couple and completed it together). Outdoor parks, restaurant, pub, coffee shop, farmers market.
- To a pub.
- To a pub or music venue.
- Movies, picnics, personal development
- Movies, picnics, motivational speakers
- Fitness centre, park
- Eau Claire
- Kensington area
- Coffe shops, nice parks with offleash areas for puppies
- The river pathway and St. Patrick's Island.
- Bar
- For coffee. Tim Hortons. Also, restaurants.
- Community meeting room, affordable
- Cafes or restaurants. Fitness classes (yoga, spin, etc.)
- Downtown/inner City: East Village, Bridgeland, Inglewood, Stephen Ave, 17th Ave, Mission.
- To the park or for coffee



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- to a restaurant or event with energy and a vibe
- Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Bars.
- Restaurants, movies, parks
- Out for lunch or dinner, restaurant
- Coffee shop, free seating area (park, lobby, indoor community area)
- We enjoy going to Kensington/Sunnyside
- restaurant or bar
- Out to eat or coffee
- Tim Hortons or the Calgary Public Library (Forest Lawn branch)
- Restaurants and Parks
- To places like Coffee shops, or community areas
- peoples homes.
- Coffee places or eating place (restaurants) with ethnic food.
- Up until it was closed, I and my family would be in the Auditorium space of the Golden Age Center at least once per week and to the cafe on the second floor at least every other week.
- Church and the various coffee shops and restaurants and various events in the EV community
- Restaurant, bar, café, park, my/their house
- Mostly private residences though public parks are great for BBQs
- A lot of them come to visit me here (in his building). My sons take me out to nice restaurants. coffee shops; shared events like theatre and concerts; dinner or lunch out in a restaurant.
- A local pub
- Restaurants, pub, theatre or arts events
- home, lunch out, local sites, zoo, calgary towers
- Restaurant, coffee, walking in a park
- Restauant
- For walks around the river or to a pub, or both!
- Sitting together, having a coffee, tea or a meal and chat

Why do you go there? What do you like about it? What time of day do you go there?

- It's a place outside of my work that we can sit
- at night, the coffee shops and parks are great places to go. The art is very neat around my community!
- I live there. I love the area with all the trees and open spaces.
- convenient
- I go to those places because they offer a neutral space for conversation, food and drink, as well as
 opportunities for people watching
- The nature, the open space, the trees. The daytime.
- Available, no cost or barriers, anytime
- Because it's social and a treat. I have 5 grandchildren and like to do things that aren't too costly.
- Eat a meal with and talk, company of meeting, pray
- Can visit with company, can walk (outdoor parks), farmers market pick up a few things, all have nice atmosphere, family friendly, evenings & weekends



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- I love supporting local and touring talent. Especially metal, punk, and rock. Evening into the night.
- Meet new people, neighbours
- To meet new people, new m
- Community atmosphere, opportunities for physical activity
- Fitness classes for babies and adults. Lots of daylight. Restaurants nearby. Weekend mornings.
- Lots to walk around and see while chatting, places for food and drink
- Any time, I like being around puppies, feeling safe, nice greenery/landscapes, having the option for a treat or coffee
- Exercise, fresh air, community, bakery and coffee shop, etc.
- Afternoons
- To get out for one. Anytime of the day. To socialize.
- To socialize, play cards, meet and talk to people; weekends
- Cafes for the atmosphere (it's nice to hang out in trendy/beautiful spaces that are vibrant and bustling with people); time of day: evenings or weekend mornings.
- Restaurants, shops, coffee shops, fitness/workout classes
- The morning/afternoon. Good people watching, areas to walk around.
- I like being in a place where everyone can make observations of the environment
- Social aspect, something to do, exciting atmosphere.
- Anytime
- No place in particular.
- Mornings
- Socialization and meetings inexpensive, easily accessible during work hours
- It's centrally located, close to the river, and accessible by transit. We enjoy the variety of activities offered in Kensington. We generally go to Kensington around midday, or after school.
- time to slow down and just visit; go mainly evenings
- Afternoon place to sit and talk
- both places are fairly close to everyone's homes.
- Something to do after work (evenings) and weekends
- Sundays I do church at Lifespring Community Church. Usually Sunday Mornings
- Its comfortable.
- You can't bring friends to your place and feed them the same place.
- I enjoy the people there, the Lifespring church is a very welcoming group and serve the community in many practical ways - I volunteer with Lifespring church. Most often I am there on weekends. Sunday mornings and afternoons, many Saturdays as well.
- The relationships that I have developed live in the East Village
- Daytime and nighttime. I choose these places to be amongst other people.
- Good food I like to go to restaurants for good food. We go on Saturday, Sunday, or whenever birthdays and usually it's supper.
- all times of day to places where we can share food or a drink, have a pleasant and private ambiance
- Its a good casual gathering place, not too expensive, its fun. Usually go around supper time.
- Quiet restaurants where you can hear a conversation at a table, 6-10pm
- things to do, shows off my community, day time
- All times of the day
- during the day, can relax and meet people



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- Beautiful views and nice to have and activity and conversation. View public art.
- My friends and family understand my physical limitations so we don't go far but to somewhere where
 it's quiet, comfortable and accessible. Mostly enjoyable about it is the comfortable seating and
 availability of good food. For me afternoon, or after din

I hear the words "community space" I think of ...

- Variety. In this neighborhood drunk people haning out on the corner.
- Community Centre. neighbours getting together!
- A space where there are activities, meeting place for seniors and younger people, should be a space for all. Should be something to do everyday.
- A gathering place to do things.
- A place where people can meet their neighbours, have fun, get together.
- an area used for gathering
- A welcoming environment/area with the purpose of connecting neigh ours.
- A large bright space filled with nature and comfortable places for a community to gather and/or lounge.
- Park, recreation facility
- Parks and recreation
- Meeting people, friendship and entertainment and activities, engaging with people
- Community Centre, park, plaza, hall ,library
- A vibrant space that is continually active.
- Questioning why I'm there.
- Green spaces, swimming pools
- People, green space
- Multi purpose, uses that support a sense of community
- Multi-purpose space, under utilized.
- Outdoor public spaces, places with seating, lively areas
- open, friendly, safe
- A space that welcomes everyone.
- Shops: restaurants, cafe, coffee place (Tim Hortons), bakery, banks, petstore, winestore, bookstore, hardware store would be nice.
- A place to meet friends
- Lots of poeple/activity
- For all community members. Get to know your neighbours.
- All ages getting together. People can talk, walk, engage in recreational activities.
- energy and activity, busy, interesting and creative
- To be honest...somewhere I wouldn't go, boring, focused on older generation.
- A place to meet and greet with your community
- 5th Ave Square
- a place where neighbors can meet
- A multi-functional place where all community members can interact and socialize/learn/engage.
- A park. A recreation centre. A university.
- a space used by different groups with different activities within the community



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- A space that is free to use, welcoming, easy to get to by car/ train/ bus/ and Access Calgary, that is 100% accessible for the disabled and the elderly.
- Something everyone is welcome to use
- A meeting place, place for social events, a place for spiritual care, a drop in area
- A waste of tax payer money.
- They used it to rent it to different groups and the space will accommodate it and useful to groups who
 don't have access to a large space.
- A place where people gather to relax, get information, obtain support and encouragement, a faith community serving one-another.
- I think of a space that represents the needs of the community that it resides in. It is a place of gathering that represents the various opportunities for people to meet. The community space represents the smaller spaces of peoples lives.
- cultural and sports activities, services to the community
- A place with basic services, such as washrooms, facilities to socialize and share meals. A place where all are welcome.
- Nice people there and good talkers. Friendly. Really active. Music with different guests. Table games too.
- events that give a service to the community such as meetings about issues and proposals; events that entertain and bring a chance to meet others; outdoor spaces, not just indoor spaces.
- Trees, wide walking spaces, lit areas, nicely taken care.
- A place no one wants to use
- something for everyone at affordable costs
- Space open to multiple uses, without barriers, shared space
- place for meals, activities, community building
- Friendly environment where people can come together and share ideas.
- -a place to congregate and visit with friends and family or craft with others of like minded crafts or just chat

Thinking about the things you do, use and visit every day, are the places you go most often located ... (select one)

- Inside East Village
- Outside East Village

What programs, services, business or other amenities are missing from the East Village?

- Not much, I'm reluctant to say shopping. There is much community space in the summer.
- Grocery store (being built), Liquore store, more dining options
- Weekly movie (big screen, sounds around, etc.), a space for senior's programming, space for Lifesprings church, knitting, BINGO (afternoon, once a week on Fridays with cash prizes), board and card games, celebrations (birthdays), Adult Day program, create
- Some kind of fitness place for everyone to enjoy.
- Grocery store (affordable)
- box food store



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- A large/moderate sized grocery store
- Fresh Grocery
- Fitness facility, salons, doctors offices, wine store, major grocery store (considering if Loblaws is ever built)
- Community farmers market (year round), art gallery, grocery store or market, pub, yoga studio,
- Common place for meeting people in the community, a community center, grocery store, health center, worship place (church), and leisure centre
- hot yoga, preschool, farmers market, daycare
- Night life. Live music venues. Places that don't solely support lifestyles of boring 9-5ers.
- An affordable cafe. A comfortable space to meet friends to socialize., A space simply to getaway from the lonely four walls you sit in day after day.
- Tennis court, economic grocery stores
- · An indoor recreational facility
- Indoor recreation facility. Indoor play areas for children.
- Grocery, doctor office, restaurants of all price points, bookstore, drug store
- More coffee shops or cafes with little patios; an outdoor fitness set up would be cool with outdoor fitness "equipment" like bars etc
- Small first-aid office, vet's (veterans) office/program, food bank
- Banks, coffee shop Tim Hortons, restaurants, wine store, book store, bakery, pizza joint, etc. pet store
- Davcare, affordable
- Variety of cafes/restaurants (Different price points and cuisines) and gyms/fitness oriented spaces.
- Fitness facilities, wine/beer store, more places to eat, grocery store
- More restaurants and shops to walk around.
- grocery store, more unique restaurants, notable retailers,
- Grocery shopping, food and drink, activities like swimming, skating, interactive kids activities.
- Arts and music center for kids and teenagers
- Sewing, crafts, needlework.
- Dollar store, liquor store, grocery store
- Grocery, inexpensive prepared food options, inexpensive bookable gathering space, senior friendly exercise/recreation space
- A place to meet new friends
- community center for events, shows, displays, and opportunities for people to connect and engage
- Coffee shop
- Affordable grocery stores (ie. No Frills, Superstore, and Walmart)
- Fitness facility (gym), restaurants/pubs, a permanent home for the community church
- We need a meeting place, drop in area, Church, a place to belong and share with others
- If a business was "missing" from the East Village then someone would start it. The government does not need to decide what businesses are "missing" from different areas.
- All Golden Age Club programs used to be liked. They are missed.
- A permanent church, a medical clinic, a social worker/counselor office . . .
- A multi use space that allows a multiple types of events and needs
- A medium-size event space
- I would like a park with BBQs /fire pits to cook hot dogs with friends and family.



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- The restaurant. The church service so handy to walk across the street. Potluck suppers. Entertainment (country music, the "Blues").
- The original EV focuses on seniors who seem not to go outside the area, and who seem very frugal, perhaps for good reasons. Program seems to be very narrow & repetitive. We need varied food & drink spots. Twice I ran out of space to type..so uni
- There seems to be a lot of unused business space. Not sure why? Is it too expensive for businesses to move in? I do'nt know if any particular thing is missing. But it still has an empty feel.
- Seniors residences for Gay and Lesbian people. Low income housing (not shelters). Grocery and convenience stores
- low cost non profit groceries with delivery service for shut-ins doubling up with school lunch program
- A gym, wine store, higher end grocer
- AFFORDABLE restaurants, affordable groceries, hampers for low income seniors
- Easy access over the river. Right now it s only 2 bridges, makes one not want to go to Inglewood (which is a shame). Bridge by drop-in shelter avoided at night for safety reasons, so it feels like even less access available.
- Community fresh food market, accessible restaurant, gym for seniors, gathering place

6(a). Thinking about the first two floors that will be developed for community use in East Village Place (shown in the photo above), in your opinion, what should be included in this community space? (Please select your TOP 3 priorities)

Space that anyone can reserve and use

Space for vendors, retailer or other businesses

Space for community-minded businesses

Space for community groups to host events

Space for organizations to provide services to the community

A social gathering space... somewhere to meet your friends and interact

Space for a community church

A dedicated space for seniors programming

A fitness space

A community performance/theatre/auditorium space

Other, please specify

- Space anyone can reserve and use...in the form of tables or booths (not private rooms)
- Space for organizations plus space for student nurses (flu shots), specialists (e.g. lawyers to offer advice, legal clinic, build relationships and free information)
- Also, perhaps a fresh food garden?
- Small business incubation 2. Market for community made and/or farmers market e.g. Produce from community garden
- An affordable nail salon/spa that provides manis, pedis, waxing etc.
- Book store
- A social gathering space and a community performance/theatre were both checked.
- community and open events, board game, dance, painting, etc.
- A live music venue/pub. If you didn't get the hint.
- Activities for children



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- Space for led-activities for children or play equipment
- This person completed the earlier version of the survey and chose the above 2 plus: space for vendors, retailers and other businesses and space for organizations to provide services to the community.
- Restaurant, coffee place
- swimming pool
- Space for teenagers
- This person had a printed copy of the earlier survey where it didn't ask for Top 3, they also checkd off: space for vendors, retailers, and other businesses.
- I would like to see a "Thrift store" that would service all residents of East Village and other communities
- Community arts space. A makerspace, with a community laboratory or fabrication workshop. A community learning space.
- All the above! They are all great suggestions!
- How about the city rents it out and then uses the money to lower everyone's taxes!
- A space that is multi purposed which will allow for anyone to use/host events/CHurch/Performance centre/seniors programs/services
- Top 3: Space for community groups to host events, space for a community church, other: Restaurant
- need to acknowledge diversity; with 12,000 people think of kids, all cultures, ages; take care to not be heterosexist.
- non profit low cost coop groceries for seniors/universal elementary school lunch program, dining, carpentry fellowship,
- Indoor public park
- very important it be run as a not for profit in order to be helpful to the low income senior population
- public art!
- A community gathering place

What programs, services, businesses or other amenities would encourage you, your friends or your family to come to this community space?

- Many different events and information with the potential to be involved (even private businesses, clubs like gaming, or local businesses)
- a fitness centre, dining options
- Dances (evenings), live bands, affordable is important (\$20 for an event tops), special meals on holidays, chow and chatter, food, music, volunteer opportunities, coffee, beer, restaurant is a very important piece, food events the week before payday
- Try to bring back the Spinz Around Program (food program)
- Entertainment such as performances (comedians, theatre, shows), fairs or trade shows
- Grocery store, some sort of organization similar to 'Pips' (board game cafe), a community gym/fitness area
- Farmer's markets, Unique boutiques/amenties, public spaces.
- More retail shops, a flower shop, child related activities, activities in general, one night wine tastings, cooking classes.
- Community market, multiple food options



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- Art and entertainment, health centre, food and drink, seniors and children's activities.
- yoga, children's play area that interacts with all ages (open concept), farmers market, music guests, community garage sale, crafts and art market (1-2 /yr)
- If the streetscape looked more inviting and the space looked less like a bunker.
- Music!
- Affordable cafe
- Motivational speakers, coaches
- Fitness, especially in winter, children's programming
- Fitness or child activities
- Nothing specific, more so a diverse array of all of these, at any price points
- Fitness related, cute local shops/farmers market style vendors, coffee/cafes
- Indoor playground for children and youth that will be particularly useful during the cold weather months
- Flea market, library, computers, play movies, kid's programs
- All of the above. It would be nice to have many amenities inside East Village, Walking distance.
- Dining, coffee, shopping, classes: canning, knitting, cooking, & fitness, doggy space, pop up cafe those recovering from addictions or homeless folks could participate, East Village Heritage Days: having all cultures in the EV - dancing/food
- grocery store, more unique restaurants, notable retailers,
- Theatre, shopping, food/drink, interesting events, pop up events.
- Sports, arts, music
- Coffee shop and bakery.
- Friends would volunteer their time to work in a thrift store
- A coffee shop. A place to meet new people. Fitness facilities.
- events, parties, art shows, etc.
- affordable coffee shops, the space is accessible for people who have a variety of disabilities, have free wi-fi/ power sources for laptops and phones, an accessible bus stop/ c-train stop that is nearby, programs for people with low incomes, doctor office
- Community church space, fitness facilities
- Movie space, events such as theatre, coffee spot etc.
- Live band, food, dance, raffles, you meet people there.
- in addtion to the above, more restaurants (reasonably priced), hair salons, convenience store, electronics store.
- Performance/Theatre/Art space
- Artistic/cultural programming. Educational activities.
- Basic services (i.e. washrooms, picnic tables, BBQs, fire pits), park space that is accessible.
 Comfortable indoor gathering spaces with very low rental fees
- Entertainment programs, church, restaurant
- small musical events in a cabaret style space; art gallery; post office; games room; seamstress/tailor; pet-sitting; bike repair shop; consignment store; meeting space for condo AGMs and for election forums, etc.
- If its clean and people are around.
- Arts, theatre, or music space
- dinning, shopping, church, carpentry



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- Gym, park, events like concerts
- medical, dental, etc facilities, again if they cater to those on a low income
- Music, arts and use of river path
- Restaurant, gym, computer space.

How should this community space look and feel?

- Comfortable, open
- Mordern and clean
- Accessible bathroom on main floor (even if just for emergencies), friendly people, courteous staff, accessible, furniture in hallways just to sit there and chat, reasonable prices, inclusive
- Inviting for people of all ages to come and interact with each other.
- · Bright, safe, welcoming
- Natural, safe, beautiful.
- Friendly
- Upscale and trendy but also with reasonably priced eateries for families and friends.....maybe a neighborhood pub or two.
- · Eclectic, multifunctional, inviting (like Simmons building)
- Should be friendly and freely accessible.
- bright and light display community event pictures/art/projects/etc. so it is more like home.
 Functional and adaptable furniture that can be grouped for that particular use and then re-arranged for another use.
- Busy.
- Unlike all the boring/Sodasopa aspects already in East Village.
- Welcoming. Fresh, bright, clean. Comfortable seating areas,
- Open, friendly
- Bright and modern
- Bright and modern
- Bright, open, vibrant, visually appealing (ie: art)
- Safe, friendly, approachable
- Lots of natural light and using natural products (e.g. wood, rock, etc) to fit into the local landscape.
- Safe, open to all
- Very cozy! Couches, chairs, lighting, fireplace, wall paper walls, no smoking areas
- Welcoming bright, extended hours. Inclusive All community members can participate in.
- Open, welcoming, lots of glass so people feel welcome to come in.
- open, modern design, creative, artful, interesting
- Young, cool, fresh, modern, nicely designed.
- Clean and new
- Like home, inviting.
- welcoming, lots of windows, movable tables and chairs, kitchen/canteen facility durable building materials
- It should look bright. It should feature a Calgary-specific design, and it must showcase works from Calgary artists.
- updated! just looking kind of old right now
- Bright and open



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- It should be 100% accessible for the disabled, have soft neutral colors on the walls, comfy seats, tables, area for people to use laptops, gender neutral accessible washrooms, and should be welcoming to everyone.
- comfortable and inviting
- It should feel cost effective. Please don't waste the tax payers money on projects like this.
- Every one of us is lonely. We make friends there, no tolerance for people who cause trouble.
- Open and accessible to all, well finished and maintained.
- It needs to be inviting for the various and diverse people that make up EV
- Welcoming, multi-purpose
- Welcoming and inclusive. East village is very diverse and marginalized groups should be welcomed.
- Should feel homey and friendly.
- Very well-finished!! i.e non-institutional; non-florescent lighting; clean and modern; warm; comfortable; flexible large space; accessible for all; 'smart' and tasteful
- Clean and populated and safe.
- It would depend on what was going into it
- welcoming, warm, relaxed
- It should feel open safe and clean, it should have a lot of windows to see in and out, I like the old school gym feeling of the gym there too
- clean, homey
- · Friendly, creative and engaging
- Comfortable, accessible, clean and cozy

How did you hear about the East Village Place Community Space project? (check all that apply)

East Village Neighbourhood Association (EVNA) website or social media Poster in my building

Word of Mouth

- City of Calgary website
- I wanted to suggest to the city that the redevelopment of the old train tracks could be an opportunity to go radically forward with a hyperloop like upgrade but there is no survey for that. The tracks go through east village so kind of relevant. :)
- On condo board
- City of Calgary
- Curious to know what was happening in my neck of the woods.
- Email from condo
- City of Calgary website
- Lifespring Community Church
- Friends at Lifespring Community Church
- Because I'm involved at various leadership levels in the Village I heard it through those groups.
- city of calgary Social Worker

In-Person Feedback



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Tell us about a space that you and your neighbours like to go to in the community to meet your friends, family, neighbours, and others. What do you like about that space? Why do you go there vs. another place?

- Sit out front of Murdoch Manor (Talk to friends, Watch ducks and animals)
- Backyard of Murdoch Manor green space at Murdoch
- 5th Street Square (Away from people who are drinking, beautiful, peaceful, privacy)
- River Walk (Fitness likes the exercise)
- · Golden Age Club had: Snackbar,
- Shuffle board,
- Entertainment on the stage,
- Restaurant: went there every day for lunch, Stopped going when prices went up,
- Doesn't like to cook.
- reasonable cost food,
- BINGO,
- Safe place,
- Flea Market,
- Exercise classes,
- Movie night,
- Chow and Chatter (monthly lunch with entertainment or educational presentations), and
- Visit with friends
- Some people find it too far to go to the Kerby: Winter and construction obstacles to travel
- Seniors have skills they can teach
- More of a market type place
- They use drugstore and grocery store and the ALEX (senior's health clinic)
- Community foods store is too far
- A lot of services come into the village (e.g. Co-op bus, c-train to Kensington)
- No one at the table has a car proximity is important
- Variety of activities and services
- Day program for people with Alzheimer's (People could stay for a couple of hours to give spouse a break/rest)
- Central location
- Good view (Calgary tower)
- **Affordable food** (This was brought up by the whole group multiple times) is needed
- The events and activities
- Large open space with tables and chairs
- Food is important
- Well lit and safe especially at night
- Accessible
- Drop in component i.e. a drop in space for coffee
- "What we want when we want it" (drop in programming and activities)
- A place to play darts and socialize with neighbours
- Variety of activities



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- "touch stone" to find out what is going on in the community
- A place to go for a drink that is close by and something quick to eat
- · Welcoming for seniors
- Affordable coffee
- Food distribution
- food program to come together and make soup together
- · weekly fresh food market
- · drone flying classes
- Golden Age Club-had it all (parties dances beers trivial pursuit)
- Gives people in the village somewhere to go that's off the streets
- Creative class one of the more important parts of the building
- People used to go there to eat daily meals
- · Fell off in terms of focus on exercise
- Need a games room
- There should be a restaurant in there
- place for the kids
- need place for people to come to have coffee and something to eat and have art People can go to the Salvation Army (K2EV) but not the same
- GAC had bar-restaurant- kitchen
- · reasonably priced
- drama
- pool hall
- computer room
- library
- GAC had everything community needed. Parties and fun.
- Getty up club
- Restaurant that is affordable (this was the number one priority for our group)
- A place to get us out of our buildings
- A welcoming place
- A friendly family restaurant that is affordable
- A Community Association
- A place to gather dances
- A place to hang out
- Friendly and welcoming
- Good Energy
- Comfortable gathering with others
- Versatile
- A place to socialize and visit
- All inclusive
- A place to exercise
- A volunteer greeter
- Space like community association for everybody to include everybody
- Liked the flea markets and crafts fairs as a common space (we paid to get a table and got reduced prices when we were repeat customers)



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- BINGO hall something to do and meet friends
- Restaurants (meet people socialize table talk used to have a good time)
- Used to love the dances
- Play cards
- Like the idea of a games room
- Computer room (received help on how to use it)
- Library (some of us like the old fashioned hold a book)
- No daycares!!
- Social club
- create!
- drinks
- snack-bar
- irish pub
- music
- do art
- meet people
- create together
- cozy
- friendly
- place to have a drink together
- good décor
- Mexicana cantina
- soft music
- comfy chairs (for bad backs)
- smoking room
- atmosphere
- concerts
- non-smoking section
- non-booze section
- play cards
- darts
- coffee
- small initimate gathering
- create!
- draw
- · write in developing stages of expertise
- glass of wine
- meet/into to publishers for our writing
- intellectual stimulation
- cantina
- pub
- someone to talk to
- get to know others
- computers

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- drawing
- reading
- library for all ages
- young reading to old
- live music organ jazz piano guitar
- balance between time for conversation and music
- create! (a place of peace creativity let yourself go particularly liked the room create! was in at the GAC – big room with space to think and walk around)
- meeting space
- a common area inside like the Golden Age Club
- the outdoor space between King and Murdoch a great place to meet people
- a room with good sound accessible to people with hearing loss
- security and safety are important
- Rosso is a great café because it is accessible accommodates wheelchair and space to move around – it's on the ground floor and can accommodate walkers
- The GAC (togetherness share meals dances social life exercise fun)
- comfortable space
- indoor spaces when it's cold
- outdoor spaces (river walk)
- familiarity of the community (bump into people we know)
- used to go to the gym by Westbrrok met lots of friends with common goals
- there used to be some fitness classes at the GAC
- suppers at Murdoch Manor seeking out a piece to replace my loss at GAC
- intentionally chose this building (East Village Place) because it has everything
- enjoys all the essentials that this community has to offer
- misses BINGO at the GAC and the night at the movies
- GAS was close we didn't have to go far
- gave us the space to volunteer
- GAC was convenient didn't need to dress up
- Getting outings and trips from our common community space
- main floor (BINGO) and Friday/Saturday night dancing
- yearly membership
- coffee and snacks
- restaurant to have lunch with others
- hard to cook for one
- having snackbar will help to meet that need as well
- seniors for performing arts
- space where you feel welcome sit eat or have a drink
- environment needs to be comfortable
- affordable
- thrift store with a volunteer group that runs it (clothing household items small appliances and furniture) – not a big space
- restaurant
- pool table

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- dart board
- possible clubs
- continue BINGOs
- recreation
- opportunity for other groups to rent the space (special interest groups or clubs)
- rent space for wedding receptions events with kitchen space
- space available for entrepreneurs for start up space
- community kitchen type programs
- flea market bake sales and crafts
- once a week for movie night
- Christmas/holiday parties
- breakfast program offered to seniors (similar to the one at Albert Park Radisson Heights CA)
- ALEX dental bus and services
- different programs (LinkAges)
- adult day program
- computers
- crafts
- activities for people with disabilities
- church services Life Springs Church (paid rent)
- hair cuts/barber/salon
- kitchenette
- offer coffee (surcharge)
- programs at CUPS
- exercise program
- A space like Phil & Sebastian's it is warm inviting & can sit
- Can get a coffee if I want to
- I feel comfortable in that environment,
- accessible
- A place where I can hear
- Is a third place to go Where I can meet someone but not have to go to my place or theirs
- I live in Murdoch and I used to go to the cafeteria at the Golden Age Club which is now ripped out
- We have to think about those that have low-income This Neighbourhood is high-end We need a range of options
- C-train station It is a place to visit with people
- Used to go to the exercise class
- To have a place to go but I don't drink coffee
- Simmons building
- One resident said that she didn't get as many visitors now because of the parking It is hard to find and expensive
- Prostitution-we were told there would be more police presence
- There is drug dealing within the community
- No visitor parking
- 5th Street Square has residents & people from the Drop-In Centre: it is welcoming to all
- I like to visit at people's houses because it is comfortable and has food



- Need to use the public realm more
- Meet people along the riverbank
- The community garden is a place for people to meet and socialize
- Children at the playground
- The restaurant at the casino because it is affordable
- social halls in the mosque (light beverages and cookies), we hold celebrations and community meals
- The downtown Kerby Centre on Wednesdays
- coffee shops
- restaurants
- parks
- go for a walk
- coffee
- coffee
- parks
- · community soace with comfy chairs
- cultural activities
- places with food
- parks
- coffee shops
- parks
- places to walk
- places to sit
- restaurants
- park spaces e.g. Riverwalk, winter gardens
- library
- To relax, talk, catch up
- eat
- walk/exercise
- visit
- study
- relax
- communicate
- connect
- to experience new things together and discuss them
- to meet neighbours
- open to all regardless of who they are!
- experiencing new things together is an equalizer
- relaxing space
- welcoming
- places to sit
- comfort
- intimacy
- safety
- diversity



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- eats and drinks
- nice environment (architerture/design/space)
- beautiful space

What does 'community space' mean to you? What are the most important things that need to be there to make it a community space?

- Would like information services: where to go for things
- A place to go to meet and greet each other (Indoors for winter)
- Games room cards
- Community events like dancing
- Fitness Move n' Mingle Gentle Fitness
- Movie Night
- Need to feel safe
- Washrooms
- Accessibility
- Understanding staff
- Times need to accommodate working and non-working people
- Seniors specific programming
- Mixed programs for all ages
- Social service agencies
- Computer centre available to all and at a broad range of times
- · Others would join in the space to meet new people
- dances
- Interest groups
- Organize day trips
- Computer classes
- Different rooms for different interests
- Friend coffee and different age groups
- courses on how to do something
- Mixed planned programming
- Opportunities to meet where it is not planned
- Swimming pool (out of scope)
- Restaurant
- darts
- have a space to do what you would like at tables
- have different programs going on at the same time
- Big bash together
- Variety of ages all income levels
- Variety of activities
- Mix of age groups for programs
- · Accessible for the whole building
- Healthy affordable food

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- Go to see friends and neighbours
- Rent out to other groups
- Writers corner
- Co-location of different people and non profits
- Have some structure but not too much structure have a space that you could stay in as long as you like
- having a smokers area
- programming that is professional
- Learning how to write
- learning how to take pictures would be willing to pay for it
- Have a space to meet people to talk about writing
- Need to look at overhead and where money is coming from (we let people know about RFPs and paying rent etc.)
- Community involvement-can I contribute? can you contribute?
- Welcoming-already facing gentrification. Opportunities to come together to figure out how we're going to address these issues (e.g. gentrification)?
- Dances
- art club
- pool hall club
- want it to grow and be inclusive of all members of neighbourhood not just seniors
- Want a mixture of people
- Programming at different times for different groups
- mix of space
- Restaurant in the community space could provide food but not too greasy spoon style
- Affordable restaurant
- coffee shop
- bar
- Second hand Men & Women's clothing store
- Knitting club
- Create!
- Fitness Club or programs
- Games room
- Daycare
- Music/Dance program
- Kitchen for potlucks
- Wood Working shop
- Bingo
- Inclusive with other programs -no duplication
- Dance lessons/Instruction
- Church
- Non profit grocery store/Co-operative
- Accessible
- Multicultural
- Travel club

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- Weight Watchers
- Creative space for art -writing and painting
- Garden on patio
- Access to the 3rd floor patio for a Bistro
- Inclusive
- active (exercise)
- needs to be clean
- to feel comfortable
- easy access
- washroom facilities
- auditorium
- weddings
- concerts
- live music
- banquets
- flea market
- BINGO
- music
- meet neighbours
- opportunities to socialize
- use space for multiple functions
- life skills
- health centre
- · exercise room with equipment
- counselling
- liked Telus having a rave
- noise too loud
- space for everybody (community and people outside of community)
- teens using it as long as it's not too noisy
- use by multiple ages
- bowling alley
- Saturday night movie
- place to meet new younger neighbours
- all generations embraced
- activities that can engage various age groups
- · good music can cross generations
- get together students and seniors
- not always senior-oriented
- small group sharing
- sharing stories of owmen of all ages
- share common interests
- inter-generational bridging
- inter-cultural bridging
- learn about and accept other cultures

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- spa-pampering
- organized competitions in writing and knitting with judges and prizes
- Everyone is welcome!!!
- food is available i.e. kitchen
- restaurant
- or concession area
- comfortable furniture i.e. tables and chairs
- seniors should be involved in making sure the furniture is accessible
- bright and colourful space
- inviting during all times of the day
- free of construction must be accessible and easy to go to
- a financially accessible space free activities and free common space
- entertainment available
- space to play games
- friendly to non-English speaking people (even just a few words to welcome people possibly a digital message board with multi-lingual signs – rotate through English
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Chinese
- etc.)
- a big space that can be separated into smaller spaces (i.e. people can meet in a common space that can also accommodate some privacy for a conversation between a few people)
- a space that can be broken up into sitting areas
- accessible barrier free washrooms on first floor
- social community
- creating a space for people to break social isolation
- break bread
- resemble a 'family'
- take care of each other
- have traditions
- celebrate together
- find acceptance
- · accommodates children (i.e. daycare
- a space for family)
- art and entertainment spaces
- there needs to be a stage!
- music
- dancing
- games
- drama
- "We want everyone (not just seniors) to feel welcome accessible low cost diverse food."
- people
- adequate advertising
- around the clock programming



- local people to come work (employ locally)
- cafeteria get together over coffee
- beer
- etc. open to everyone
- affordable community space
- accessibility
- washrooms (Golden Age Club didn't have washrooms on the main floor)
- I would go there to get out of the house
- chat
- socialize
- it is impressive/attractive/aesthetics (make it fancy)
- VLT's for seniors
- GAC was good but not aesthetically pleasing
- People from the community could use it for a darts competition
- young people will take over from us (sustainability)
- · make this accessible to others but focused on seniors
- Close
- welcoming
- my friends
- · welcome wagon
- same age group
- membership sliding scale so that it's financial feasible
- socialize
- would go to meet friends
- go to meet people
- use it for meeting space
- socialize to meet people
- programs for children (cubs- scouts- brownies)
- Davcare space
- clubs looking for meeting rooms
- Good Food Box program
- Space used for different things like weddings and BINGO in the park
- Dancing groups
- May not use if unsafe not accessible or smoking
- A place needs to be welcoming
- A greeter at the door
- Comfotable and I can use the space
- The interior amd exterior are important
- important for special events
- food gathering
- Christmas markets
- dancing space
- groups could meet
- community polling stations (GAC used to do this)

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- small group meetings
- clubs
- · multiuse rooms with various sizes
- allow for performers
- low cost
- not mainstream activities as there are already commercial options
- welcoming by having wider doors and curbs
- open to all ages
- a welcoming space
- allows for physical pasttimes
- the sidewalks should be safe in the winter
- Golden Age Club was a destination: there didn't have to be a reason for visiting
- It was friendly in the dining area: this resident would go for lunch and runinto people that he knew
- socialize around food
- access to computers
- carpentry shop/wood working
- we don't need a library: it duplicates with the downtown library
- Will we get to use the pool at the Hilton?
- A space where you could just
- Low cost restaurant
- Entertainment
- BINGO
- Garage sale (put on by local people once a month)
- Exercise classes, sit and be fit
- Good Food Box drop off
- Community Kitchen
- Spinz Around when it was at the Golden Age Club it was packed, there's a big need for food it
 was weekly and they had two kinds of hampers (one with food that didn't need to be cooked and the
 other with fresh food)
- 1 act plays
- local stand up comedians
- space for community meals and events
- hot dog day once a week
- community organizing space
- space for something like the Elder Service Corp
- Service events (events that bring in a needed service, they're helpful and serve a particular need, i.e. like the event that brought in maintenance people for bikes, scooters, walkers, etc.)
- meaningful volunteer opportunities (i.e. like for Spinz Around)
- Space for presentations by politicians to let us know what's going on, policies that effect us, opportunities for advocacy, etc.
- Presentations by local agencies/service providers to say what's available (e.g. SCCOT or ILS)
- egg day (support local producers, buyer's cooperative)
- somebody to organize day trips out of town (e.g. William Watson's Lodge)
- travel agency specializing in low cost trips



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- day care with opportunities to volunteer
- fitness area with treadmills
- card games
- pool
- darts
- cribbage
- open every day
- drop-in social space
- somewhere to go to meet other people
- movie nights
- monthly dances
- community meals (like the Rotary Dinner and Dance)
- space for community events
- food: coffee, soup, sandwich, small deli or cafeteria
- day time hours: 8am 6pm
- opportunities to try different community events
- card BINGO
- language classes Spanish
- someone who could organize trips day trips and out of town
- a place to meet friends and relatives, share ideas, solve problems
- "We like to be out of our buildings. It makes you a different person to get out."
- stage: choir, drama club, movies on a big screen (for folks with vision loss and loud speakers)
- Christmas Dinner with live music, decorations, table cloths, make it special, not everyone has family and it's hard for children to take parents out on Christmas
- music makes a real difference
- dancing classes
- organized day trips to William Watson Lodge, Banff, Mountains are very special to us small cost,
 \$15 is reasonable
- music/bands used to go too late and it was too noisey
- educational lectures (nature, health, social programs, psychological programs how do our minds work? Meditation, visiting speakers)
- Therapy 'soft therapy' counselling is too harsh, need activities that would have similar outcomes
- interests of the mind something to open your mind, new information
- nature, world and traveling films
- outreach to help seniors with small tasks
- volunteer opportunities: serving breakfast, saying 'Bon Appetite'
- stage shows: multi-cultural, ethnic performances

What are some reasons people might not use a community space?

- Cost
- No free food
- Not accessible
- Too lazy
- Don't feel included



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- Commute to get there
- Isolated people
- Need personal invite
- Overpriced restaurant
- Pay to get in
- Has to be accessible
- Too clicky for people not feeling part of the crowd
- Need to be inclusive of newcomers
- Special consideration needs to given to cost
- Membership needs to be include use of amenities programs and access.
- if it does not have a program that appeals to them
- parking (cost\$\$)
- not organized
- cost needs to be based on income
- younger people may not want to socialize with seniors (mixing of generations)
- accessibility with people with mobility issues.

What would be different for you if you had access to a community space?

- Would go out more
- Pool tables would draw them out everyday
- Would go there all the time
- Seniors would volunteer to run programs (BINGO- pool- dances) to keep it going
- Be happier
- A place to go
- · Less depression
- Know what is going on with our friends
- Weekends are more enjoyable
- A place to interact
- Getting out more (socialize) reduce isolation
- friendships
- environment
- travel from different parts of the city to enjoy services in East Village (when it was the Golden Age Club)
- nice friendly and welcoming staff
- staff need to understand the needs of seniors and how to work with them

Why would you go to a community space?

- To see other people
- Socialize
- To go and have coffee
- A place to gather
- Who else would use it



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Who else would use the community space?

- Everyone
- · Adult Day program
- Church
- Diverse programs
- Disability programs
- Intergenerational programs
- Moms & Tots
- Writing club
- Hours of operation need to be accessible and flexible

What would stop you from using the space?

- Bunch of drunken idiots
- not well managed
- too noisy
- too expensive
- valued space offering affordable meals and services: now we don't have space when we have it –
 people will be excited
- didn't like the gossip from before

Why would people not use this space?

- Affordability
- scope of activities
- isolation
- lack of mobility/motivation
- too sick
- too old
- interest
- lazy to get out of the 'nest'
- lack of knowledge they don't know what's in the space
- too busy to be available to do 'stuff'
- timing day time programs not too attractive
- money spent no money left

What would make you feel comfortable in a community space? Does the space need to be affordable? Accessible? How important is the physical space itself vs. the people you meet there or what you do there?

- Bring in animals dogs and cats
- Greeter at the door help direct you where to go
- Community bulletin board of activities
- Low cost small annual fee is ok
- Fee for pool table
- Fee for day trips (reasonable is ok e.g. \$20/outing)



- Some free programs and activities (Move n' Mingle)
- Large space with good acoustics and small spaces as well
- Needs to be accessible and affordable 100% agreement around the table
- Needs to be safe
- Comfortable with lounge chairs/massage chairs
- Healthy food options that are affordable
- Washrooms accessible not gender specific
- Sliding scale programming
- Not everyone can afford programs and activities
- Some people can pay and some can't
- Pet friendly?
- Streamline paperwork that people have to fill out so they don't have to fill it out more than one time per program. Make sure forms are plain language and appropriate for age groups filling it out.
- Subsidize food and drink
- If it's not affordable I won't go
- Meeting people from different buildings e.g. have a space where people can have a coffee and talk
- Reasonable prices for games and events geared to certain age groups. Lease on Sunday to church

 bands drum club etc to cover costs
- As East Village grows population will increase and they will have to contribute to community too
- New buildings don't they have their own community space? Are we gonna attract these people?
- have orgs etc rent out space e.g. reflexology centre
- gymnasium could be used for dances Christmas parties shuffleboard BINGO use moveable walls
- want to see space used for just community recreation and not for profit if offices are in the building
- programming needs to respect community
- YES affordable and accessible
- YES affordable and accessible Group felt that to some degree they already answered this question
- Membership that was all inclusive
- Not paying every time
- If you're a member you have to volunteer
- Needs to be attractive to ALL residents in EV
- Need the space to gather and meet
- This all ties together you cannot have one without the other two
- Currently we gather at the picnic tables outside not good
- Friendliness
- accessible (mobility having people to talk to a human face to talk to)
- affordable
- some free options
- security (feeling safe considering evening and night events)
- "It's not safe to walk at night."
- how to build relationships is important
- it's who you are with
- more important to have a place to meet people the space is secondary
- can't have one without the other (physical space and people)



- if program is shut down you still need space to meet others
- you can meet people anywhere (street- etc.)
- Both are important
- want to have the right program
- need to find common ground on interests (things to do)
- no cold shoulder
- open door
- · choice of stairs and elevators
- no cliques
- blend groups
- listed to
- acknowledged
- smiles
- all of us responsible- it's reciprocal
- take time to listen/understand folks with accents
- remember names
- greetings
- place where everyone is comfy introducing self to new friends
- respect for every individual
- safe feeling for all
- zero tolerance for bullying racism sexual orientation
- no prejudices allowed
- recognition of volunteers
- Yes it has to be affordable
- "The City should not be concerned about paying their fair share" i.e. what they can afford like how the Lifespring Church operates – nominal fee \$2
- flea market it brought a lot of people into the neighbourhood
- idea of a day pass buying a pass for \$2 to access space
- some of the groups believe it should be \$2 for a yearly fee
- not interested in a sliding scale fee: it is difficult to organize and puts people in class systems
- Friendly people (reception)
- activities (yoga movies darts pool comfortable places to go on a date)
- lively environment
- recreate Stephen's Avenue in our community
- weekend activities
- 'pull factor' aesthetics
- it's gotta be different
- meet new people (to dance with)
- single men/women
- People are more important than what the space looks like
- healthy
- wise
- engage your mind
- good advertisement



- meeting space that is sufficient
- we don't want a daycare! we love kids but would appreciate if they didn't open a daycare
- Affordable yes
- \$20/year is manageable
- sliding scale for membership or no membership fees
- accessible ves
- elevator
- being able to use mobility aids
- washrooms close to space (same floor)
- wheel chair accessible washrooms
- parking of scooters/stroller area
- · chair that takes you up the stairs
- bring other organizations in and involved
- physical space is important
- people are more a draw to come
- social/gathering area
- Tim Hortons
- opportunity to volunteer at programs or services being offered
- Windows to see out
- Natural lighting
- A view of something
- Doesn't have to be fancy but comfortable
- Different kinds of seating not fixed, moveable, different types including soft chairs and massage chair!
- CLEAN (all around the table were supportive of this comment)
- Floor shiny but not slippery
- Free WiFi
- Well maintained
- No litter
- Ashtrays for cigarettes outside
- Yes it should be affordable (all agreed)
- Yes it should be accessible (all agreed)
- Missing in East Village is a non-profit cooperative for groceries for seniors and opportunities for seniors to volunteer, such as participating in school lunch programs
- Commercial kitchen
- Programs that community members can volunteer
- Open House Policy: come in, sit down and talk to people
- lots of seating
- Comfortable means a pot of coffee and comfortable chairs (not the ones you sink into)
- A clean and well-looked after space
- clean bathrooms
- a drop-in social space
- welcoming: 'people persons running it', people who would mingle with people, asking people how they're doing, open to change/flexible, walk around and shake hands



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- If there is a membership it needs to be affordable (include all programs in membership fee), community meals and events
- welcoming layout
- · chairs in the windows to watch the street
- 9:30 am low cost coffee will bring a mix of people
- both physical space and the people you meet are important accessibility for folks with mobility issues
- structure the space to discourage cliques

What do you have to leave the East Village to buy/do/etc.? What's missing from your community? What should there be more of?

- Football
- hockey
- Medical some go to the ALEX
- Hamburger
- Affordable place to eat
- Senior's Club: Kerby
- Inglewood Silver Threads
- CUPS
- Clothes shopping second hand store
- Food bank hamper pick up
- Need a hub for services social workers Carya nurses Dr. S
- Drvcleaner
- More: Car pool program
- Volunteer drivers
- Students/volunteers to shop for people
- Exercise room treadmills bikes (14 laps around gym = 1 km)
- Fitness classes for all ages
- Missing: Bank machine/banking
- Groceries
- Pharmacy
- Inexpensive coffee shop/café
- Out for lunch that is affordable
- Liquor store
- Leave for activities if you don't live in Murdoch or King
- Leave for appointment if you don't use the ALEX
- Need programs- Fitness
- hot yoga
- sit and fit (programs could be in the same room)
- Would like to know what shops and businesses come into the community
- Would like to have a market
- Need more parking
- Shop
- Need a grocery store

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- bakery
- liquor store
- · -Dentist office
- Shoppers (but making it now)
- -hair cut
- GI First Canada Day fair-should find out what vendors were there because people were into it
- convenience
- portable farmers market
- Market with food services: deli/ Simons pies/ fruits/ veggies/ prepared home meals
- Clothes
- Hairdresser
- Barber
- Groceries
- Shopping and entertainment
- Liquor store
- Farmers Markets
- Art supplies
- Some businesses are in the Village but are very expensive and not affordable for peeps
- Perhaps there could be a campaign to have a seniors discount
- Community Center
- Grocery store
- Nail salon
- Clothing stores
- Next to new clothing
- Farmers market
- The space will be a blessing very local and easy to get to
- More good will
- More food services that offer delivery
- Cycling club
- Opportunity to work and earn a little bit of money (this would have the biggest positive impact on my life)
- Bakery
- grocery store
- liquor store
- Laundromat
- bank (the ones close by have limited hours)
- ATMs
- More green spaces
- more lighting at night (it's too dark creepy not safe"
- more access to public transportation (only 3 buses)
- would like to see transport to go to Safeway there is one to go to Co-op
- clothing store
- new and second hand
- farmer's market

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- street sales
- post office with stamps
- boutiques low cost (discount for residents)
- bigger pharmacy/drugstore
- · affordable glasses bought and repair
- dollar store
- art store
- walking group
- ways to compensate the huge losses we've experienced through small groups
- chess
- checkers
- strategy games
- cooking lessons
- soup
- group cooking
- sharing cooking and meals
- auditorium for dances meals
- ways to expand intellect
- speakers we can learn from
- stimulate us
- medical talks
- · talks on different religions
- skills sharing
- lectures to increase knowledge
- big screen sports
- mental stimulation to help cope with losses and grief
- groceries
- fitness centre/gmy
- library
- dental
- medical clinic
- arts and entertainment (also not affordable)
- shopping (clothing and food)
- diner (eating out grabbing a beer/coffee)
- prayer place (non-denominational) or spiritual space
- There should be more: drugstore
- restaurant
- grocery/food
- coffee shop
- bus stops
- swimming pool (indoors)
- close by movie theatres
- volunteer opportunities
- grocery store



- educational opportunities (university involvement lifelong learning in the area)
- need a place of learning
- partnership with the U of C
- restaurant that is attractive
- There should be more of: entertainment (live music dancing jam sessions movies plays/shows)
- men/women (potential dates/partners)
- fashion shows
- getting answers to health questions
- Missing a grocery store
- medical clinic (but most go to the ALEX)
- bank
- exercise (not a gym)
- coffee shop
- More of: affordable grocery stores (George's is expensive)
- coffee shop (social)
- somewhere to enjoy meals together
- affordable options for recreation
- affordable deliverable meals (Sunterra is too expensive Heart to Home Meals business)
- dental services
- keep the pharmacy
- Bow Valley College culinary program offer individual meals
- Groceries (it was noted that there is a service at Co-Op)
- Medical services
- Church
- Food cooperatives & buy-in-bulk programs for dishwashing soap, toilet paper
- Having a delivery service for those that cannot shop by themselves
- A resident suggested that FCC is looking for space. They could rent and operate the spaces.
- Will there still be storage and parking stalls (The Golden Age Club used to have this)
- There could be rental spaces for artisans-craft and art spaces, working facilities. Residents could share and access resources i.e. sewing machines
- Space for bicycles
- A space for childcare? Collaboration between the daycare and seniors.
- Linkage
- Room for a community association. They need localised office space and access to a telephone and enable their long term success
- Volunteer amenities i.e. day of caring
- Movie house
- Grocery Store
- Affordable restaurant
- Movie night once a week
- Entertainment
- grocery store
- grocery store, Dollar Store



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There should be more Nature Walks

Would you answer any of the above questions differently if it was winter?

- Intersection
- Bus stops need to be cleared out (Volunteers?)
- Fitness room in the winter
- Fresh food market would need to look different in winter time
- Walking across the street is really hard –cobble stones
- No! EV is unique because so close to trains
- No mobility issues
- someone mentioned new elevator but apparently this has already been addressed
- People are tired of meals on wheels they want something else
- Social club has breakfast on weekends and bbqs
- like social club because it brings people together
- Food brings people together
- The cheaper you can make it the better
- Thrift store brought in money
- people were also able to buy things they couldn't normally buy
- want a place to go
- That's what I liked about it-place to go and meet people
- quiet place
- food was good
- Watch sporting events-nowhere to watch sporting events
- Workshop full of equipment woodworking
- training shop to create something that is sellable and that gives guidance
- painting
- theatre
- not a lot of banks
- nowhere to go for beer
- NO
- Skating rink outdoors perhaps at Fort Calgary
- Cross country skiing
- Road hockey
- Toboggan hill
- Stress that EVP is important for this reason because it is so close and accessible.
- Sidewalk cleaning
- Concerned about ability to get there
- put underneath heaters on ramps
- good snow removal to and from the building
- 5th Street Square and other outdoor spaces become hard to use
- smoking bylaws enforced
- safer sidewalks metal racks at the bottom of the trees are very icy
- make sure the space is warm
- No most ideas are indoors



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- most are in close proximity
- Yes scared of falling mobility
- In winter it would be nice to have a place to go when it is cold and slippery out
- Need lighting on the ramp
- Clear sidewalks

Additional comments

- Needs a good marketing plan (put budget into long term advertisement)
- i.e. Canada Post to deliver flyers about what is happening)
- K2EV does not work because of location- accessibility (ramp too steep) fees not aware of what's going on there
- we want a diverse space where everyone is welcome
- a big room that can be separated into different sitting area but also physically broken up by partitions
 to hold different clubs/groups that people can sign out or rent out primarily this space is about
 talking and bringing people together
- this is not about a shelter we just want an active social space
- all ages!
- If we have a daycare or space geared to kids/families seniors should also be welcome there and be involved in the space (i.e. be able to read to kids engage with them etc.)

What should this space be used for? What do you think this space could be used for? (While these questions are worded somewhat differently, responses have been combined since they were seeking the same information)

- Activity space
- BINGO
- Exercise
- Computer lab/class
- crafts
- Social services
- food hampers
- food resources
- clothing exchange
- retail
- restaurant that is affordable
- grocery
- flea market
- A place to go for help
- Housing supports
- How to apply for services
- 24 hour health clinic
- Doctor's office
- social services with chinese translation
- grocery store
- fitness for seniors



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- A space for people to organize around issues of food insecurity
- Rummage sale
- Make connections to local producers and have them come to sell their produce
- organizations that can ensure seniors are receiving all their entitled benefits/income
- Artist presentations
- Art walks/history walks
- Musical prsentations/live music
- Exhibit-place for art
- Educational presentations (history of neighbourhood)
- Want it to feel "more like a community in this area".
- Space requires organizations/staff to organize activities
- Requires a dedicated person to oragnize activities
- An office in the space for EVNA
- Volunteer opportunities
- Opportunities to share ideas/provide feedback about space/activities/etc.
- Someone to provide directions (a local wayfinder for those new to or visiting the area)
- Daycare something intergenerational for kids and seniors
- Meeting space, boardroom bookable space (e.g. for condo boards to hold their meetings, AGM)
- Spaces for non-profits or AHS to offer services
- Intentional integration of new and established community members
- Information place to go to find out info. (what's going on in the community, how to get involved, etc.)
- Community theatre
- Collaboration with National Music Centre
- Intergenerational programming
- bringing school kids in for activities
- partnering with the library (CPL) to do presentations in the space (similar to those in the John Dutton Theatre)
- author talks
- presentations about books
- presentations on social issues/panel presentations
- show films
- food (accessible- on the ground floor for walk in/by traffic)
- accessibility for everyone (especially for those with reduced mobility)
- flexible space
- commercial kitchen
- dinner theatre



- cabaret theatre
- black box theatre (A black box theater (or experimental theater) consists of a simple, somewhat
 unadorned performance space, usually a large square room with black walls and a flat floor. It is a
 relatively recent innovation in theatre.)
- senior's programming
- fitness for seniors
- health related activities
- · mental wellness services/activities
- senior's yoga
- a space that is a pleasant nice place, nothing fancy with hardwood floors
- rehearsal spaces that could be used by a number of different groups (e.g. singing, choirs, theatre, dance)
- consignment store
- thrift store
- bicycle repair shop
- bookable space at a reasonable price with a kitchen
- community programs/activities
- small businesses
- "free box" area people can take and leave items that are still useful but they don't want any more (i.e. self run "swap meet/shop" that people can go to anytime)
- yoga/meditation area classes taken by donation, taught by volunteers
- tai chi, chi gong, smudge ceremonies, etc.
- indoor growing area year round community garden space (bonus if lights could be solar powered or water collected via rain barrels)
- also would be nice to have a community compost! (like in Sunnyside)
- Little Free Library, plus sitting area space to sit and read alone or with others, plus a big shelf of give & takes
- bookable workspaces similar to "group workrooms" in post-secondary schools individuals or groups can book a table or room to do work/have meetings/practice presentations/etc.
- something to help foster community among those who work from home or in small businesses
- underground bike lockers like in Japan! On youtube: "Underground Bicycle Parking Systems in Japan" posted by Danny Choo
- Small concert area for local bands who need a venue to play
- space for grassroots community/volunteer groups to meet (low to no income type groups)
- workshop space and tool for rent a place to do DIY home projects that condo-dwelling may not have room for plus tools to do so. Could be via membership.
- Tools for woodworking, bikes, gardens, etc.
- Retail and/or kitchen space for up and coming talent place for pop up shops/restaurants to showcase could be for 1 month stints, and idea would be to help small local businesses create buzz and grow a "fan base", foster youth who have business ideas too!!!
- Art showcase again provide space for local, up and coming artists
- indoor playspace for kids an indoor playground for kids (of all ages) to burn some energy when it's freezing outside
- message board for community events central place for all East Village residents to check out
- room with a wall/screen for movies like the movies in the park at St. Patrick's but doable in winter!



- an intermural gym with equipment to rent
- big windows, plants, places to refill drinking water (taps that fit bottles under as well as fountains to drink from)
- places to plug in (i.e. if a communal area where people may come to work)
- places where people have to share space and engage (i.e. communal tables) decrease isolation!
- murals (indoor and outdoor, permanent and temporary)
- curb cuts for rainwater to re-enter water table and signs that explain what they are
- Ping pong
- pool tables
- badminton
- games room
- card games
- puzzles
- tv room
- · weekly movie night
- organization that could help with those seeking employment
- How important is accessibility and affordability? "That's everything".
- low cost lunch area
- a women's area or women's club
- "Art brings people and communities together"
- poetry club
- live performances (music, theatre, etc.)
- art classes
- art studio spaces
- art space
- mutli-use room a variety of activities that you could drop in for
- volunteer opportunities
- someone who could help you let you know how to access things you need
- open-mike: comedy, music, spoken word, music jams
- advertise with flyers and posters on the 2nd 5th floor of the DI
- suggestion box for feedback
- make it fun
- a space that anyone can use, where we can have fun
- food
- buskers/performers
- spaces to talk about social issues
- spaces for community organizing
- How important is accessibility and affordability? "It has to be. It can't just be for the affluent"
- opportunities to share your ideas and perspectives
- Treated with respect, as a guest
- open space where you can spend time
- plants, greenery
- decorate the space for holidays
- small celebrations in the space

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- music
- live performances
- happy hour
- open on weekends
- card games
- socializing
- warm place on the weekends
- music, conversation
- free coffee
- darts
- spoken word
- dancing (free, live music)
- steak and lobster
- places to sell and purchase garden/vegetable produce
- gardening lessons
- walking tours
- bird clubs (bird watching)
- social spaces with coffee
- art classes (paint birds, nature, landscapes, painting what you see nearby along the river)
- a reading nook
- comfy, nice chairs
- making it neat
- first floor cafe with patio space
- a senior's club
- work/spend time with children and doing activities with them like gardening or crafts
- entertainers
- opera
- live music
- performances with a bar at intermission to have a beverage
- darts, shuffleboard
- pool table
- space for animals to come in for folks to spend time with
- scheduled learning programs
- ESL and math classes
- computers for use with volunteer teachers
- gym activities: basketball, tennis, volleyball, for all ages
- floor hockey
- weekend breakfasts (like at Murdoch Manor)
- music- jams on evenings and weekends
- sponsored tournaments like BINGO, euchre, crib, etc.
- organizations that can ensure seniors are receiving all their entitled benefits/income
- low cost restaurant
- entertainment
- BINGO



- a space where you could just hang out and have a conversation with whoever happens to be sitting there
- garage sale once a month that is put on by local people
- · exercise classes: sit and be fit
- good food box drop off
- community kitchen
- Spinz Around it was sure packed, there's a big need for food; weekly hampers, two kinds of hampers (1 specifically for people who didn't have access to a kitchen to cook their food)
- 1 act plays
- local stand up comedians
- · community meals and events
- entertainment and restaurant (hot dogs once a aweek)
- something like the Elder Service Corp (Community development and organizing for seniors)
- Activities or events that bring in a needed service (Scooter maintenance)
- Volunteer opportunities that are meaningful (e.g. Spinz Around)
- Presentations by politicians regarding current events, policies, opportunities for advocacy, information, etc.
- Presentations by local service providers (SCCOT program, ILS program) to say what's available, how to access, etc.
- Isolation is a big barrier to people participating.
- Egg day eggs, produce, vegetables; support local producers and develop buyer's cooperatives
- Grocery store
- Affordable restaurant
- Movie night once a week
- entertainment
- Somebody to organize day trips out of town (William Watson's Lodge)... in or out of townTravel agency specializing in low cost trips
- daycare with opportunities to volunteer
- fitness area treadmills
- card games
- pool
- darts
- cribbage
- drop in social spacethat is open everyday
- affordable meals at a restaurant
- somewhere to go to meet people
- movie nights
- monthly dances
- community meals (like the Rotary Dinner and Dance)
- Space for community events
- hold an open house to let folks know what is available
- coffee, soup, sandwich
- small deli, cafeteria with daytime hours 8am-6pm
- Opportunities to try different community events



- Open House policy: come in, sit down, and talk to people
- lots of seating
- comfortable: pot of coffee, comfortable chairs not ones that you sink into
- card BINGO once a week, requires a caller and some structure
- language classes spanish
- someone who could organize trips daytrips andout of town
- grocery shopping
- social space a drop in space
- clean and well looked after space
- clean bathrooms
- light beverages and snacks
- celebrations
- meals
- a place to meet friends and relatives, share ideas, solve problems
- welcoming
- people person' running it mingle with people, asking people how they're doing, open to change, walk around and shake people's hands
- If there is a membership it needs to be affordable and include all programs
- community meals and events
- "We like to be out of our buildings. It makes you a different person to get out."
- Clear sidewalks
- Stage
- drama club
- choir
- a big screen for movies and presentations (especially for those will limited vision and hearing)
- Christmas dinner with live music, decoartions, and table cloths
- Special touches added to celebrations and community meals
- Not everyone has family, hard for children to take parents out on Christmas
- Music makes a real difference
- Dancing classes
- 9:30am low cost coffee
- a mix of people
- prganized day trips William Watson Lodge, Banff, Mountains are very special to us small cost, members get a break - \$15 is reasonable
- People are set in their ways so that's why not everyone comes out for activities
- Music and bands used to go too late in the Golden Age Club and it was really noisey
- Welcoming layout
- Chairs in the window to watch the street
- Educational lectures: nature, health, social programs, psychological programs (i.e. how do our minds work?), meditation, visiting speakers
- Soft therapy counselling is too harsh a word activities that would have similar outcomes to counselling
- films about nature, the world, and traveling open your mind by learning about interesting things
- Outreach to help seniors with small tasks



- nboth physical space and the people you meet there are important
- accessibility for folks with mobility issues
- structure the space to discourage cliques
- volunteer opportunites: serving breakfast, saying "Bon Appetite"
- Grocery shopping
- Dollar Store
- Nature Walks
- Stage shows multi-cultural, ethnic performances
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- Make connections to local producers and have them come to sell their produce
- The NDP should use some of that \$3 billion tax to outfit a "military style" base for all desperate folks. Also, a true one-stop center for necessary services which are over-duplicated and financially wasteful. Yeah! Good luck! With both suggestions!!! Oh! Perhaps a center dedicated to hypocrites and ignoramus. Oh, too small!!
- · Beer gardens yeah!
- Pool tournament
- dart tournaments
- crib tournaments
- To help the low income people, the disadvantage people, to do that would be good that any any organization perform the activities to help people, but not just in the bureaucratic way
- dances for communities
- space to help people in transition of buildings i.e. repair or new construction, such as Our House at the Drop-in
- I think this space should be used for "community" (not just DI) dances
- tournaments
- such as BINGO
- euchre
- cribbage
- chess, etc.
- Also it could hold community dinners at Christmas, Thanksgiving and other occasions
- Bouncy castles
- trampoline park
- automotive shop
- woodworking shop
- academic upgrading
- trade entrance exam



- decent rest
- I think this space would make a great seniors centre for the community
- For all women to sleep, live, shower, have lunch, let the big DI building be only for men. Women need more privacy and longer to sleep, with X and X to supervise
- senior's entertainment centre
- art room
- computer and lounge area
- pool tables
- a bigger building as such would give more seniors a place to be not shuffled between places
- a place for more services under one roof
- a kitchen of their own to maybe help with planning of meals and to help in making those meals
- a great measure of self worth comes with being part of the system and with time comes that self worth and pride in what you have helped accomplish
- free pizza nights
- movies with local sponsors
- games night i.e. crib tournament with prizes like free gift cards for Marks Work Warehouse
- pool tables for tournaments with prizes like free apartments from Boardwalk (they get free advertising)
- space 4 events
- music with speakers and sound system provided
- youth activities
- can rent it out to churches or for people fundraising
- a positive healthy environment (space) to bring positiveness to this new community
- services for low income people
- The City should use this facility for social house for low income is better idea
- recreational space
- pool
- sport stuff
- rec place for use to go
- pool tables
- movie nights
- arts and crafts
- music
- dancing with lessons
- mental health help
- pool tables and games
- movies
- somewhere to relax!
- tables for cards
- pool tables
- croconiole or shuffle board
- roller blades
- coloring area
- women's space



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- picnic
- · cooling space
- we need space for private things that can only be accomplished alone... prayer meditation
- exercise (sports)
- study
- yoga and wellness and meditation room for clients
- open lab area/training centre
- extra sleeping area when main floor/2nd floor/3rd floor/warehouse areas are full
- indoor community garden (both for food and "medicine"
- storage space
- winter sleeping
- indoor mini golf
- senior's social club (to replace the one that was closed approximately 2 yrs. Ago)
- some say "grow opp", but I say no!
- A senior centre
- LGBTQ meetings/activities
- Aboriginal talking circles
- personal fitness
- small grocery store (like a Sunterra Market)
- A warm place to sleep. That wuld be nice. As I sleep outside. So far I've gotten \$500.00 in fines for the last year I've been sleeping outside. This is free room and board for me. Thank you.
- Games room with TVs
- pool tables
- day lockers
- video games
- similar to the rec room in the cone
- In the space provided by the City, I would like to see provision for artistic endeavours
- Being an artist myself, it would be beneficial to meet with other artists in order to expand our abilities
- As well, materials provided by donation
- Instruction by volunteer artists, would also be great! Thank you!
- beds for women at night men have the majority of the services i.e. Centre of Hope, Booth Centre, The Drop-In – Warehouse
- women on a small income are denied space for homeless at Wish The Salvation Army area for women so if on welfare you can't access it
- In the daytime art and music with studio to showcase our work
- have instruments available, stage, small auditorium
- arts like poets could read their work
- stage for musicians, etc.

Thinking about all possible spaces, when I hear the words "community space" I think of...

- Places both indoors and outdoors for various activities that all ages and abilities can participate in.
- A meeting place that is accessible to everyone that live or feels a part of the community of East Village.



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- an inclusive, welcoming community hub
- a place for inter-generational hang outs and learning
- something really boring... please help change that!
- any space is an opportunity for community space. It is about the energy you bring to it.
- A place that all people should ideally feel welcome, but power dynamics are often at play.
- Hub open to all, for culture/arts/social/help to community
- wedding receptions
- · girl guides

In your opinion, what are the 3 most important things that make a space a "community space"?

- Access by all ages and abilities (center of community, washrooms, hours, etc.).
- Variety of programs and activities.
- · Cost of such programs and activities.
- Welcoming
- Safe regardless of colour, race, gender, and religion.
- Choice take part or sit alone to read etc.

Can you name any "community spaces" in the East Village (past or present)? If so, what did/do you like about them?

- Golden Age Club programs, activities, restaurant, nearness
- EVK2 some programs
- 5th Street Square place to relax and activities
- Even though Murdoch isn ot a com. Space we enjoy various activities there.
- Golden Age Club affordable café, convenient location, activities, BINGO
- K2EV lots of activities but distance makes it difficult for some.

What programs, services, businesses, or other amenities are missing from the East Village?

- Affordable restaurant
- Daytime BINGO
- Day program for those with alzheimer's/dementia
- Exercise program
- Workout room/gym
- Affordable restaurant
- affordable travel access
- games room e.g. darts, ping pong, board games, pool
- BINGO
- Friday night dance and fun
- Exercises
- Book exchange
- More small, local businesses and Farmer's Market!
- Agree (arrow pointing to above sticky idea)



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- performance/arts space (not just Loft 112)
- grocery
- lower price restaurant
- rehearsal space
- co-working space
- mid-range coffee shops
- grocery
- medical clinic
- performance space
- post office
- doctor/clinic
- affordable restaurants
- indoor performing space
- trendy space for teens
- gym
- grocery
- liquor store
- post office
- bistro
- A pool!
- Free, indoor pleasant space to hang out (though library will help)
- performance space
- practice space
- I mean accessible to all as NMC/St. Louie/King Eddy which is not for us!

What would be the biggest influence on your decision whether to use this community space?

- Programs
- Activities
- Events
- Time of such and cost
- · Somewhere to meet with friedns
- no time frames
- volunteering opportunities
- A place to take family and friends for lunch that is affordable

What time of day do you go there?

- 0700-01:00
- evenings
- weekends
- afternoons
- after work
- mid morning



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- weekends
- All times
- All TIMES

Thinking about the things you do, use, and visit every day, are the places most likely located within the East Village or Outside the East Village?

- Mostly within (homebody!)
- EV- Library/coffee shop, Loft 112, River walk
- Outside EV: groceries, pool, workout
- can't buy groceries here but use park and coffee shops often
- W/in EV coffee walks (the island, the river walk), playground w/ neice and nephew
- within or nearby coffee, loft 112, Riverwalk

Thinking about the first two floors that will be developed for community use in East Village Place, what should be included in this space? (Top 3 choices)

- A fitness space, A dedicated space for seniors programming, space for organizations to provide services to the community
- Space for community minded businesses (a co working space), A social gathering space...
 somewhere to meet your friends and interact (that people can grab a coffee/have a meeting at),
 Space that anyone can reserve and use (and reserve for performances/market events)
- A social gathering space, A fitness space (like those adult workout parks), A dedicated space for senior's programming
- Space for community groups to host events, a dedicated space for senior's programming, a community performance/theatre/auditorium space
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How should this space look and feel?

- open
- flexible
- warm
- inviting
- beautifully designed
- but also functional
- maintain open, flexible gathering spaces and accidental intersections
- green space critical
- re-arrangeable
- some indoor
- some outdoor
- flexibility is key
- build space that is flexible and open to multiple uses

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- clean
- fresh
- exciting!
- · something that matches the new buildings
- inviting
- inclusive
- multi-use
- supporting, not duplicating what Hears My Soul, Loft 112 and other businesses here (not be competition)
- accessible
- flexible
- inclusive
- warm and welcoming
- Welcoming
- · All-inclusive, to all ages and abilities
- Comfortable chairs
- games room
- library
- computers
- pool room, etc.
- a restaurant
- · warm, friendly atmosphere
- bright welcoming entrance
- daily breakfast
- coffee/pop machine
- Alf at the front desk

What programs, services, businesses, or other amenities would encourage you, your friends or your family to come to this community space?

- shows!!!
- working space that is cheap to free to work in w/coffee options
- low(er) cost food option
- yoga classes
- talks/exhibitions
- yoga or similar health related/physical classes (i.e. dance)
- art exhibitions
- lectures, talks, readings
- musical performances
- well-proced art/cultural events
- talks/exhibitions
- restaurant (affordable for ALL!)
- IC
- modern art with opportunity for cool photos
- Those listed in 4.a. Plus evening events (dances, movie night, etc.)



- convenient location
- familiar faces
- café
- a place to eat lunch, pick up a sandwichspend time with their friends