

Community Renewal Project

Community Development Team
Constituency Group: *Retired*

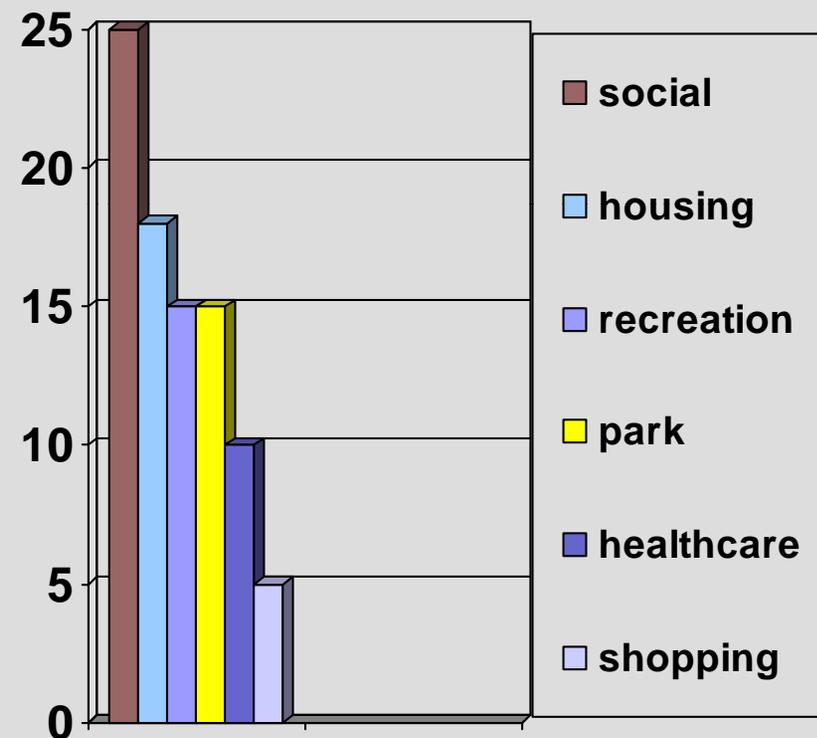
Community Problem: Vacant building in the neighborhood



This building has been vacant for three years. It was previously occupied by a window manufacturer. It has been vandalized and is an eyesore to the community. It sits two blocks from our school and we would like to see it be put to better use. This may mean tearing the building down.

Constituency Group: Retired

- Analysis of needs assessment. Retired people need:
 - Opportunities to connect with others
 - Places to learn new skills
 - Safe and affordable neighborhoods



Top Three Choices

1. Community Center
2. Affordable Housing
3. Community Garden/Park

Lowest ranking item: Skateboard Park

Community Center

- We can have different programs at a community center so it can benefit many.
 - Computer classes
 - Social clubs
 - Craft classes
 - Job training
 - Exercise facilities

Affordable Housing

- It is difficult for some people in the community to afford good housing
- On average, it costs \$1,181 for a monthly mortgage payment*
- Most senior's have very limited incomes and need subsidized housing options

*oregon.debt-services.us/oregon-housing-costs.shtml

Public Park

- Our community doesn't have a park in the neighborhood.
- The closest park is 7 miles away from the school so you can't walk to it.
- Many senior citizens live in apartments and don't have yards/gardens

Possible Solutions and Our Ranking

Most recent work for: retired1

Project Name: Community Decisions

Prompt: How should a vacant building be used?



community center

affordable housing

community garden

teen center

food bank

public park

health center

homeless shelter

skateboard park

Comments

A community center would benefit many people in our community. It would give retired people a place to

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Comparisons

We have positive correlations with all of the other teams in the class but we agree most closely with the Adult and Business groups. This makes sense because our groups have the most in common.

- **Adult: strong positive correlation of .89**
- **Business: strong positive correlation of .71**
- **Parent2: strong positive correlation of .61**
- **Retired2: moderate positive correlation of .43**
- **Parent: weak positive correlation of .32**
- **Student: very weak positive correlation of .04**

Conclusion

A community center is our top choice for replacing the vacant building. It will provide a place for people of all ages to spend time and get involved with the community. It will offer something for everyone, from classes for youth, to social clubs for seniors, and exercise facilities for all. Our conclusion is based on a needs assessment and thorough analysis of the needs of retired people.