



Possible Community Center / Performing Arts Center

For the last four years we have been kicking around some thoughts as to how we might bring truly significant and meaningful things to Plymouth. A Community Center is one of the things we have talked about that seems to have some support.

This could take the shape of repurposing an existing building on the Fairgrounds or a completely new building

The attached photos are based on the existing Festhalle in Leavenworth, WA, but not a suggested design. It is an example of the kind of structure Plymouth could have for Youth and Adult afterschool and evening activities. It would be great to see some kind of a vision coalesce that we could then build some draft specifications around.

It is also a multiuse facility that includes a large open event hall, restrooms, lobby, and outside patio area.

Its uses could include:

- Community College classes
- Performing Arts Center
- Library, Study Center
- Art Gallery
- Festivals
- Chamber of Commerce /Service Club functions
- Weddings, Reunions
- Movies, etc.

It could also be available for use by large conferences, meetings and large. Services including facilities rental, logistics, catering, audio visual, and more could be arranged.

Currently there is not a performing arts facility on this side of the County. The last was in Drytown, where it was successful for many years.

GROUNDINGS – Depending on how and where the building was sited, it might be possible to have stunning and very useful outdoor surroundings. If it had proximity to the Fairgrounds, it could be used in conjunction with Fair facilities and have a very impressive “Campus”. That would bode well for the image of Plymouth and at the same time begin to draw more use of the Fairgrounds in general.

MANAGEMENT - Possibly, the recreation activities would be managed by Amador County Recreation Association (ACRA) and the facility rental by the Fairgrounds. A full time presence might come in the form of the Amador County Plymouth Branch Library staff and/or others, etc.

FUNDING - If this project were to involve influential organizations (City of Plymouth, County Libraries, Fair Association, Amador County Recreation Commission, Amador County Arts Commission, Service Clubs, the Vintner’s Association, Amador Communities Foundation, etc.) there will be a very positive atmosphere for a successful 3 to 5 year Capital Fund Raising Campaign, along with strong cases for private foundation and government grants. Plymouth should be attractive to organizations that have responsibilities to low income communities, rural development, etc.

RESULTS – Community youth have a clean, safe, year round place to gather, recreate and study. We attract artistic expression, tourists (a somewhat Green industry), jobs (for staff and events), and business for locals, a new Plymouth image and a host of other things.

So, this is not a design or a plan, but a mind shot of some things that could be. It is also a project that would please the people that are investing in our community and it’s near term future.

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The Festhalle is a multiuse facility that includes a large 10,000 square foot open event hall, restrooms, lobby, and outside patio area. Its planned usage includes festivals including Oktoberfest, Autumn Leaf festival, Accordion Festival, Leavenworth Summer Theater Productions, Sausage Fest, Wine Fest, River Fest, Upper Valley Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce functions, Cascade School District events, Weddings, etc.

The Festhalle is also available for use by large conferences, meetings, and large gatherings that may be coming to Leavenworth. Services including facilities rental, logistics, catering, audio visual, and more may be arranged.

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Leavenworth Festhalle Floor Plan



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