

Ladera Community Church
Workshop #1 Summary

Site Zone 1: Peabody Hall, Courtyard, Open Green Space

Peabody Hall / Kitchen

- Improve A/V system, acoustics, and provide new finishes
- Replace folding wall with solid wall if office is to remain adjacent to Peabody Hall or remove folding wall entirely
- Provide flexible furniture that is easy to set up for both church community and rentals
- Reconfigure the kitchen to be more space efficient and user friendly for rentals

Patio

- Strengthen indoor/outdoor connection with Peabody Hall
- Create a threshold space between greenspace and Peabody Hall

Greenspace

- Provide sound barrier along Alpine Road
- Remove barriers between parking lot entry and greenspace to create a welcoming front
- Create flexible outdoor seating and gathering area with coffee cart

Site Zone 2: Sanctuary, Fireside Room, Offices, Classrooms

Sanctuary

- Improve AV systems, with connection to Fireside for children/parents space
- Pews refinished with more durable fabric
- Provide ventilation without sound and visual distraction of traffic
- Storage of unused pews to right size for attendance at events
- Narthex – how to improve existing space or provide new, improved narthex

Fireside Room

- Use as a 15-20 person meeting space is very well used
- Needs refurbishment: new lights, replace flooring and furniture
- Replace cabinets with more consistent aesthetic and remove extraneous storage
- Add landscaping 'backdrop' outside windows
- Address sound transfer from Preschool through Fireplace

Offices

- Need right-sized Pastor's office, with private meeting space for counseling
- Front desk office / greeter space at main office entry
- More efficient storage strategy for frequently used items versus rare use
- One additional Senior staff office

Classrooms

- Replace accordion walls with permanent walls
- Maintain flexibility of art rooms being linked
- Need to remove temporary storage from Preschool move-in

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Site Zone 3 - Undeveloped Parcel

A variety of topics were discussed but mostly were organized into the following categories:

Low-Income Housing:

1. Favorability was mixed, but trending in a favorable direction.
2. All 3 groups felt the unit quantity should be limited to 6, which is the minimum amount of units that Habitat for Humanity indicated would be economically viable.
3. Additional units weren't considered to better serve the church's social justice initiative.
4. Additional units weren't desired even though the town would permit it.
5. Dedicating a fair portion of the site to the church was important.
6. Concerns were expressed about conflicting use, for example having a housing owner mow their lawn during a church service.
7. Scale, fitting into the neighborhood and town aesthetic, driveways and access require study.
8. Concerns expressed about views from church towards housing.

Large Gathering Space:

1. Large space for events, weddings, dinners, bbq's, concerts to be established in a naturalized setting.
2. The main oak tree must be preserved.
3. Space should serve as a destination space on the church campus
4. Space could be used by passer-by's

Quiet Garden Space:

1. A semi-separated quiet, contemplative garden, ideally as a patio off the fire-side room.
2. Space could have naturalized materials, plantings, benches.
3. Space could connect to the larger gathering space.

Support Spaces:

1. Provide outdoor kitchen, bbq, possible trellis and shade patio
2. Provide storage for tables and chairs, etc.
3. Comments on playground were mixed, defer to preschool requirements.
4. Playground could be shared by housing and preschool if after-hours.