

11B: PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

From participant review of both draft site plans, gather summary notes from note takers, marked-up drawing sheets from small groups, results from architectural styles exercise, and notes from post-workshop evaluations. Analyze the suggestions and translate this information into a single site plan option. Evaluate cost and zoning regulations. Develop presentation material and elicit community input.

Goals

- » Compile the various site plan options from the 'Two-Site Plans Activity' into a single plan that integrates each participant's input, while ensuring compliance with zoning, land-use, and design restrictions.'
- » Identify activities and building features that are either feasible or challenging.

Outcome

- » Preliminary Site Plan. This includes floor plans, elevations, and three dimensional views.
- » Slideshow presentation of the preliminary design and a recap of the process so far.

IN ACTION...

With positive feedback on the two draft site plans, our goal was to generate a quick site plan taking into consideration both the input received in the previous session and additional project parameters.

We first gathered and reviewed the suggestions from the previous session. We identified two topics that were highly important to participants: how to create a secure community and how to make a successful open space for the community. We used these topics in the following session to gather more feedback from participants.

Thanks to the architectural styles exercise and discussion, we now had a better idea of the participant's design preferences. With this feedback in mind, we began to develop building elevations and three- dimensional views to present to participants in the final session.

Given the facts that this was a) a Transit Oriented Development, b) that the future residents are active users of public transportation, and c) the goal to reduce the amount of parking spaces in order to maximize the amount of affordable units, the development team decided it was important to include access as a third topic – together with safety and open space - to specifically request participant input at the next session.

Materials

Affordable Housing Design Advisor

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The Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice, 17.3 Site Analysis

AIA D200–1995 Project Checklist