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Monthly Project Update

Current Phase: Preparation for Second Community Outreach Event



The conceptual design process for the new MLK, Jr. Community Center remains on track. KPA, the City of Richmond, TPL/MIG representatives collaborated to host the First Community Event at Nystorm Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room. During the event, community members actively shared their ideas and priorities for the future community center and park. The participants that attended initial gathering are encouraged to join the upcoming events to continue shaping the project's vision.

Work Accomplished in September and October:

- **Engaged at First Community Outreach Event on October 9th, 2025** to meet with community members and present a range of interactive input activities. Participants were invited to complete a short survey, vote on preferred architectural styles and program elements for the future MLK Jr. Community Center and Park, and share personal stories or ideas by recording audio or video messages reflecting on the old center or visions for the new one.
- **Geotechnical investigation and draft report** was completed to guide portions of the final conceptual design.
- **Ongoing efforts** to plan for the second Community Outreach Event taking place in November. It is anticipated that this event will be presentation-focused with a Q&A session following so that community members can express feedback or questions. KPA, the City of Richmond, and TPL/MIG will be the key speakers at this event.

Community Feedback:

"I had a lovely time tonight at the Event" - Coronado Neighborhood Council Member at First Community Outreach Event

"Excited to see this thing built!" - Richmond Resident

Upcoming Milestones:

- Second Outreach Event!
- Prepare survey analysis summarizing the first community event key takeaways
- Stakeholder Engagement Continued
- Continue TPL/MIG Collaboration
- Conduct topo survey

Major Highlights

- Community is thrilled for the construction of a new MLK Jr. Community Center
- 50 responses from Community Short Surveys
- Great input on selection of architectural styles and programs for Community Center & Park

Challenges & Actions:

- Community participation from teens is desired



First Community Outreach Event - Interactive stations for Community Members to visit and explore



Kit of Parts Activity (blocks of potential Community Center programs were laid out in different variations, Community Members had the freedom to redesign placement as desired)