emeryville center of community life

nex-us [nek-suh s]
1. a means of connection; tie; link.
2. a connected series or group
3. the core or center

nexus partners
“The Emeryville Center of Community Life is an incredible expression of our linked fate. The City, the School District, and community members have come together to talk about and develop an understanding of how we could work together, be in better relationships, and share our facilities. And that’s how we developed the idea of this Center of Community Life.”

Dr. Tony Smith, Former Superintendent
“To create a place where schools, community services, arts, and recreation programs are integrated to serve the entire Emeryville community”
nexus approach
building on work to date
• sun, wind
• neighbors
• vehicles, cars, bicycles
• water table
• culvert

influences on the site

• senior center
• rec center
• anna yates elementary school
• ralph hawley
• to name a few
portraits of the community
community design center
community fellows
plan van
engagement is design
“I like the idea of intergenerational instruction and having all of the resources on site to provide teachers and the community a place that is welcoming / inviting. It will be a magnet to people everywhere.”

“Will there be teacher’s daycare available?”

“How can we get the community involved? Many people I know didn’t know about this workshop?”

“I want to know more about sharing space? My concern is I might be working after school and someone else would kick me out for another program.”
Highlights:

- Community Plaza (left), Student Plaza (right) with programs below
- Strong street edge
- Narrow buildings promote daylight penetration
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- Community Plaza (left), Student Plaza (right) with programs below
- Shared central library / banquet hall
- Accommodates culvert
Highlights:

- Large, central community commons / park
- Security provided by grade separation – students at levels 2 & 3
- Program below sports fields
LOWER GARDEN LEVEL

53rd STREET

47th STREET

SAN PABLO AVE.

UNEXCAVATED

COMMUNITY COMMONS

PAVILION

LOADING

KITCHEN / STORAGE

PARKING – 80 CARS
community commons
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learning environments
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9am terrace view: school use
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5pm after school activities
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5pm after school activities
5pm after school activities
8pm after school activities
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community commons
8pm after school activities