

Town Center Survey Responses

Name (optional)	What are your thoughts about the renovations needed in the Town Center building? (i.e. window replacement, energy efficiency upgrades, etc.)
	A combination of energy efficiency and solar power would lead to significant savings that could be used to fund other renovations
	Strucure
Jay Furr	All the renovations are needed. Safety should take priority over other factors, but that said, ADA compliance is no laughing matter.
	I feel priority should be making sure the post office gets their requests as it maintains 93,000 in annual funds followed by electrical and fire.
	Older buildings need TLC - smart to make a plan and work the plan. Doesn't need to all happen at once, but sometimes it is more efficient to do a bigger batch of work.
Alison Conant	Please restore glass in the basement windows to let light in for Radiate Art Center
Stefani Hartsfield	We need to bring the building up to code in order to do any renovations. It would be great to have it energy efficient, but we want to be cost conscious and realistic about the age of the building. The ventilation and windows are important in the building. They have done a lot to improve the basement level but I still don't think the air quality is safe down there.
Julie Toth	Putting windows on the first floor art space are a priority for me. The community loves having an art space in town and it desperately needs windows for light and ventilation.
	All of this seems necessary. Windows are very drafty.
	Energy efficiency would improve comfort to people using the building, and reduce long term cost of utilities.
Marie. Thomas	Safety and ADA are most important.
Genevieve Habeck	I would like to see solar panels and highly energy-efficient upgrades
	I think that fire safety is the most important, then tightening up windows to make the space energy efficient. The floor plan reconfiguration should suit whoever is moving in. I don't know a whole lot about the difficulties in the town center - only that the selectboard room and the police station can't be heated at the same time and that doesn't make sense.
	Most interested in energy efficiency and adding solar if possible. Also interested in ensuring a comfortable, healthy, and safe workplace for employees.
Aaron Toth	Think we should add windows in the downstairs area where radiate art space is. Kids and the rest of the community love that space and it needs natural light and ventilation.
	In the long run, energy efficiency upgrades will pay off and should be seriously considered.
	Not sure
John Hamerslough	These windows are original or close. Put in double or even triple pane windows and make them smaller than the one there now.
	Make it more accessible
Jan Sibal	Energy efficiency is now the most important

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Jane	I'd like to know more about which of the above four are most risk-laden, what's most important for safety.
	It is important to complete these renovations to maintain this building as a vital government and community center.
William Aikman	Please make the space open and available to the local dance studio to rent.
	I think you need to know who will be renting the space and consider the amount of rent you will have for all floors before you consider upgrades. The air quality in that building is very poor and should be a high priority on the list.
Claire Mahoney	Overall renovation with new windows and needed repairs, but also a welcoming community space that is bright and welcoming, innovative and fresh!!
Isaac Patch	No additional thoughts.
Mary Ann Barnes	I don't think citizens should make the decisions about the renovations; that belongs to the experts and the staff.
Jennifer Brown	Energy efficiency
Peggy Curtis	I would love to see windows reinstalled on the basement level.
Kathleen Templin	Don't know enough about building conditions but take word of those more knowledgeable.
Katie Webster	I think trying to address windows and efficiency would be great but things could get expensive very fast with such a large space for and a relatively small renovation budget. I would say stick to the safety issues first and stay in budget.
Diane Gallagher	Unsure
Betsy Emerson	Structural reconfiguration to fit the new tenants of the spaces, improving the heating system and tightening up the windows make the most sense to me.
	Renovations should include gutting and reworking interior as well as "buttoning up" via windows and other energy efficiency items. Accessibility should be improved and meeting spaces provided where available. POLICE need a renovated space if they are to stay in this building.
	Look at how the space will be used and do what is needed.
	Deferring some, budgeting for future efforts seems appropriate. Once tenants are in place, the structural changes may not be the same.
	To make the space more usable for today's use, it should be able to have high speed internet and updated electrical.
	Windows in the radiate art space! Radiate is such an asset to young families in our town and having light filled room is so important for little explorers
Tom	Seems ok the way it is.
Jeff Forward	These are false choices. We cannot do a window replacement without an HVAC upgrade as well. Currently the HVAC system does not bring in fresh air. The leaky windows are our fresh air system. We have gotten excellent service out of this 100 year old building. It is time to bring it into the 21st century for the next 100years. As far as fire protection, we should never have to choose between life safety and other priorities
Jay Schuster	There's a lot of deferred maintenance that really needs to be taken care of.

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CONNIE VAN EEGHEN	We should do all of these things
Wanda Mitchell	Need to do renovations to the building and rent the space to bring money into the budget to pay for the space.
	I would like to see natural light I. The radiate art space. Windows that are energy efficient.
	Insulation, efficiency VT and HVAC systems, in that order
Jed Rankin	This building may not have "historical value" by some definitions, but it's part of what gives the town it's characters, and is in the vital downtown area. Sufficient renovations should be made to make it attractive to users to keep that section of town vital.
	They should be done and the space should be rented as a means to help pay for renovations.
	We need to do these with a plan in mind maybe not all at once.
	Renovations related to safety and energy efficiency should be priorities.
	Remedy the lack of heat in the large 2nd Floor Conference Room for public meetings - very uncomfortable! Make sure elevator is in good working condition. Upgrade police dept. if affordable.
Ian Stokes	Should be based on cost-outcome analysis (such as payback time) both dollars and lifetime carbon emissions.
Mary Peet	It is a historical building and should be preserved and upgraded
Jeanne A Agner	I do think energy efficiency upgrades are important.
Rebecca Rouiller	Window replacement, energy efficiency, better air quality (esp. in basement area)
	I would like some space assigned for use by the CSC
Ella Myregaard	Having a more energy efficient building will pay off in the long run as far as finances go, and it will be a step towards what I hope will be the norm in the future. Cities across the country are moving to be more energy efficient, and towns like Richmond shouldn't be left behind. It makes sense for our planet and therefore for ourselves and the future residents of Richmond.
Katherine Long	I think having ADA accessibility is a priority and protecting the building itself. I love the idea of net-zero energy but that price tag seems high unless there are significant grant funds available for the work.
	Would be wonderful to do any windows or HVAC replacements with energy efficiency guidance only. That is, NOT to do upgrades unless they are energy efficient.
Denise Noble	make the building more green i.e. environmentally friendly, solar panels? energy efficiency, more natural light, indoor greenery
	WINDOWS are #1 priority! Or reconfiguring use of space. Currently radiate is operating out of the basement with no working windows for adequate ventilation. Not acceptable for a space that serves many toddlers and young children. Need to move radiate upstairs or at least replace basement windows.
	Window replacements is important
	Window Replacement
Becky LaMantia	The building is beautiful from the outside. Updates, such as increased natural light, are needed inside to increase it's attraction as a town community center. With all due respect, it just smells old.

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	I don't know what the conditions are now and what is needed. Can't answer without more details
	Not aware of the upgrades needed/priority
	energy efficiency should be a role in any renovation that takes place
Darcie Rankin	My priorities would be safety and useability for all people in our community.
	This is an incredibly important building in our community. Let's do this right and make it something that enriches our community for decades. We should not skimp on this building, which will be the center of our community for decades.
	Window creation in the basement for Radiate Art Space is necessary. Proper ventilation throughout the building is a priority. Outfitting the building for energy efficiency is also of utmost importance. I would also want to ensure that any issues of lead and asbestos anywhere in the building, especially with regard to the basement space for Radiate Art Space, are addressed and remediated.
	The building is older and it would definitely benefit from some upgrades... the basement needs windows
Kathy Lewis	To me it makes more sense to do these renovations and keep our town center functional rather than have to build new buildings down the road to accommodate town services. Why let this historic building fall into further disrepair.
	I think it's a fabulous idea and would elevate that building to be fully functional. It's the center of our town and it deserves to be tended to.
	Makes more sense to have experts in fire protection, maintenance and energy costs provide recommendations. Difficult to tell what conditions exist for each.
	Leave it to the experts.
	I'm not really qualified to answer this. Hire experts.
	Windows in Radiate!!!!
	Please replace the windows for the Radiate Art space on the bottom floor.
	If the fire protection is inadequate, then that should be first priority.
Lauren Esserman	It is a nice historic building that helps set the character of our town and seems worth renovating although I know it is expensive to do so.
	A structurally sound & functioning building is important. Delayed repairs = costly in the long-run.
	In agreement with making renovations to make building more functional.
	For safety reason, fire protection and electrical should take priority, then windows would be next for efficiency and comfort.
	Energy efficient and safety renovations should be the top priority.
Hunter Wasser	Making Richmond as energy efficient as we can should be a top priority. Of course, structural upgrades and safety code compliance is important as well, so a multifaceted approach is likely best.
Patty Means	I support all upgrades that will be paid back over time in energy savings. Any/all potential safety issues need to be addressed as well.
	I would like to see minimal (and less expensive) renovations to make the building sound and usable within the confines of historical requirements

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	if basement continues to house Radiate or other programming for kids, windows are dearly needed. A central town facility for the arts would certainly benefit the town, and upgrades to ensure safety and equal access opportunities would be a huge improvement over current use.
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Dave Thomas	This is an cumbersome survey. Need to know occupants in order to answer
	basement windows installed!
	The building is a historic center piece of Bridge Street along with the library and Congo Church. It is a convenient, walkable location near shops etc. It should be make structurally sound from the roof and windows to the foundation. All 17 suggestions are worth implementing (therefore paying for) so the building can be a center of town activities.
	These all seems important to me! I'll agree with experts who know more about what is needed. I think energy renovations are very improtant.
	Update the windows
	Windows for Radiate would be great!
Michael Storrs	Safety items such as fire protection should be the first priority.
	See above
Diane Wester	Energy upgrades pay for themselves over time.
Earl Wester	This should be left to the experts to determine adequacy or the need to improve the priorities of safety, structural and environmental integrity and ADA accessibility. Also, give serious consideration to expanding the police department on the 2nd floor, relocating other town services to the 3rd. Any upgrades should take the related needs into consideration. It's got to be less costly than building - and forever maintaining - a new free-standing facility.
	window replacement for Radiate Art Space
Thea Korczykowski	Please help Radiate Art space get some windows! Their art programs for children are a valuable resource for families in our community.
	windows in radiate space
Sarah	Energy efficiency is always important for everyone, and I would love to see Radiate art space get some windows!
	What ever makes sense cost wise and in the long term
	I think new windows are needed badly, as well as upgrades to make the building safe. Adding in net zero energy products would be an added bonus.
	Keep the heat lower to save energy.
Lisa loomis	Better organization of the spaces, and general upgrades appear to be needed.
Bonnie Belfield	Please make as many upgrades as possible. This a great central location in town which could be a hub for more community oriented ventures.
	they should be replaced

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Mary Claire	I would think window replacement would be a priority. Energy efficiency upgrades are important but I can't quite seeing that building achieve net zero. If it can, we should do that. It would add value to the property in terms of rentals.
Kathy Webb	Window replacement

from Linda Brent

ck for
space for
across from
holding
cell on
same
level



First Floor Plan

■ police

■ TOWN CLERK

Town Mgr.

Finance



Planning/zoning mgr. ASST.

POST OFFICE ROOF

Historical Society



Second Floor Plan

Meeting Room

Senior Ctr.

Historical Society



Lower Level Floor Plan

Judy Bush -
434-3244

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1. what are building priorities

current use. - what do police need to stay *

- " does post office need to stay *

- Radiate and ^{do town office} our Community ^{cars camp} office storage

2. Consider other community needs. / non profits.

- Historical Society.

- Community Senior Center

- (when might we have a Recreation director?)

3. Other - community programs, arts, recreation.

Given those uses what upgrades should be a priority?

1) safety 2) accessibility 3) historical considerations

* for how long

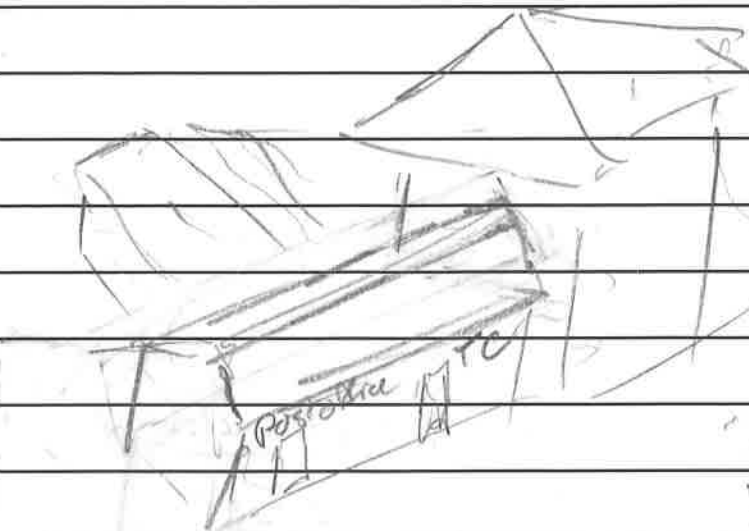
I'd like to imagine a community center - arts, recreation, all ages.

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Maintaining the second floor structure makes sense to me, while allowing for other uses of the 3rd floor. Second fl has elevator access - it would be expensive to bring it to the 3rd



Remove PO from current location. Replace PO with 2 stories. Make the entirety of 1st floor Police Dept. 2nd Floor connected to existing structure. Front (old build) for community space (rental) (Caribbean dance?) Rear New build for TC offices

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I support the Senior Center, Radiate art & the historical society using space in the town center, paying rent.

I think that necessary renovations should be done — Can these be separated into 3 or 4 yrs & be covered by income generated?

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Third floor -

Comm. Senior Ctr

+
Historical Society

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- 1) Rebuild the hole Building with new
- 2) upgrade to heat pumps, fire Alarm to ring in to the fire dept, CO detectors on all floors, Better Exits on first floor.
- 3) move meeting room to third floor. open old meeting room for police Department.

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You should have taken care of the PD when you had the opportunity.

What happens when the FD & PD of Town Center will need work?

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A Performance space, perhaps the dance studio or something would relocate. there?

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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE POLICE
STATION GAIN SPACE

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I would like to suggest something that all ages could access. If Arabesque were to go into the space, they could expand their offerings and have classes for all abilities and ages. Therefore, I vote that Arabesque Dance, Etc. be allowed to lease the space.

Thank-you. 😊

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It would be wonderful to have our local dance center, Arabesque, renting the space, or part of the space formerly occupied by CESU.

Seniors would also be a good fit if building is accessible.

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Police station renovation should be a priority. They currently have inadequate facilities as was outlined at last year's town meeting.

Non-profits such as the Historical Society, the Community Senior Center and Radiate Arts should be given strong consideration for remaining space after the police station expansion.

Energy efficiency upgrades should also be prioritized.

Thank you.