

Town of Jamestown

Community Space Needs Survey

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Methodology

- ▶ Survey of identified community organizations
 - ▶ General information
 - ▶ Mission
 - ▶ Age of participants/customers
 - ▶ Town / school buildings used
 - ▶ Beaches, fields, parks used
 - ▶ Indoor space needs
 - ▶ Athletic activities
 - ▶ Performing arts
 - ▶ Creative arts
 - ▶ Other activities
 - ▶ Outdoor space needs
 - ▶ Team sports
 - ▶ Other activities

Methodology #2

- ▶ Questions included:
 - ▶ Mission
 - ▶ Age of participants/customers
 - ▶ Town / school buildings used
 - ▶ Beaches, fields, parks used
 - ▶ # of activities (e.g., practices, games, performances, etc.)
 - ▶ Schedule of activities
 - ▶ # of participants (e.g., players, performers, crew, audience)
 - ▶ Space needs
 - ▶ Stage
 - ▶ Lighting
 - ▶ Sound system
 - ▶ Storage
 - ▶ Other
 - ▶ Needs being met today? Change in future?

Respondents

Cal Ripken Baseball Association
Chamber of Commerce
Community Band
Community Chorus
Community Piano
Community Theater
Conanicut Island Art Association
Conanicut Island Sailing
Foundation
Friends of Jamestown Library
Friends of Jamestown Youth
Historical Society

Jamestown Art Center
Jamestown Boy Scouts
Jamestown Cub Scouts
Lion's Club
Prevention Coalition
Quononoquott Garden Club
Rotary Club
Soccer Association
Striper Club
Women's Club

Findings – Performing Arts

- ▶ Common needs
 - ▶ Performance area - approx. 27 ft wide x 25 ft deep, with 15 ft arch, wing and fly space
 - ▶ Lighting
 - ▶ Amplification
 - ▶ Off stage area for changing and warm up
 - ▶ Kitchen/Food area
 - ▶ Small temperature-controlled practice room for piano - approx. 9 ft x 12 ft
- ▶ \leq 135 performers and crew
- ▶ \leq 210 to 300 audience members
- ▶ \approx 107 days of use incl. rehearsals and performances

Findings – Special Events (Indoor)

- ▶ Includes creative arts and other community groups
 - ▶ Summer Crafts Fair and Members' Art Exhibit
 - ▶ Holiday Craft Show
 - ▶ Chamber Business Expo
 - ▶ Rotary Club Recognition Dinner
- ▶ Common needs
 - ▶ Large open area with movable tables
 - ▶ Kitchen facility (non-cooking)
- ▶ ≤ 200 participants, including vendors and attendees
- ▶ ≈ 14 days of use per year

Findings – Team Sports (Indoor)

- ▶ Soccer Association
 - ▶ Approx. 80 games / practices between Jan and Apr each year
 - ▶ U.S. indoor soccer rules:
 - ▶ 140 and 210 feet in length
 - ▶ 60 and 90 feet in width
 - ▶ standard dimensions are 180 feet by 75 feet
 - ▶ Perimeter wall between 4 and 12 feet high (standard height is 8 feet).
- ▶ Did not survey Town recreation programs, e.g.,

Adult Ballet

Adult Competitive Volleyball

Adult Fitness Boot Camp

Adult Recreational Volleyball

Beginners Yoga

Gentle Yoga

Mellow Vinyassa

Over 35 Basketball

Pilates

Tai Chi

Yoga

Findings – Athletic Activities (Outdoor)

- ▶ Baseball and Soccer common needs
 - ▶ Field maintenance
 - ▶ Storage
- ▶ Field maintenance recommendations in prior study of Recreation Department
- ▶ Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (CISF) needs:
 - ▶ Indoor classroom (during inclement weather)
 - ▶ Storage (summer and off-season)
 - ▶ 6 weeks of summer camp (approx. 200 children and youth)
 - ▶ Future goal of year-round programming – requires indoor space

Findings – Other (Outdoor)

- ▶ Multitude of outdoor special events – no concerns expressed
- ▶ Possible future activities:
 - ▶ Regatta for 20 to 200 boats (CISF)
 - ▶ Outdoor art exhibits/activities, e.g. sculpture, film, dance, etc. (Jamestown Arts Center)

Findings – Meeting, Classes, Workshops

- ▶ All groups expressed need for meeting space
- ▶ Common needs
 - ▶ Movable seating and tables
 - ▶ Lectern
 - ▶ Audio equipment, on occasion
- ▶ Board meetings – 10 to 20 participants
- ▶ Talks / presentations – up to 100 participants
- ▶ Cub scouts – up to 60 participants (need space where can have activities)
- ▶ ≈ 220 meetings or activities year

Findings – Storage

- ▶ Nearly all groups expressed need for storage
- ▶ Common needs
 - ▶ Approx. 10 sf to 500 sf per group on average
 - ▶ Athletic activities required more space, optimally near playing fields (CISF – 1,000 sf including boats and equipment)
- ▶ Variety in frequency of # of times need to access per month
- ▶ Items include: uniforms, bats, balls, goal nets, field painting equipment, tents, camping equipment, maintenance equipment, music stands, lighting system, sound system, costumes, historic artifacts
- ▶ Historical society needs temperature/moisture controlled environment

Conclusions

- ▶ Universal need for meeting space and storage
- ▶ Common needs among performing arts groups and potentially indoor special events
- ▶ Model exists at Jamestown Arts Center
 - ▶ Non-profit owned and operated
 - ▶ Diversity of revenue sources
 - ▶ Flexible space

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS?