



In the last months The City of Pittsburg has been working with Pittsburg's Community, the staff, the Architects, Contra Costa County Delta Municipal Court and Library, Pittsburg Unified School District, National Guard Armory, Caltrans, Bart, Contra Costa County Fire Prevention and USS-Posco receiving input through informal, information-collecting meetings and interviews on the Design of Pittsburg Civic Center.

Through this participation the following vision was formulated:

- Create a Center that brings pride to all citizens, youth, adults, and seniors where Pittsburg's racial and cultural diversity is a blessing worth celebrating every time one visits the City Hall.
- Create an impressive gateway that welcomes all.

The Design of the new 70,000 sq.ft. Civic Center building centers on the quality of the work place by focusing on the User/City/Public one-stop service, where city services will be available at a single location. The Plan calls for sharing of open space and parking designed to serve the Civic Center as a whole, in contrast with the existing configuration where individual lots serve specific buildings.

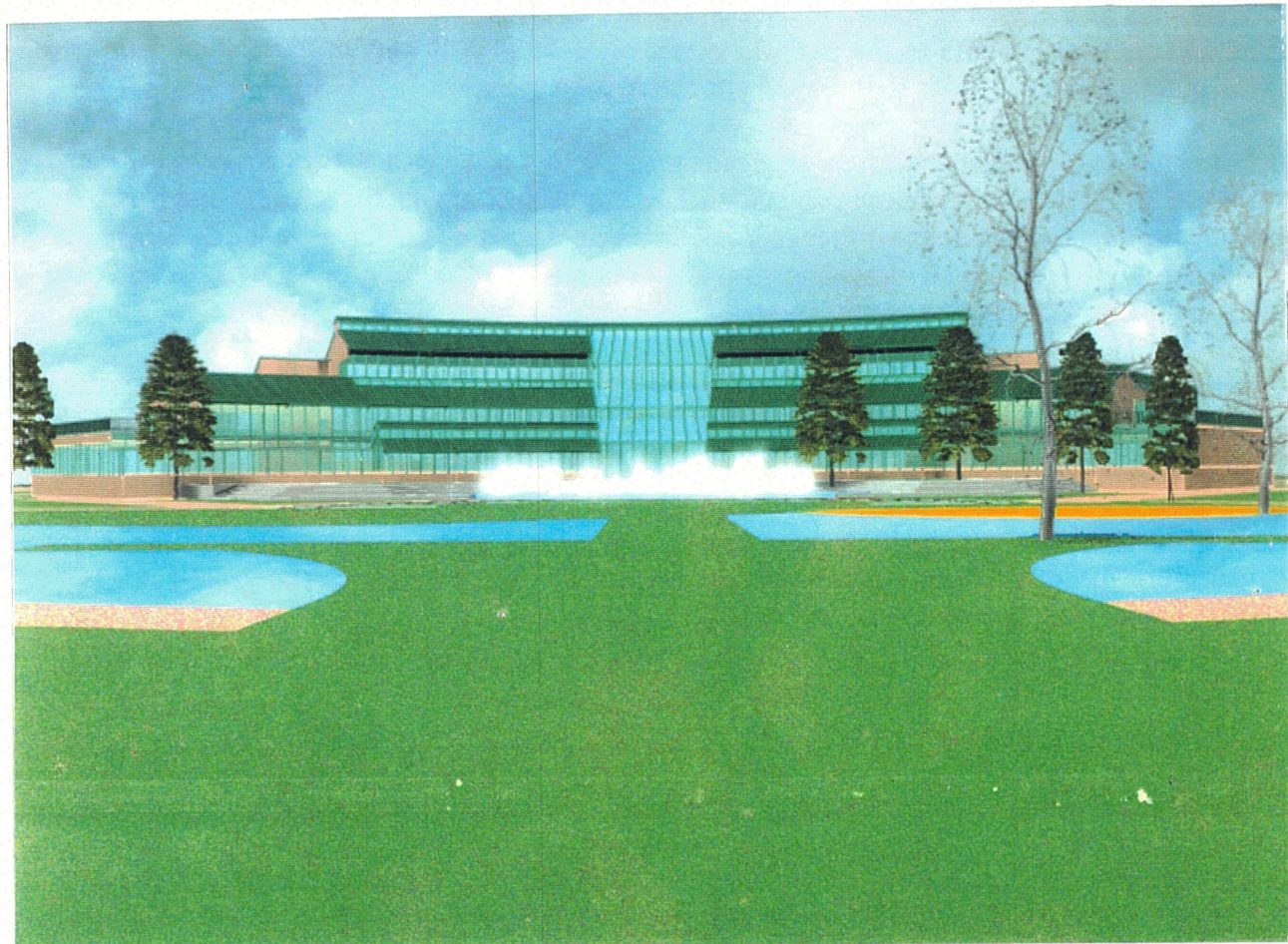
A symbolic Gateway to the Civic Center and to the City will be developed along Railroad Avenue. As you enter the space, waterfalls will act as calming sculptural elements. Climbing vines will welcome visitors to the site. The building is situated to capture the natural light and views of the surrounding hills to the south and the river to the north.

In keeping with the vision to create a single location for City services, public circulation is located in the center of the building where elements such as art, historic memorabilia, water and plants are carefully woven into the design. Frequent public services such as the Community Development, Cashier's office, Housing and Rehabilitation and Police are located at ground level. Open space leads to the Council and Administration area.

The open office layout is designed to foster interaction among City staff. It is our belief that the building we designed for the future is an organism capable of variation and adaptation with as large a range as the technology and project budget of today permits.

The main lobby is conceived as a cathedral-like space, inspired by Pittsburg's steel mill architecture. Landscape and water features evoke Italian fishing heritage. The project combines the Community's objectives with the "found" architecture in Pittsburg. The structure includes exhibit space and murals, elements of the history with colors and art work to identify Pittsburg's diversity.

The proposed Civic Center project provides a landmark identity within the City, incorporates history, offers quality development that will revitalize the area, condenses all City administrative services to a single location and provides an up-to-date, functional facility to meet the City's future administrative needs.





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