

MIRA MESA EPICENTRE | FAQs

GENERAL

Where is the Epicentre Building located?

The Mira Mesa Epicentre is located at 8450 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92126 – next to Mira Mesa Community Park.

How large is the facility?

The building is roughly 8,000 square feet.

What will the building be used for?

The vision for the Mira Mesa Epicentre is to return it to its previous state as a central hub for the local community, offering programs, activities, classes, and events that benefit residents of all ages, interests, and abilities, with a special focus on youth and teens. Amenities will be developed based on community input, and programs will be offered to meet the needs of the people who live nearby. Diverse offerings will be available at all times and in multiple languages to ensure there are no barriers to attendance and participation.

How much funding is available for this project?

The project has a budget of \$8 Million for design, environmental review, and construction.

What is the timeframe for the project?

A survey was distributed to Mira Mesa High School students in Winter 2022. A similar survey was distributed to the residents living within 1 mile of the Epicentre Sept. 13 to Oct. 3, 2022. Feedback from the surveys, and engagement with project stakeholders, will be used to guide the development of the building concept plans.

Development staff will present the concept plan during a community meeting on Nov. 10 and assess whether the design reflects community preferences. Staff will again use feedback from the community to help refine a final concept plan and begin design development of that plan by drafting construction documents.

After the construction documents are complete, the County will solicit construction bids and begin renovation/construction of the facility. Anticipated completion is expected to be in Summer 2024.

Who will have access to the building and its recreational programs?

The Epicentre and its recreational programs will be available for all residents, with a majority of the open-hours and programs geared toward youth and teens. The facility will be available to the general public outside of those hours and will be publicized so residents can plan accordingly. Schedules will shift based on time of year and community interest.

Why is this facility being developed by County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation rather than the City of San Diego?

The Epicentre building is owned by the City of San Diego. However, the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation intends to enter into a long-term agreement with the City of San Diego to operate all the programs and events at the facility.

What is the desired outcome of the Epicentre?

Investing in today's youth who will become tomorrow's leaders is a high priority for the County of San Diego. The rehabilitation and operation of the Mira Mesa Epicentre would activate a highly desirable public space and improve public safety in the community. All DPR teen programs operate with the intention of diverting youth away from destructive and criminal activity and bringing them into a positive environment that equips them with tools that can help them lead healthy and productive lives. Additionally, we anticipate that the facility will be well known and highly used by residents of all ages, interests, and abilities in the community by making it available for a wider variety of events, programs, and meetings, and collaborating with neighboring City of San Diego Parks and Library, local schools, and community organizations.

Is there parking available with ADA access?

Parking is available next to the facility with ADA parking spaces and access.

Are there restrooms?

Restrooms with ADA access are available in the facility.

OUTREACH

What public outreach have you done for this facility?

A survey was distributed to Mira Mesa High School students in Winter 2022. A similar survey was distributed to the community surrounding the Epicentre and was released online and in-person from Sept. 13 to Oct 3. Mira Mesa residences and businesses within one mile of the building were notified via U.S. Mail.

Other outreach activities include:

- Mira Mesa Town Council meetings
- Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council meetings
- Mira Mesa Street Fair (Oct. 1, 2022)
- Public Meeting (Nov. 10, 2022)
- Direct conversations via phone, email, and in person

ENVIRONMENTAL

Will the project comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

Yes, the project will comply with CEQA and all applicable environmental regulations. For more information, connect with our Resource Management Division team member, Emily Pacholski at Emily.Pacholski@sdcounty.ca.gov.

OPERATIONS

What are the hours of operations?

Anticipated operating hours are Monday through Friday, 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. These times are subject to change based on available resources. The property may also be reserved for public meetings and private events seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. These times are subject to change based on available resources.

Operating hours will be continuously evaluated and adjusted to meet the needs of local community.

What type of programs will be offered?

The Epicentre will offer programs for people of all ages, abilities, and interests, with a special focus on activities for youth ages 10 to 18. Programs may include tutoring, mentoring, career counseling, performing and visual arts, gardening and cooking demonstrations, various recreational classes and tournaments, and intergenerational programs with the neighboring senior center.

The facility will also serve as a hub for the SD Nights program (short for Safe Destination Nights), in which staff coordinate events for teens in urban areas, to keep them off the streets during critical hours, and may be booked for private events like birthdays and retirement celebrations.

What type of amenities will be offered in and outside the facility?

The final plan has not been released. However, according to the community feedback we have received so far, preferred interior amenities include a lounge area, game tables, arcade, computer lab and homework area, music room, fitness equipment, stage with audio and visual equipment, demonstration kitchen, and multi-purpose space. Preferred exterior amenities include central gathering areas, open turf areas, garden boxes, and outdoor sport courts.

Will the Epicentre be reservable?

Yes. Reservations will be able to be made through staff on-site or by contacting the County Parks and Recreation Reservation Desk. View venue availability at <https://reservations.sdparks.org/>.

SAFETY

How will safety and security of the facility be maintained?

One of the wings of the Epicentre building is currently occupied by City of San Diego Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol police force. Having a police force in the facility creates a sense of safety for the building and surrounding area. DPR plans to work with the City to share occupancy of the facility, during facility operating hours and whenever the facility is reserved for special events. The facility will be locked during non-operating hours with exterior and interior security cameras and a security alarm system.

DPR encourages all facility users to flag issues in or around the area by contacting staff, reaching out to the Sheriff's Office, or calling 911. Emergency numbers will be shared on facility signs.

NEXT STEPS

How can I stay informed

If you would like to receive e-mail updates throughout the development process, please email Park Project Manager Alyssa Way at AlyssaP.Way@sdcounty.ca.gov to be added to the distribution list.

To learn more about the project, and other DPR development projects, visit sdparks.org > [Plans](#) > [Development Projects](#) > [Mira Mesa Epicentre](#).

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