Civic Center Site

Ownership: City of Oak Ridge

Total Acreage: 36

Location: 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike

Availability: Immediately following approval

Condition: Concrete structure is generally in good condition

Issues with HVAC will need to be addressed

Options: Future engineering/architectural studies will help determine the best option of those listed below

- 1. New free standing building on site
- Addition to existing building
 Either of the above options would permit the use of Civic
 Center meeting rooms for senior use (4 rooms, approximately
 5000 sq. ft.). Civic Center meeting rooms currently have
 limited use during the day.

Costs: New Construction \$150 to \$180 a sq. ft. Some costs would be incurred in tying in an addition to the existing facility and meeting ADA requirements.

Parking: Additional parking would be needed with appropriate access to the new senior building or addition. The number of new parking spaces and their location would be determined once the type and scope of new construction was determined.

Advantages of Civic Center Site

- City owned
- Central location in the City
- Use of existing Civic center meeting rooms would reduce the size of any new construction required for a senior center
- Proximity to existing Civic Center facilities (library, pool, gym).
 Outside walking trail and Rotary Historical Walk would provide additional opportunities/activities for seniors
- Central location of Civic Center would permit seniors to park and walk to area stores, restaurants, etc.
- Increased use of existing Civic Center facilities
- Could be savings in personnel and operating costs through combining Civic Center and Senior center facilities

Possible concerns/issues

- The addition of senior programs/activities may necessitate the need for coordination in scheduling Civic Center facilities
- Impact of citywide events e.g. Secret City Festival, Halloween
 Party on use of facilities by seniors
- Impact of summer youth programs on senior activities
- Plan convenient parking and access to new facilities



