CONCLUSION

When considering the public’s perception of social sustainability, it seems that participants had several ideas regarding what “sustainability” meant to them. Some participants identified sustainability as actions that benefit both the present and the future. Other responses defined sustainability as something that is “reusable” and “long lasting”. However, most of the responses focused on environmental sustainability rather than social sustainability. While both are important in creating a welcoming space for a community, it is important that people are educated about the benefits of both.

The physical and abstract design strategies that the survey found was to have a clean design, focus on natural lighting, include comfortable seating, and have a good level of acoustical control. The abstract design ideas include having a welcoming feel, a high level of inclusiveness, and cultural diversity. This was helpful information for the design process for a community center. The most effort will be put towards designing for the amenities and features listed from the survey results, thus giving a well-rounded research-based community center design.

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