

ST. EDWARD GATHERING CENTER

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CONCEPT:

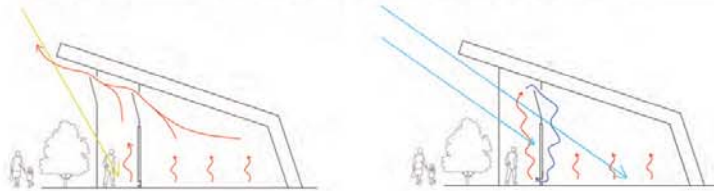
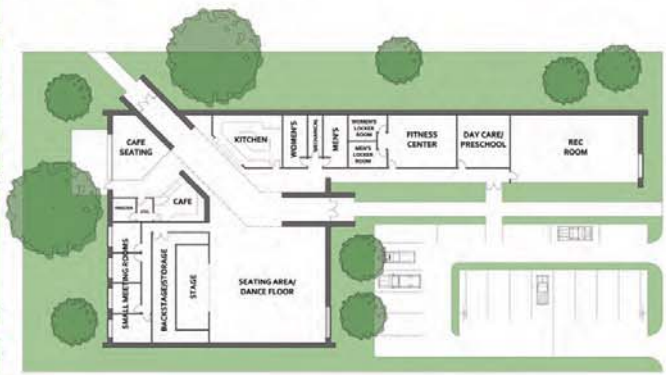
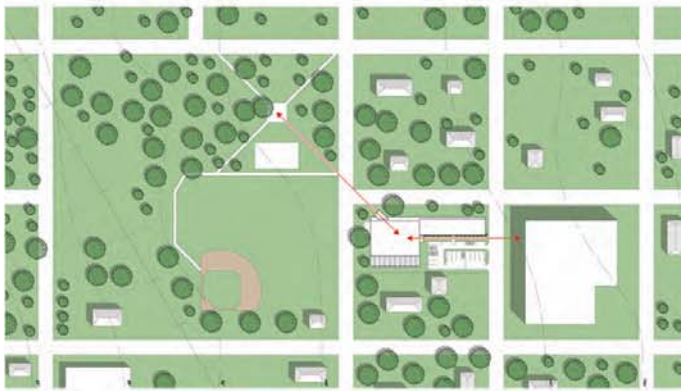
In designing a building for any site, one must consider what is already there. In the case of St. Edward, NE, there currently exists a nice park in the center of town, with the school located two blocks east. This marks the ideal location for a gathering center, linking with existing town features so as to provide an enhanced experience of not only this building, but the existing as well.

FUNCTIONAL GOALS:

- Serve as an afterschool hangout space for students. Location immediately next to the school is key here, as is the "rec room" complete with pool tables, ping pong, and a TV. Fitness Center is usable by students (before, during, and after classes) as well as the general public.
- Serve as a leisure destination for general public. Cafe on the park side features a patio to help link this space to the park
- Serve as a place for large events: receptions, school dances, graduation, large parties, or even high school graduation

PROGRAMATIC FEATURES:

- Dual Entries, one from the park, one from the school. These doors mark the point where the sidewalk meet the building, and as such the concrete continues inside along the continuation of these paths, reinforcing the large scale circulation.
- Multi Purpose Spaces. Large area near the stage can be used for dining or performing orientations. The day care center can double as a seminar room or a room for home schooling. Small meeting rooms are located on the west, which can be used for study rooms for students, card games, or small scale city meetings, among other things. Southeast parking lot doubles as a basketball court.



DINING ORIENTATED SETUP:

- WEDDING RECEPTIONS
- FAMILY REUNIONS
- LARGE BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- DINNER THEATER



PERFORMING ORIENTATED SETUP:

- COMMUNITY PLAYS
- CONCERTS
- MOVIE SCREENINGS
- CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

