

ISCNY Newsletter

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ISCNY Community Center Update

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The Islamic Community Center Committee At Work

The Islamic Community Center utilized professional support at various points in the development of the ISCNY Community Center. The committee had a site feasibility study done to give us a better picture of site, the demographics of the city and surrounding area and other information valuable in making good decisions. The study brought out the value of the land and that the land itself, can be as asset in completing the project. The ISCNY Community Center is situated close to major highways; city bus route; near the largest city housing development; nursing home and private housing developments. All of which are important assets in determining land usage, site development.



Prior to this the ICC committee met with a building company to explore the type of building structure that will suit our needs. Also, a long-standing professional relationship with a landscape architect has been immensely helpful in various stages of the project. These individuals and input from our community have helped the ICC committee—even though we make mistakes, from making major mistakes.

We will do our best to keep you updated weekly with the progress of the ISCNY Community Center

ICC Information Meetings



A significant part of the project that will give direction for future development were the ICC Informational Meetings held at ISCNy. These series of meetings allowed the ICC committee to give updates and get community input. That input is invaluable in moving forward with the center design. After listening, the committee had an architect do a conceptual drawing incorporating the ideas from those meetings. That included education space; college study space; exercise space; cafeteria and moveable partitions, to give you an idea.

The committee will expand the search for an architect and finalize the best ideas from the ICC Information Meetings. The initial plans from the beginning of the project had a full court basketball, janazah preparation room, kitchen and study rooms. In order to figure out the maximum occupancy the large open space was divided by the number of prayer rugs that could fit in that area. This calculation also was used for the total number of parking. And the center is oriented in the direction of the Qibla.

To fast forward, the site work was at a completion point in time to have the Eidul Adha Prayer there. With approximately 200, there was more than enough off-street parking. The center will have occupancy for about 4 times that amount. The benefit is that the center can hold most of the service ideas from the ICC Information Meetings in addition to prayer, Al Hamdul'illah.



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