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Plans leave out Living Center site

Redesign of St. John’s campus shows no space for nursing home.

By Kelsey Dayton

Two preliminary plans for changing the St. John’s Medical Center campus do not include the Living Center on the grounds.

The St. John’s Medical Center Board of Trustees saw a presentation from Denver-based Davis Partners Architects at its Oct. 24 meeting. In both designs for a revamped hospital campus, a new outpatient surgery center replaces the Living Center, currently housed near the National Elk Refuge on the northern part of the hospital property.

Hospital officials have said a home for the elderly will be a part of St. John’s in the future, but the 28,000-square-foot facility, which can house 60 patients, may be moved off the east Jackson property. Hospital spokeswoman Karen Connelly wrote in an e-mail that St. John’s has not identified an alternative location for a nursing home.

St. John’s CEO Jim Schuessler wrote in an e-mail that, for now, it seems preferable to continue operating the Living Center at the current location. But the feasibility of a new, modernized nursing facility, with space for additional elder-care services at a location off campus, is being explored.

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