



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sara Hensley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: August 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Progress Update on the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center

Repairs to Turner-Roberts Recreation Center

In a letter dated June 27, 2012, Colony Park Neighborhood Residents were notified of the decision to demolish the gymnasium portion of the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center. There has been a delay in the demolition work, which is now tentatively scheduled to begin on August 27, 2012. The first day of school for the Austin Independent School District is also August 27. The project team is aware and will work with Volma Overton Elementary Administration to limit the impact to the students during school hours. The demolition is scheduled for completion in October 2012. Immediately following the demolition of the gym, work will begin on the foundation work of the new gym. The entire project is scheduled for completion during the summer of 2013. For additional information on this project, please contact David Smythe-Macaulay, Public Works Project Manager at 974-7152.

It is important to note that the outdoor basketball court was closed for the demolition and reconstruction work. Parks and Recreation Staff will continue to offer transportation to alternative facilities for afterschool programs and recreational basketball play.

Construction of the Multi-Purpose Building (Turner-Roberts Recreation Center)

The Colony Park Neighborhood Association was notified during their June 2012 meeting that the new multipurpose facility adjacent to the Turner-Roberts Recreation Center would not be open until September 2012. The Neighborhood Association will be notified that the new facility will not be completed until mid-October 2012 during their August 2012 meeting. The original completion date was proposed by the first day of school of the 2012-2013 Academic Year. The original plan did not include a kitchen, which was later added to the scope of work. A rain delay coupled with the addition of the kitchen has pushed the completion date back to October as reported by the Austin Independent School District Project Manager, Mario S. Alaniz, AIA. The whole building cannot be completed and opened for use until the changes to the plumbing, structural steel and HVAC related to the addition of the kitchen are completed.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at 974-6717.

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