

Montopolis Recreation and Joint Facility Project

Public Health and Human Services Committee April 22, 2014

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Bond Development Process

- **October 2011** - City Council resolution to develop general obligation bond package recommendations.
- **February 2012** - \$1.5 Billion in projects identified by City Departments
 - PARD identified \$9 million for a new Montopolis Recreation Center;
 - HHSD identified \$8.45 million for a new Neighborhood Center at Betty Dunkerley Campus.
- **April 17, 2012** - PARD and HHSD present combined project to BEATF Parks and Open Spaces Committee
 - Committee approves combining of projects -Savings of \$1.95 million

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Bond Development Process, cont.

- **June-Aug 2012** – BEATF meetings, Community Workshops, Council Meetings, and Public Hearings held on Bond Package
 - Montopolis Joint Project specifically discussed by City Council in Open Meeting on June 26, August 7, August 15

- **Nov 2012** - \$15.5 million Montopolis Recreation and Community Center Project funded in 2012 Bond propositions
 - Proposition 14 (Parks and Recreation) allocates \$11.78 million
 - Proposition 17 (Health and Human Services) allocates \$3.72 million

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Project Development Progress

- **Project Objective** - Provide a new and improved recreation and community center to the residents of the Montopolis neighborhood and citizens of Austin (estimated 33,297 square feet)
- Preliminary Conceptual Phase began April 2013
- Preliminary Phase Community Engagement November 2013-May 2014
 - 4 Community Open House Events
 - 4th Open House Date TBD
 - 3 requested stakeholder meetings

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Public Proposed Services

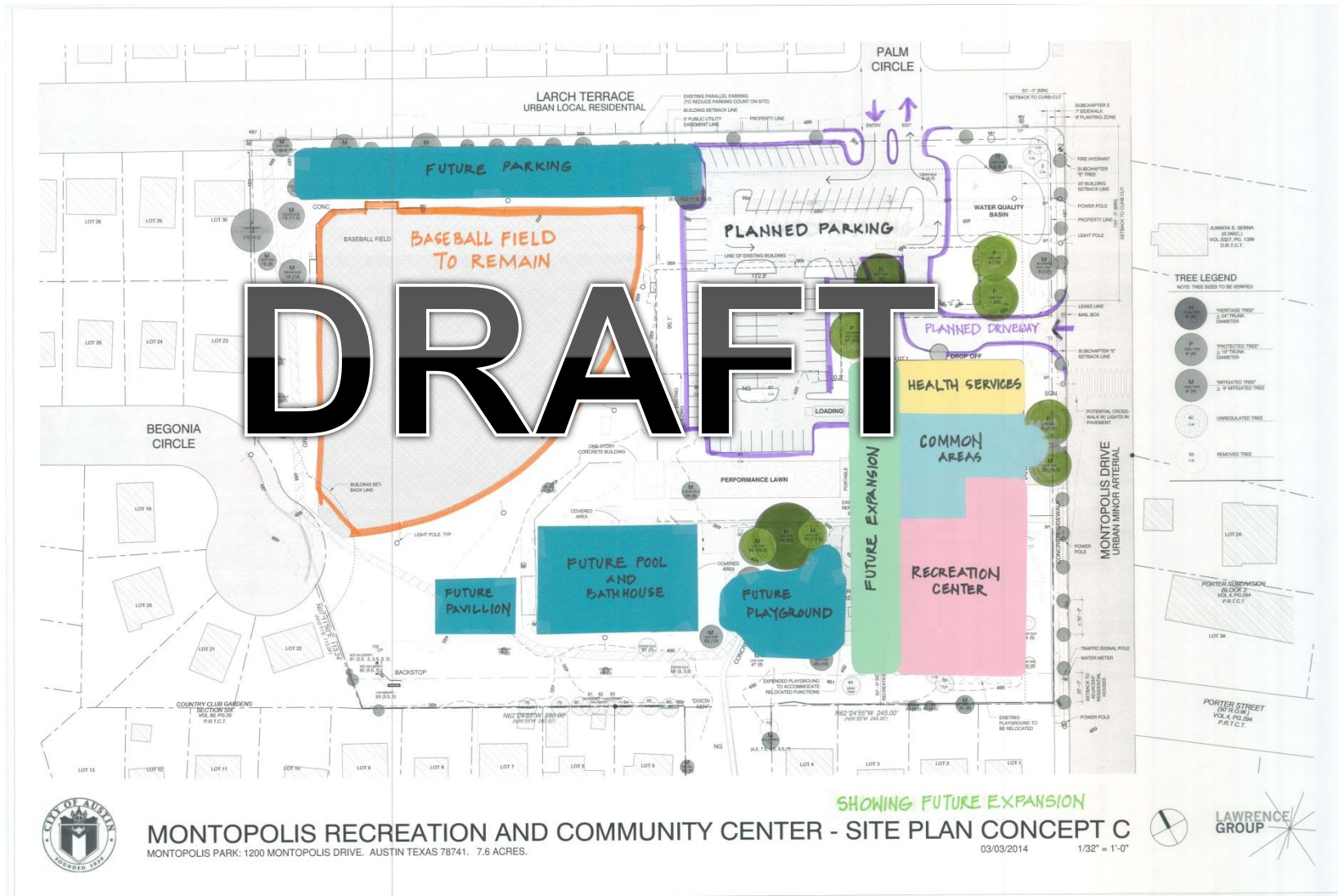
- Continuation of all Current Recreational Activities
- Commercial Kitchen
- Special Events Space and Meeting Rooms
- Senior Activities
- Full Service Neighborhood Center for Basic Needs
- Continuing Education Services
- Early Childhood Activities
- Sports
- Exercise and Fitness
- Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Health and Wellness Activities

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Community Concerns

- Planning for sufficient parking
- Influx of citizens from other neighborhoods to this facility
- Size and services of the recreation center not being sufficient
- Proposed building footprint too large to allow for future expansion of the recreation center and other outdoor amenities on this site
- Perception that HHSD locating administration and not program staff at the Montopolis facility
- Availability of other locations for the HHSD services

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Project Timeline

- **Preliminary Phase - May 2014**
 - community input, list of services and space requirements, site study.
- **Selection of Design Consultant firm - December 2014**
 - Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process
- **Design and Permitting - February 2016**
 - Conducted by the Consultant, approved by the Council.
 - Community Engagement
 - Site plan approved by the Planning Commission.
- **Bid and Award of Construction Contract - October 2016**
- **Construction completion by December 2017**

***May change based on Community Charette*

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Questions?