



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Library Commission

Recommendation Number 20160824-5b: FY17 Library Capital Improvement Projects

WHEREAS, the Austin Public Library has submitted the FY 2017 Proposed Budget to the City Manager and the City Council; and

WHEREAS, included in the FY 2017 Proposed Budget, Capital Improvement Projects for 2016-2017 have been identified as deferred facilities maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Projects were identified as a result of the Library's Needs Assessment through input from operations personnel, requests from citizens and the counsel of the department's appointed advisory board, the Library Commission; and

WHEREAS, the goals and purpose of the capital improvement projects are to maintain and improve the public sector investment in library buildings, the circulation of material, and providing digital access to rich media content; and

WHEREAS, improvements made to libraries typically result in increased public usage of the library facility, the circulation of materials, and the library programming of events; and

WHEREAS, improvements to libraries help grow the Austin economy by investing in increasing the access to materials for the local workforce, educational systems and institutions, as well as entrepreneurial endeavors; and

WHEREAS, improvements to libraries contribute directly to the preservation of cultural and historic assets, contribute to a sense of place and community, and contribute directly to the character and value of a neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Little Walnut Creek Branch has been identified in the Library's Needs Assessment, specifically for the ADA ramp and building repair in the amount of \$314,000; and

WHEREAS, Faulk Central Library has been identified in the Library's Needs Assessment as critically needing a roof replacement in the amount of \$652,000; and

WHEREAS, Old Quarry Branch has been identified in the Library's Needs Assessment as needing a facility upgrade to address needed repairs of the building in the amount of \$696,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Library Commission recommends that the Austin City Council approve the requested funding for the Austin Public Library's Capital Improvement Program for the 2016-2017 budget that includes Little Walnut Creek, Faulk and Old Quarry.

Date of Approval: August 24, 2016

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 10-0 vote

Attest: Sharon M. Herfurth