

LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20170828-6d

Date: August 28, 2017

Subject: Austin Public Library budget recommendation

Motioned By: Commission Member Hanna Seconded By: Commission Member Wiggins

Recommendation

Support for funding for a new Library Facilities Master Plan

Description of Recommendation to Council

Request that the Austin Mayor and City Council direct the necessary funds to implement a new Library Facilities Master Plan.

Rationale:

As Austin's neighborhoods increase in density and scale, community libraries feel the impact of this growth. With 20 branch libraries and the Austin History Center, John Henry Faulk Library, Recycled Reads and New Central, there is concern that the future needs of a growing population should be addressed in a new Facilities Master Plan.

The previous Library Facilities Master Plan was completed in 2003. Since then Austin's population has increased by 35%, according to the City's demographer office.

Vote

For: Chair Williams, Vice Chair Fisher, Commission Members Bogucka, Dabbert, Finney, Hanna, Hersh, Self, Todd, and Wiggins

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Commission Member Howry

Attest:

Sharon Herfurth