



**LIBRARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20180226-4b2: Adding the Faulk Branch to the 2018 Bond Package**

Date: February 26, 2018

Subject: Adding the Faulk branch to the 2018 bond package

Motioned By: Commission Member Dabbert                      Seconded By: Commission Member Hanna

**Recommendation**

*Add funds for the Faulk branch renovation to the 2018 bond package, specifically for expanding the Austin History Center to Faulk.*

**Description of Recommendation to Council**

*The Austin Library Commission requests that the Austin City Council add the needed funding to the 2018 bond package to make improvements to the Faulk branch for expansion of the Austin History Center in the sum of \$14.8M.*

**Rationale:**

In 2008, the Austin City Council passed Resolution No. 20080424-065 to expand the Austin History Center into the Faulk branch.

The Austin History Center is the official archive of the City. It is currently at capacity. Much of the archival collection is stored in crowded conditions and is at risk for deterioration. Making the Faulk branch an expansion of the Austin History Center would alleviate space problems. Furthermore, the proximity between the Faulk branch and the Austin History Center make Faulk a logical choice for expansion.

As the City's official public archive, the Austin History Center needs and deserves a facility that can fulfill its role in preserving Austin's history.

**Vote** Unanimous on an 8-0 vote

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

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Vice Chair Fisher, Commission Member Bogucka

Attest: 