

MEMORANDUM

TO: Asian American Quality of Life Commission

FROM: Sona Shah, Cultural & Arts Education Manager, Asian American Resource Center

DATE: February 15, 2019

SUBJECT: AARC Master Plan Update

Background

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) began the process of updating the Master Plan for the Asian American Resource Center in October 2018. The Master Plan Update continues the work of the 2006 Master Plan, which resulted in the current Asian American Resource Center facility, Phase I, completed in 2013. Since the 2006 Master Plan and Phase I construction, changes in city ordinances as well as other additional information created a need to update the Master Plan before beginning the next phase.

Community Meeting #2: What we've heard

On January 31, 2019 at 6 PM, the AARC hosted the second community meeting. At this community meeting, we presented the consolidated feedback received from the first community meeting, 11 small group discussions, the first community survey, and shared the results from the NAAO 2017 survey. From this consolidated feedback, the community engagement group led by City of Austin's Community Engagement group will presented values statements synthesized from these various ways of feedback since December. These statements were reviewed by community members to ensure they reflected "what we've heard" so far. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting. Additional values feedback opportunities are currently available on SpeakUpAustin.org.

Next Steps: RVi creating design concepts

On Wednesday, February 12, 2019, the PARD planning and community engagement team met with RVi, the consultant for design. The values and feedback were reviewed in order for RVi to proceed with creating design concepts. These design concepts will be presented at Community Meeting #3.

Community Meeting #3: March 2019

The third community meeting will be on Thursday, March 28, 2019. More details will be provided in the next few weeks.

Timeline Update

Community Engagement Process

October 2018

- Review existing information and input
- •Create Community Engagement Plan
- Develop stakeholder database
- Plan engagement activities- Small group conversations, SpeakUp Austin

- Design meeting for small group conversations
- •Send invitations to participants
- Planning and logistics
 - Facilitate first set of small groups

December

2018

- Community Meeting #1
- Facilitate second set of small groups
- SpeakUp Austin Discussion

▼ January 2019

- Facilitate final set of small groups
- Community Engagement Summary
- Community Meeting #2

February 2019

- Plan Community Meeting #3
- Release Engagement Summary

March 2019

- •Community Meeting #3
- •SpeakUp Austin online review of concepts

April 2019

- Plan and Host Community Meeting #4 -Draft Master Plan Update
- SpeakUp Austin review of Draft
- Finalize Community Engagement Summary

Design Process

October 2018

- Review Previous Plans and studies
- Conduct site analysis and feasibility/design studies
- Develop initial massing concepts with developable space

November 2018

- Continue initial feasibility and design studies
- •Share initial layouts of developable space with community engagement team

December 2018

- Review results of Community Meeting #1 and initial small groups
- Begin process of incorporating feedback into intial design concepts

January 2019

- Continue reviewing and incorporating feedback into design concepts
- Community Meeting #2

February 2019

• Finalize the design of Concepts based on feedback from Meeting #2

March 2019

- Community Meeting #3
- SpeakUp Austin online review of concepts
- Make adjustments to design based on feedback.

April 2019

- Plan and Host Community Meeting #4 Draft Master Plan Update
- Finalize Master Plan Update Draft for presentation

May to June 2019

- PARD Internal Review
- Review by Boards and Commissions
- •Final approval of Master Plan Update