



Downtown Austin Community Court Permanent Location Recommendation

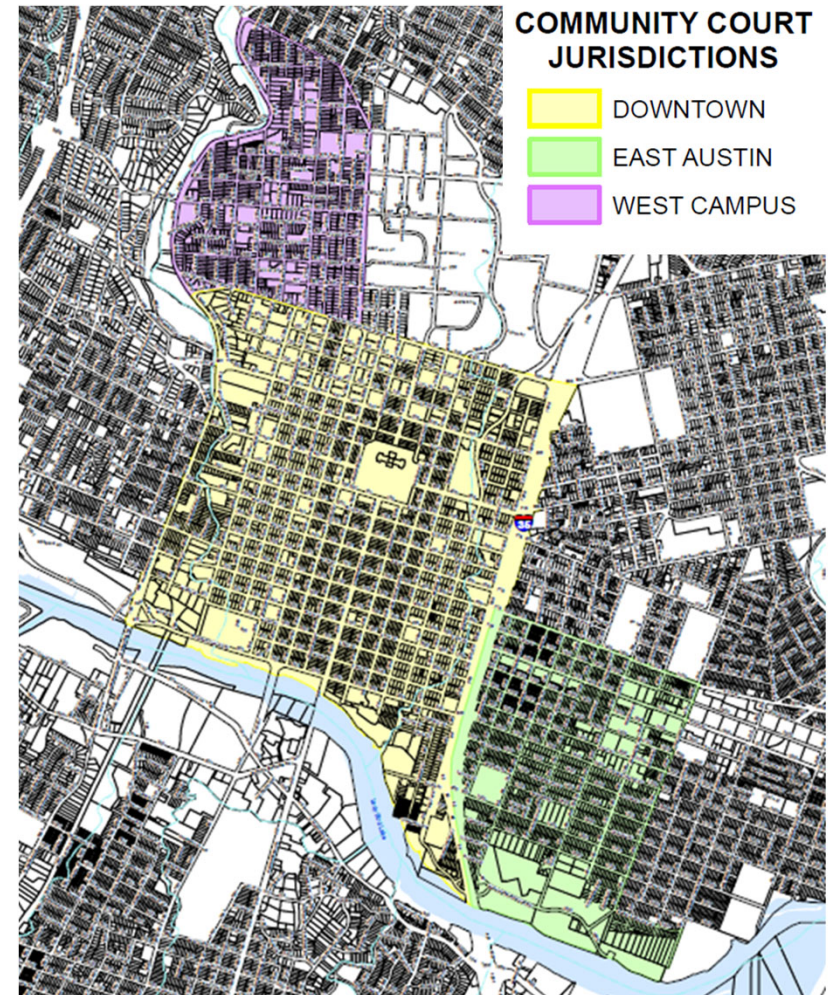
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DACC Overview

- The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) was established in 1999, the first of its kind in Texas
- Purpose: Administer justice equitably and compassionately to foster trust and accountability; To utilize a client-centered and housing-focused intensive case management model to help individuals experiencing homelessness achieve long-term stability.
- FY22 Budget: \$9.98M and 37 FTEs

DACC Jurisdiction/Location Guidelines

- Jurisdiction includes parts of:
 - Downtown
 - East Austin
 - West Campus
- Current guidelines stipulate that the DACC court room and services should be located central to its downtown area jurisdiction

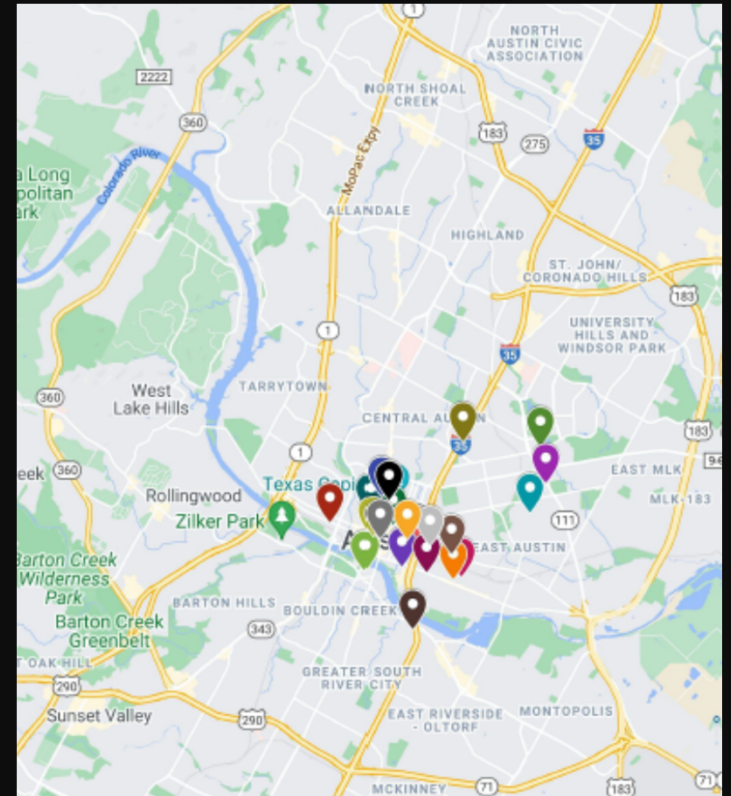


DACC Facility History

- Previously located at 719 East 6th Street (Lease expired)
- Currently located in One Texas Center on a temporary basis
- In search of permanent facility
- Resolution 20180215-048 directed staff to:
 - Identify options for the relocation of the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)
 - Locate it on or near a transit line, within the geographic boundaries specified by City Code Section 2-10-32(A)
 - Include parking options for employees and jurors as well as storage space for vehicles and equipment use for community service
 - Include the possibility of co-locating Austin Municipal Court windows and additional services for the populations served

Permanent Location Search Process

- 22 sites considered in the assessed and central Austin area
- Facility/space options considered:
 - Existing City of Austin space
 - Acquire or build a facility to co-locate with other services in the downtown area
 - Public-private partnership (P3) transaction
 - Lease or lease to purchase

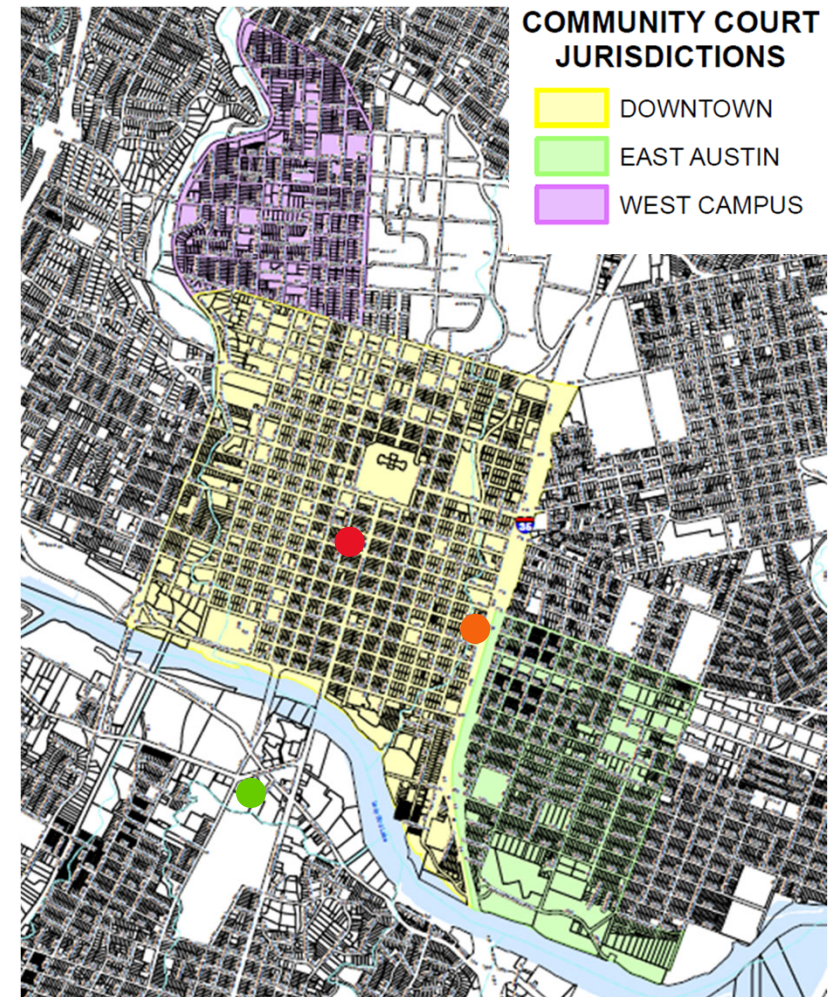


Recommendation: Municipal Building

- Located at 124 West 8th Street
- Built in 1858 with numerous renovations/rebuilds over the years
- Current configuration was built in 1938
- Building exterior designated an Austin landmark in 2002
- 48,900 square feet
 - Basement contains 9,000 sq. ft plus 13,300 sq. ft. each on first through third floors
- Currently occupied by Financial Services Department staff
- DACC would utilize first floor and majority of second
- Public Works plan allows DACC to occupy the building in 22 months
- Building requires a comprehensive renovation

DACC Locations Comparison

- Previous location - 719 East 6th Street
- Current location – 505 Barton Springs Rd.
- Proposed location – 124 West 8th Street



Location Advantages

- Resolution 20200521-095 directed staff to review the portfolio of city-owned buildings for properties that may be suitable for cultural uses
- The entire 3rd floor and a portion of the 2nd floor can be made available for cultural/non-profit space uses
- Currently collaborating with the Austin Economic Development Corporation on opportunities

Estimated Project Budget and Funding



Cost Category	Amount
A/E and Professional Services	\$4,325,600
Building Abatement	\$290,000
Art in Public Places	\$446,700
Construction	\$15,800,000
Project Contingency	\$2,482,700
Escalation Cost	\$1,905,000
TOTAL*	\$25,250,000
Estimated additional \$500,000 for Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FFE)	
Funding Source: Certificates of Obligation	

*Assumes a LEED I+C Certification Goal

Next Steps

- Request for Council approval of design-build alternative delivery method in December
- Relocate Financial Services staff
- Asbestos and lead abatement
- Comprehensive renovation of building
- DACC move-in by close of calendar year 2023