

Items 13, 14, 34

March 24, 2022

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Motion Sheet

Background:

One Texas Center

In February 2020, Council approved [Resolution No. 20200220-044](#), directing the City Manager to provide recommendations to the Council no later than June 11, 2020, on a plan for the redevelopment of One Texas Center, including a range of community benefits including permanent affordable housing.

The Downtown Austin Community Court

In response to [budget direction](#) (see Page 3) provided during the FY 20-21 budget adoption process, city staff issued an [April 16, 2021 memo](#) to Council which stated, among other priorities, that appropriately staffed satellite locations could help meet the demand for triage case management once the DACC operations moved to a new facility.

During the FY 21-22 budget adoption process, the City Manager was [directed](#), among other action items, (see Page 4) to explore the creation of storage options and satellite Downtown Austin Community Court facilities to serve individuals in areas which currently have few facilities serving individuals experiencing homelessness. The City Manager was directed to report back to Council with his findings, cost estimates, and timeline for implementation no later than October 1, 2021.

Further, the City Manager was directed to prioritize the unmet HOST and DACC needs that were noted in the April 16, 2021, memorandum in the forthcoming Funding Plan directed in the Council resolution regarding the ARPA framework.

On February 17, 2022, the City Manager was [directed by Council](#) to engage Travis County regarding the possible co-location of some of the Downtown Austin Community Court functions within Travis County's courthouse location. The City Manager was also directed to begin work on a general plan and timeline for the creation of multiple satellite courts in other parts of the City (understanding that the needs may shift based on results of the March 2022 solicitation of projects to be funded under the American Rescue Plan Act grants).

Motion:

I move to postpone these items and include the following direction to agenda items 13, 14, and 34 regarding the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC):

The City Manager ~~is directed to do a~~ shall thoroughly review the operations of the DACC and recommend any adjustments to the service model, jurisdiction, and reporting structure of the organization. This review shall include the findings and unmet budgetary needs identified by staff in the [April 16, 2021, memo](#), and shall highlight facility needs associated with the recommended operations.

This review should also include focus group session(s) convened by the DACC to engage representatives from the following:

- relevant City departments (including the Homeless Strategy Office and the Innovation Office)
- local stakeholders serving individuals experiencing homelessness such as the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) and Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable
- national experts such as the Center for Court Innovation

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This work should conclude within the next **3 months**.

Furthermore, in the process of exploring facilities that meet the needs of the recommended DACC court and case manager operations, the City Manager is directed to communicate with and report back on collaboration opportunities with Travis County (as previously directed) and the State of Texas.

When this operational review is complete and recommendations for facilities have been reviewed with the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board and Downtown Commission, the City Manager is directed to return to the City Council with any action items needed to execute ~~the~~ any recommended operational changes and provide an update on the previously directed general plan and timeline for the creation of multiple satellite courts and case management services in other parts of the City to serve individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the community.

As affirmed in the [July 28, 2020, staff response to Resolution No. 20200220-044](#), to fully realize the vision of the South Central Waterfront Plan, we must leverage the single City property in the South Central Waterfront District, One Texas Center, for affordable housing. Understanding that affordable housing should be a primary use of the tract, the City Manager is directed to provide the Council with a concrete, actionable plan for the redevelopment of One Texas Center for affordable housing no later than August 1, 2022.