



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Trisha Tatro, Director, Austin Convention Center Department

DATE: December 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Staff Update to Council Resolution 20220915-054

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on Council Resolution [20220915-054](#) related to the Convention Center's Castleman-Bull House. The resolution directed the City Manager to work the City's Historic Preservation Office to define a scope of work and cost estimates for the restoration and renovation of the Castleman-Bull House. It further directed the City Manager to conduct community engagement meetings to discuss possible public uses of the building.

Castleman-Bull House Cost Estimates and Scope of Work

Resolution 20220915-054 directed the City Manager to report back on the scope of work and cost estimates by November 1, 2022. Immediately following the approval of the resolution on September 15, 2022, Austin Convention Center Department (ACCD) staff initiated the process to utilize the architecture rotation list for this effort. Currently, staff anticipates that a firm will be selected and ready to begin work by February 2023. This firm will assist in defining the scope of work for the project in conjunction with the Historic Preservation Office, as directed by the resolution. We anticipate having a cost estimate early spring of 2023 and will update Council at that time.

Castleman-Bull House Community Engagement

Resolution 20220915-054 directed the City Manager to conduct community engagement meetings in October and November, with an update on these meetings due to Council by December 1, 2022. As indicated above, an architecture firm will be ready to begin work by February 2023. As has been done for similar past efforts, community engagement discussions include the selected architecture firm who also leads the community engagement conversations. As such, the community engagement sessions will not begin until the architecture firm is ready to begin work. Between now and February 2023, staff will coordinate calendars for the named stakeholders within the resolution.

Staff is available for any questions. I can be reached via email at trisha.tatro@austintexas.gov or by phone at 512-404-4218.

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