

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Status Briefing: ESB-MACC Theaters

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Arts Commission Meeting
November 14, 2022

Agenda

- Current status of the ESB-MACC Theaters
- Incidents of 5/28/2022
- Future developments for ESB-MACC Theater
- Future development of the Carver Theater
- Future development of the Dougherty Arts Center Theaters
- Future development of the AARC Performing Arts Center

Current Status of ESB-MACC Theaters

- Both theaters inspected by DAC Theater staff October 27, 2022
- All dimmer boards, circuits and hung lights were operational.
- One dimmer bar was malfunctioning at the time of the incident. It has since been replaced.
- Theaters are offered as-is but we attempt to fix broken equipment ASAP.
- No circuit breaker incidents or problems with the lighting control board before this or ever since with other groups .

Incidents of May 28, 2022

Contractual Requirements

- Performances should start on time.
- Theaters offered as-is. One dimmer bar was partially working.
- LAAP companies provide their own trained technical personnel but are advised on how to use the equipment.
- PARD requires “grass permit” for parking on grass.
- Live fire is forbidden without a fire watch.
- Must have a permit to serve food.
- Must leave on time.

Documented Incidents

1. Performance scheduled at 7:30pm didn't start till 8 pm.
2. Two dimmer bars on the lighting grid were blown out because they were overloaded causing breakers to trip.
3. The outlets around the Black Box were also overloaded with lights and equipment causing a trip in the breakers. They did not bring professional lighting personnel to properly plug in equipment.
4. After loading in, vehicles were left in the grass area next to Black Box; many others followed.
5. Candles were lit inside the Black Box in violation of the LAAP contract and Fire Code.
6. Food served without required APH Food Permit.
7. Performance to end by 9:45 and clear out by 10 pm. Staff waited till midnight for PT to vacate.

ESB-MACC Theater Developments

Multi-purpose Room Renovations

- Remove sound shell
- Install cyc upstage
- Install drapery to define stage space.
- Improved grid system.
- Further renovations may include enlarged dressings rooms, sound lock, permanent seating & booth, renovated lobby.
- Black Box Renovations: Sound/light lock, sound insulation, booth upgrades.
- *Project has been value engineered eliminating new Black Box Theater*
- *Pending funding for theater renovations re: Board Recommendation to Council.*
- *Phase 3 will include two theaters.*

Carver Theater Renovations

Renovations Summary

- New LED lighting system with new lights and board
- Repaired fly system with 4 motorized flys
- New sound system
- New AV package
- Upgraded security storage
- Improved house lighting, carpeting, wall color.
- *Theater to close June 26, 2023 to May 31, 2024*
- *New HVAC, Fire and Burglar Alarm System, roof, fencing, collections furniture nearing completion.*
- *Shuler/Shook Theater Consultants*
- *Casabella Architects*



Dougherty Arts Center Theaters Update

Building Program Summary

- 200 seat Mainstage Proscenium Theater
- 100 seat flexible Black Box Theater
- Scene shop
- Full complement of support spaces
- Fully ADA accessible incl catwalks
- LED lighting system
- Sound/AV package

Project is currently delayed.



AARC Performing Arts Center

Building Program Summary

- Main Theater with telescoping seating 100-350 and flexible staging area.
- Multi-purpose room, 1119sf, seats 100 and doubles as rehearsal space, recording space.
- Gallery is 788sf.
- Full complement of support spaces: programmable lobbies, garden patio, plaza.

Community Engagement Meeting November 17, 2022

- *6:30pm Drawing Reviews*
- *7:00pm Architects' Presentation*
- *New survey for public input.*
- *Funding is TBD*
- *Trahan Architects*
- *Next steps*



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