



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1362, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

3/23/2023

Posting Language:

Adopt the Austin Public Library long-range Strategic Plan, including a facilities plan outlining initiatives and goals through 2028 in accordance with Imagine Austin.

Lead Department:

Austin Public Library.

Fiscal Note:

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

January 27, 2022 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a contract with Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. to provide comprehensive strategic planning, for one year in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Presented to the Library Commission on January 23, 2023.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2022, Austin Public Library (APL) initiated a year-long process to develop a new strategic plan to guide programs, services, and organizational development as well as a new long-range plan for library facilities. The goal was to develop a new comprehensive plan that would enable APL to direct its services, spaces, and resources toward a more equitable and just Austin. More than 6,500 Austinites contributed to the planning process through a variety of engagement activities including a multilingual community survey, interviews, focus groups, workshops, a listening session, and 20 face-to-face events throughout Austin (at least one in every city council district). The majority of APL staff also participated through an all-staff survey.

APL's long-range strategic plan is pursuant to the accreditation requirements under Title 13 of the Texas Administrative Code, Section 1.83(6).

The comprehensive strategic plan and facilities master plan include broad initiatives, goals and measurable objectives to meet the needs of Austin Public Library and the City it serves for the next five years. The Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan aligns with and advances Strategic Direction 2028 Goals towards realizing Imagine Austin.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Culture and Lifelong Learning.