

Austin Rosewood Development Corporation

History and Next Steps



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Goal of the Working Group

Develop and present a formal recommendation to City Council that defines the ARCDC's new role with the MYEC.

- A proposed scope of duties for the ARCDC going forward, including the specific responsibilities the ARCDC will retain and those it will relinquish.
- A clear statement that the ARCDC will no longer be a signatory on the MYEC operating contract, if that is the recommendation.
- A recommendation for contract stewardship, naming the entity or entities the working group believes should assume the contract and manage day-to-day operations.



History of the ARCDC and MYEC

The Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex (MYEC) opened in 1999 on the former Rosewood Shopping Center site in East Austin. It was developed through a partnership among the City of Austin, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation to provide a safe recreational space for local youth.

MYEC is dedicated to the memories of Tamika Ross (1976–1992) and Juan Coteria (1973–1996). Their legacies inspired the creation of the facility; today the complex stands as a symbol of hope and a commitment to community safety and opportunity.



Contract and Agreement History

Financing Agreement (City of Austin / ARCDC)

- Approved by City Council in 1996 to secure a HUD Section 108 guaranteed loan for construction.
- HUD loans were paid off by the City of Austin in August 2016.

Facility Management Agreements

- **Leisure Management International (LMI/HHI) / ARCDC:** March 5, 1997 – October 1, 2009.
- **ASM / ARCDC (renewal):** October 1, 2009 – October 1, 2025.

Funding, Operations, and Administrative Agreement (City of Austin / ARCDC) – Current iteration

- Effective February 1, 2021 – September 30, 2026.



Roles and Responsibilities: Past and Present

City of Austin

- Provides administrative services under the Financing Agreement, including posting ARCDC meeting agendas.
- Makes quarterly payments to the ARCDC and currently directs payments to ASM on the ARCDC's behalf.

Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation (ARCDC)

- The Corporation is charged with overseeing the overall operation of MYEC
- Current signatory approver on contracts for major capital repairs, improvements, and expenditures related to facility



Roles and Responsibilities: Past and Present Cont'd

Facility Manager (currently ACME, previously ASM Global)

- Manages daily facility operations, staffing, marketing, concessions, and maintenance.
- Prepares monthly operating reports, annual operating budgets, and capital expenditure budgets.
- Implements risk management and energy-efficiency programs and maintains public safety procedures.
- Monitors operating expenses and maintains control of the operating fund.
- Notifies the ARCDC of any conditions that jeopardize safety, structural soundness, or operational capacity.



Current Purpose and a Model for the Future

Current ARCDC purpose:

The Corporation is charged with overseeing the overall operation of MYEC

Example model to consider (MACC):

The Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Commission (MACC) advises City Council on the establishment and operation of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center and cooperates with civic and volunteer groups that support the center (City Code Section 2 1 162). This model separates advisory oversight from direct contract management and provides a clear advisory role to City Council.



Current Purpose and a Model for the Future Cont'd

Proposed direction:

Consider transitioning the ARCDC into a Chapter 2-1 advisory board—similar to MACC—whose role would be advisory and programmatic rather than contractual. Under this model the advisory board would guide programming, community engagement, and strategic priorities while the City or a designated contractor would hold and manage the operating contract.



Next Steps and Timeline

1. The ARCDC can formally recommend to City Council that the ARCDC be reconstituted as a Chapter 2-1 advisory board. The recommendation must specify the board's proposed duties, confirm that the ARCDC will no longer be a contract signatory, and identify who should assume contract responsibilities.
2. If Council supports the recommendation, staff? will draft an ordinance to amend Chapter 2-1 of the City Code to add the new advisory board.
3. Council will determine board composition (Chapter 2-1 default is 11 members), any member qualifications, and appointment procedures.
4. Once Council approves the advisory board and appointments, the ARCDC may take the necessary steps to dissolve as a local government corporation and transfer any remaining responsibilities to the City or the designated contract holder.
5. The ARCDC cannot effect this transition solely by internal vote or by amending bylaws; Council action and an ordinance are required.



Proposed timeline

1. **December 5, 2025:** ARCDC Board creates a MYEC Advisory Board working group.
2. **March 6, 2026:** Working group reports findings to the ARCDC Board.
3. **April 3, 2026:** ARCDC Board approves a recommendation to City Council

Based on the recommendation, the next steps will include a potential extension for ACME management of the Millennium, meeting with City Council Members and a vote by Council on the recommendation.





Conclusion

This working group will produce a concise recommendation that clarifies the ARCDC's future role, ensures continuity of MYEC operations, and aligns governance with City Code.

The goal is a smooth, legally sound transition that preserves community input and the facility's mission.

