




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Kimberly A. McNeeley, M.Ed., CPRP, Director  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

**DATE:** April 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Gillis Pool Closure

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information related to the closure of Gillis Pool for the 2022 summer swim season. As previously reported in the Parks and Recreation Department's (Department) [2014 Aquatic Assessment](#), Gillis Pool was identified as a facility that may not function more than five years without major renovation, (Section VIII – M, page 95). The [2018 Aquatic Vision Plan](#) recommended reconstructing the pool as a neighborhood pool in a new area of the park. Estimated 2018 pool replacement costs are estimated to be \$3.7million. Estimates today would likely far exceed the 2018 amount.

The Department Aquatics Maintenance team conducted a routine inspection and discovered that the entire operating system must be replaced before the pool can reopen. Without replacement funding currently available, preliminary repair and replacement costs are estimated to exceed \$300,000. The timeframe for repair is estimated to take between six and eighteen months.

As the repair process progresses, updates will be shared.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
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