

Important Milestones in History Related to the MACC

In 1986 Council created and appointed the MACC Task Force to prepare a study focusing on the needs assessment, economic feasibility, location, design and organization structure of a MACC.

In 1988 City Council received a market and financial study along with a planning and design study proposal for a MACC.

June 29, 1989 – Austin City Council Resolution 890629-73 – A policy direction to the City Manager to create a Mexican American Cultural Center for the purpose of providing space to accommodate educators, performers and exhibitors concerning the Mexican American cultural heritage of the City

Prior to this the Council had previously appointed a MACC Task Force who prepared a feasibility study recommending the River Street property as the best suited location for the MACC.

The Council later formally adopted the recommendations and study.

And in 1989 adopted a resolution reserving the River Street location as the future site and home of the MACC for a period of 5 years.

May 21, 1992 – Austin City Council Resolution 920521-56 appointed another MACC Task Force to update the studies from the 1980s.

April 22, 1993 – Austin City Council Resolution 930422-50 – adopted resolution reserving the River Street site for the MACC for another 5 years to accommodate study for the relocation of Street & Maintenance operations from the River Street site.

April 25, 1996 – Austin City Council adopted Ordinance 960425 82 deeming the River Street location in perpetuity for the MACC.

August 19, 2010 – Austin City Council renames the MACC to the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center