Dove Springs Public Health Facility

Presentation - Land, Facilities and Programs Committee and the Parks Board Kymberley Maddox, Austin Public Health Kalpana Sutaria, Public Works Raul Garcia, METHOD Architecture August 27, 2019

Why a Facility in Dove Springs 78744?

- 26.4 % of residents in 78744 zip code are below the poverty level*
- Recent flood incidents impacting the 78744 area highlight the lack of public health, basic needs, preventive health care and employment support services in the Dove Springs Neighborhood
- In 2017, Austin Public Health served 6,328 unduplicated persons with 1 day a week partial services at the Dove Springs Recreation Center
- Closest full-service facility is South Austin Neighborhood Center at 2508 Durwood Street
 - 5 miles away over an hour on public transportation each way

*2016 American Community Survey

The Proposed Facility

- \$16 million project approved by voters in 2018 Bond election
- Two-Story Building, Lower Level Foot Print 16,000 Sq. Ft.
- Estimated completion Spring 2023
- Full Service Neighborhood Center, WIC Clinic, Immunizations Clinic and High Quality Childcare Center proposed
 - Current Austin Public Health select services provided 1 day a week at the Dove Springs Recreation Center
 - Current WIC Clinic located at I-35 and William Cannon
 - Current Immunizations Clinic located at E. Stassney Lane, west of I-35

Alternative Site Discovery



Site Pictures - February and May of 2019













Green Features to preserve park like surroundings

- LEED Silver Certification per Council resolution 20071129-045
- Solar panels and Rainwater Collection
- Use pervious pavement including for the parking lot, walkways and fire lane to reduce storm water quantity and improve quality
- Rain gardens with native colorful plants
- Incorporate reinforced turf (grass pave) fire lane
- Protect trees and minimize disturbance to the park

Preliminary Site Plan Layout



Permanent and Temporary Use Tract

- Tract of land north-west of the Dove Springs Park
 - Tract Size: 581,046 sq. ft. (13.339 acres)
- Permanent Use Request: 115, 900 sq. ft. (2.66 acres)
 - Facility
 - Parking
 - Playground
 - Access Driveways
- Temporary Use Request: 25,000 sq. ft.
 - Job Trailer
 - Material Storage
 - Construction Access
 - Contractor Parking

Park Services Mitigation Proposal

- Construction of a Soccer Field with lighting and turf at the south end of the Dove Springs Park including soccer viewing area
- Construction of Trails connecting neighborhood to existing District Park Trail System
- Lighting improvements to trails

Community Benefits

- Full Service Neighborhood Center
 - Basic Needs Services (Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, application assistance)
 - Public Health Nursing/Health Screening
 - Social Work Services
 - Seasonal services (Blue Santa, Thanksgiving Baskets)
- Women, Infants & Children Clinic (WIC)
- Immunization Clinic
 - Shots for Tots
 - Big Shots
- High Quality Childcare Center
- Multipurpose space and commercial kitchen for community use
- Construction of Soccer Fields for community
- Construction of trails for connection of neighborhood to Dove Springs District Park trail system

Community Outreach

- City outreach conducted during Bond Development and prior to Bond election – Fall 2018
- Community Leaders Meeting held April 3, 2019 at Widen Elementary School
- Public meeting held on June 13th for community vision at Mendez Middle School
- Speak Up Austin.Org Survey thru June 27th
- Additional Public Meetings scheduled for Fall 2019 during preliminary phase and Spring 2020 during Design Phase of the project

Current Request and Next Steps

- Austin Public Health is requesting a recommendation to the City Council for approval of Public Health Facility for permanent use (115,900 sq. ft.) and temporary/staging/access area (25,000) on parkland located at 5801 Ainez Drive, Dove Springs District Park.
- If this request is approved by your committee, the Parks Board and the City Council, the next steps include:
 - A Request for Qualifications for a Design-Build firm and contract by Spring 2020
 - Design and permitting by Spring 2021
 - Construction start by Fall 2021
 - Construction completion by Spring 2023

Thank you Any Questions?