

Bartholomew Pool Project

1800 East 51st, Austin, Texas



History:

2006

- Approval of Proposition 3 authorized funding for constructing, renovating, improving and equipping public parks, recreation centers, natural areas and other related facilities, including playgrounds, hike and bike trails, sports courts and swimming pools. Bartholomew District Pool was a facility identified within the bond package to be addressed based on the age of the facility. Failure of the pool structure in 2009 brought the facility to the fore front and necessitated an accelerated schedule.

2009

- Pool closed due to failure of pool structure in June of 2009
- Parks & Recreation Department - Aquatics Division developed scope of work late 2009 with the goal to replace the pool

2010

- 2006 Bonds ear marked as funding source for the pool improvements, early 2010
- Parks and Recreation Department begins initial scope process with City of Austin Contract Land Management, early 2010
- Request for Proposals issued for design and construction mid 2010
- Design Build Contract awarded to Chasco Constructors
- October 18, 2010 Notice to proceed issued by the City to Chasco Constructors for design work to commence on Bartholomew Pool
- First public input meeting held on November 18, 2010 at University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola Lane, Austin, Texas
- Second public input meeting held on December 14, 2010 at University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola Lane, Austin, Texas

2011

- Third public input meeting held on January 11, 2011 at University Hills Library, 4721 Loyola Lane, Austin, Texas
- May 31, 2011 Schematic Designs were completed, includes approvals from the Design Commission and the Parks & Recreation Board as required for permitting purposes
- June 2011, development of Construction Drawings begin including the permitting process

2012

- January 31, 2012 Construction Drawings completed
- March 22, 2012 Council approved funding for to construction of Bartholomew Pool
- Late May 2012, final Guaranteed Maximum Proposal (GMP) issued by Chasco itemizing the construction cost for Bartholomew Pool

- June through August 2012, Chasco and the City finalize and approve GMP for construction cost
- September 2012, Notice to Proceed for construction issued to Chasco Constructors, demolition of existing facility begins
- October 2012, Asbestos found on site, removal remediation begins
- November 2012, ground water found on site, City of Austin Watershed Protection Department engaged to determine source and quality of water
- December 2012, based on the increased cost projected to address the ground water, the City determines that a third party review of the recommendations be initiated

2013

- January 2013, a third party geotechnical engineering firm is hired to study existing conditions and provide input
- February 6, 2013, community meeting held at University Hills Library to inform the neighborhood of the construction status of the project. Input received from public regarding the design of the proposed pool facility
- February, 2013, per community input received, Chasco has been directed by the City to consider the following community input:
 - a deeper pool with a diving edge
 - the placement of a diving board in the present design
 - increase shade opportunities
- March, 2013, two additional community input meetings generated revised design options, attendees supported an L-shaped pool design with a 7ft depth lap pool and a 1 meter diving board with a 12 ft depth diving well, 4 lanes for lap swimming, providing a heated lap pool option and providing additional shade structures especially for the toddler pool.

The Situation and Impact:

The third party review of the recommendations provided by the geotechnical engineer of record will provide the City of Austin with a balanced fiscal and construction mitigation direction that will address the existing ground water on site. Upon receipt of the third party review, the City will work towards a defined and balanced approach to mitigate the current site conditions.

It remains the intent of the Parks & Recreation Department to continue construction activities for completion of Bartholomew Pool. The City stands firm in providing an operable long term facility to the community at large.

Action Plan:

The City will initiate a thorough review of the findings generated by the third party geotechnical review firm to implement a mitigation plan that addresses fiscal and construction considerations. During this time, the City will conduct community meetings to solidify the design of Bartholomew Pool.

Web Site:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/bartholomew-pool-project>

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