



Municipal Building Renovation Plans

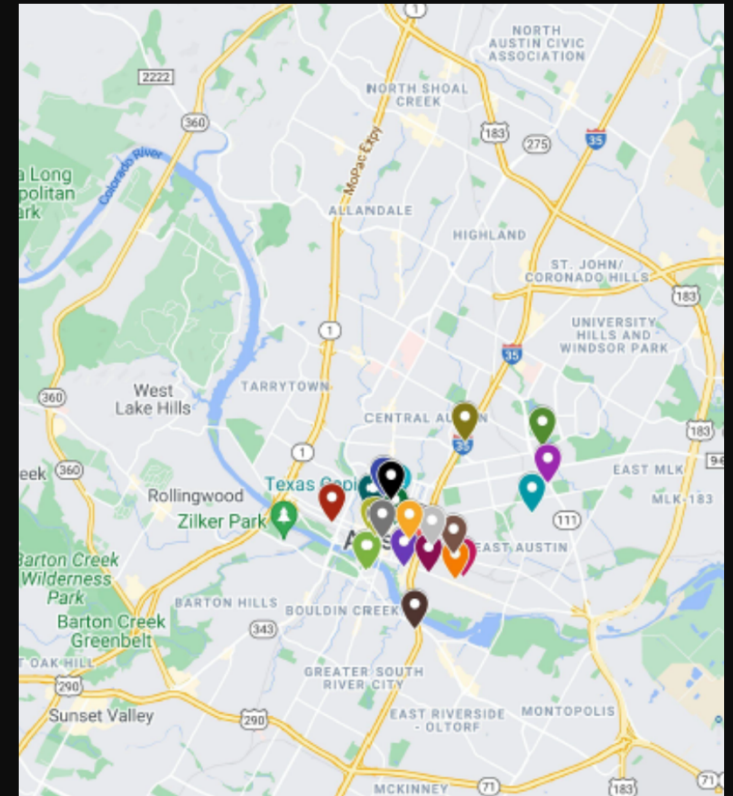
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DACC Facility History

- Previously located at 719 East 6th Street (Lease expired)
- Currently located in One Texas Center on a temporary basis
- In search of permanent facility
- Resolution 20180215-048 directed staff to:
 - Identify options for the relocation of the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)
 - Locate it on or near a transit line, within the geographic boundaries specified by City Code Section 2-10-32(A)
 - Include parking options for employees and jurors as well as storage space for vehicles and equipment use for community service
 - Include the possibility of co-locating Austin Municipal Court windows and additional services for the populations served

Permanent Location Search Process

- 22 sites considered and assessed in the central Austin area
- Each site considered in varying degrees
- Facility/space options considered:
 - Existing City of Austin space
 - Acquire or build a facility to co-locate with other services in the downtown area
 - Public-private partnership (P3) transaction
 - Lease or lease to purchase



Recommendation: Municipal Building

- Located at 124 West 8th Street
- Original structure built in 1858 with numerous renovations/rebuilds over the years
- Current configuration was built in 1938
- Building exterior designated an Austin landmark in 2002
- 48,900 square feet
 - Basement contains 9,000 sq. ft plus 13,300 sq. ft. each on first through third floors
- Currently occupied by Financial Services Department staff
- DACC would utilize first floor and majority of second
- Public Works plan allows DACC to occupy the building in 22 months
- Building requires a comprehensive renovation

Location Advantages

- Resolution 20200521-095 directed staff to review the portfolio of city-owned buildings for properties that may be suitable for cultural uses
- The entire 3rd floor and a portion of the 2nd floor can be made available for cultural/non-profit space uses
- Currently collaborating with the Austin Economic Development Corporation on opportunities

Estimated Project Budget and Funding



Cost Category	Amount
A/E and Professional Services	\$4,325,600
Building Abatement	\$290,000
Art in Public Places	\$446,700
Construction	\$17,550,000
Project Contingency	\$2,482,700
Escalation Cost	\$1,905,000
TOTAL*	\$27,000,000
Estimated additional \$500,000 for Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FFE)	
Funding Source: Certificates of Obligation	

*Assumes a LEED I+C Certification Goal

Next Steps

- Request for Council approval of design-build alternative delivery method in January/February
- Relocate Financial Services staff
- Asbestos and lead abatement
- Comprehensive renovation of building

DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT

January 25, 2022

Michael A. Coffey, Judge
Peter Valdez, Director



DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT (DACC)

- Established in 1999
 - 7th Community Court in United States
 - 1st Community Court in Texas
- Operational Areas
 - Court Services
 - Community Services
 - Homeless Services

← Support Services
- Court and Homeless Services available from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday



DACC MISSION

- DACC's mission is to:
 - **administer justice equitably and compassionately** to foster trust and accountability,
 - and
 - to utilize a client-centered and housing-focused intensive case management model to **help individuals experiencing homelessness achieve long-term stability.**



DACC OPERATIONAL AREAS

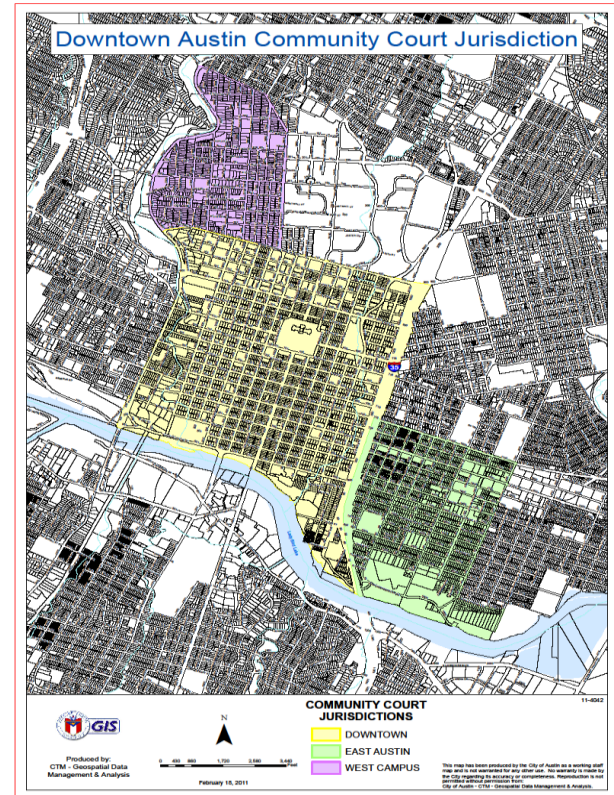
- DACC has 38 fulltime employees in 4 operational areas:
 - Court Services
 - 1 Judge, 1 Supervisor, and 3 Court Clerks
 - Homeless Services
 - 20 Masters-Level Clinical Case Managers (including management/supervisors)
 - Community Services
 - 1 Supervisor and 6 Crew Leaders
 - Support Services
 - 1 Director, 1 Operational Manager, 1 Business System Analyst, 1 Business Process Consultant, and 2 Business Process Specialists
- Non-court staff onsite includes 7 fulltime personnel:
 - 2 APD Officers, 4 Security Guards, and 1 Prosecutor



COURT SERVICES

DACC Jurisdiction:

- Class C misdemeanor criminal offenses (fine only)
 - Downtown, East Austin, and West Campus areas
 - No traffic or Code offenses
- Citywide - Proposition B & State camping ban offenses
 - Connects individuals to services



COURT SERVICES

- Constitutional court – all due process rights
- Problem solving court – quality of life offenses
- Restorative justice court



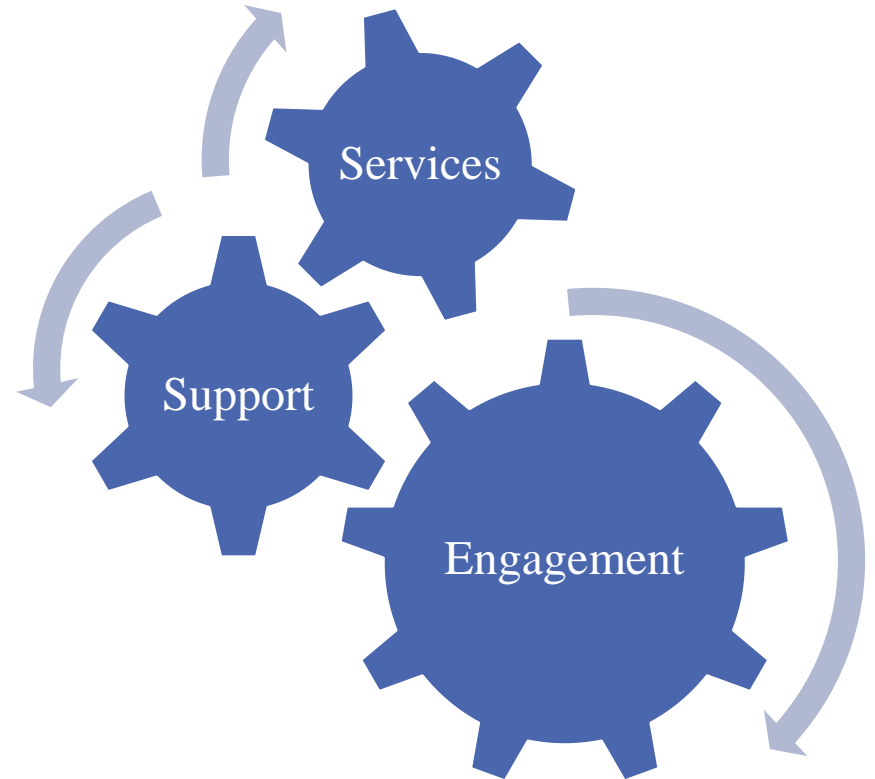
COURT SERVICES

- Typical court appearance at DACC
 - Judge – advises about rights
 - Prosecutor – options/deal to resolve case
 - Defendant – agrees to plea bargain
 - Judge – adjudicates & sentences
 - Case Manager – services available



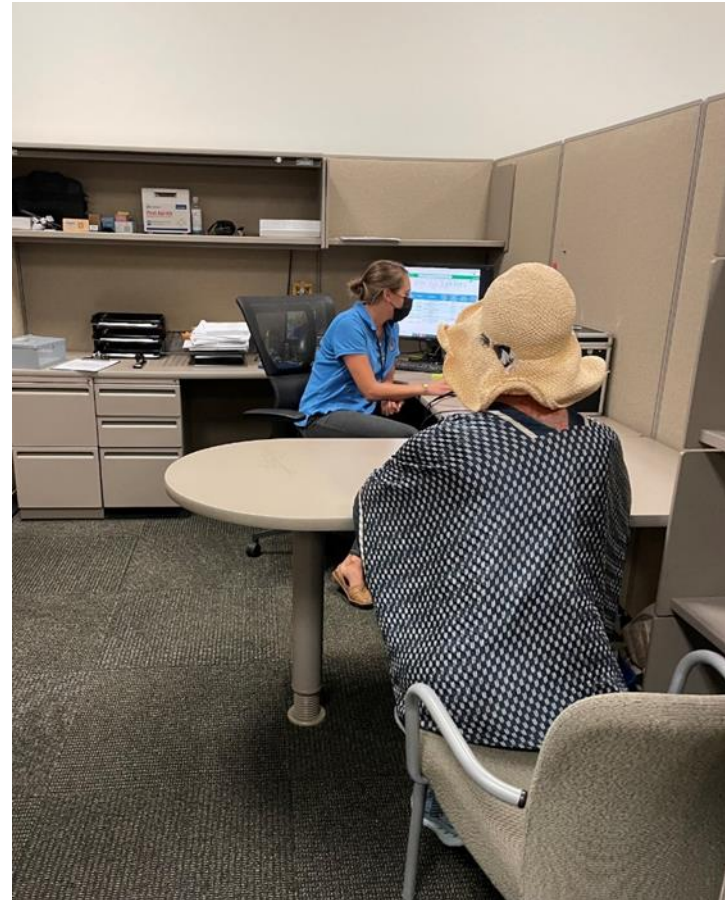
HOMELESS SERVICES

- Licensed Master Clinicians
- Low case loads of no more than 16 individuals per case manager
- Multiple entry points for engagement in services
- Approach:
 - Voluntary
 - Critical Time Intervention
 - Person Centered
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Intensive wrap around supports



HOMELESS SERVICES

- Intensive Case Management has assisted 343 individuals obtain housing since October 2015
- Current waitlist of 273 individuals for ICM services as of January 13, 2021
- Current average of 33 individuals seen daily for walk-in case management and walk-in court services



COMMUNITY SERVICES

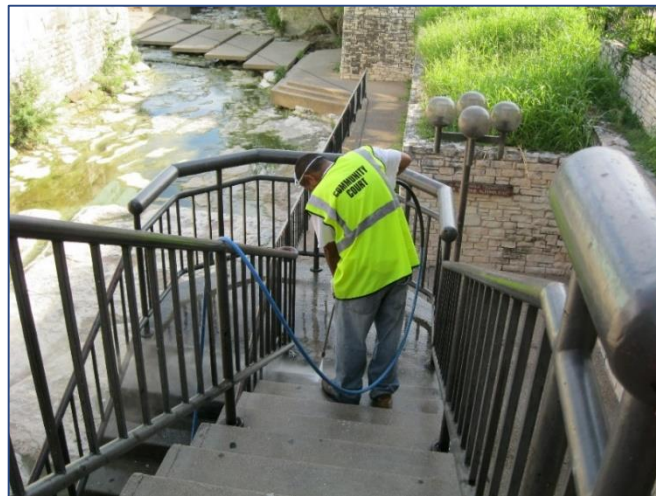
Participants fulfill community service hour requirements*

- Public space cleaning
- Graffiti abatement
- Beautification projects

*Program available to public participants when COVID is at Stage 3 or below



■ Edgar Fincher III Program Garden



DACC LOCATIONS TO DATE

- Previous Municipal Court Building; 700 E 7th St
 - 1999 through 2001
- 719 East 6th Street
 - 2001 through August 2021
- Terrazas Branch Library; 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St.
 - August 2020 through August 2021
 - Interim solution to provide space for safe services during the pandemic
- One Texas Center
 - Current interim location; operations opened August 2021



DACC ONSITE SECURITY

- All necessary and available security measures will be in place during operating hours
- Security resources will include:
 - Inside and outside cameras and both active and passive alarm systems.
 - Austin Police Department provides law enforcement and armed security within the court building and elsewhere if needed.
 - Contract security provides unarmed security throughout the building, parking garage, and grounds.
 - Weapons are prohibited in court buildings. All persons and bags are screened through a metal detector and x-ray machine, similar to current operations the Austin Municipal Court.



QUESTIONS?

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND
REQUESTS FOR TOURS MAY BE
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