

# Dove Springs Recreation Center Expansion Project



Community Meeting #2 – September 18, 2014



# Community Engagement Goals



- To listen to the community needs and aspirations
- To envision the project through the community's eyes
- To create a participatory environment
- To enrich the project with diverse perspectives
- To improve the quality of life for the community
- To foster a trusting and collaborative community atmosphere



# Tonight's Goals



- To share the feedback we heard from community, users and staff
- To provide you with an understanding of how the current building functions
- To understand how you would like to prioritize and configure new building spaces
- To begin to visualize what the requests *could* look like when built



# Previous Meeting Recap

- Provided brief project history and building information
- Reviewed programs and activities currently offered
- Shared requests for programs and activities





# Previous Meeting Recap

- Looked at a precedent project expansion – NW Rec. Ctr.
- Discussed what made the Rec. Ctr. valuable to the community
- Discussed how the Rec. Ctr. could help shape a healthy community







# Project History & Information

- Building originally opened in Spring 1998
- Approximate square footage = 18,000sf
- 2012 Bond allocated \$1.75M for expansion
- Expansion will add approximately 20% to current building area
- PARD-sponsored project with Public Works partnership



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# Dove Springs Park Improvements







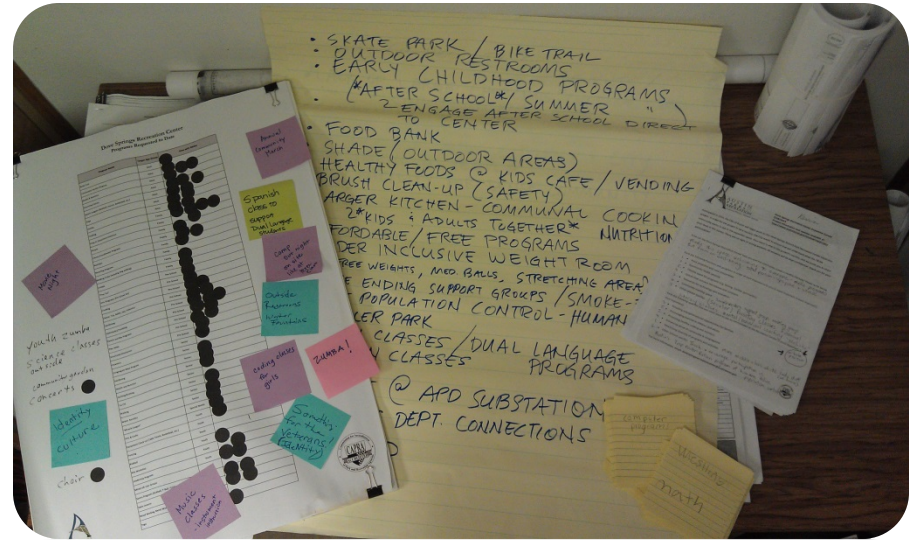
# What have we heard?

- Community Discussions held at DSRC on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Departmental Staff meetings on November 21, 2013
- Community Outreach meeting on May 28, 2014
- Paper & Online surveys collected through July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Children's Posterboard
- Staff & consultant interview on August 29, 2014



## Ways data was collected:

- Open discussion requests
- Interactive board with stickers and write-in recommendations
- Staff meeting notes
- Posterboard notes from children
- Paper & online survey
- Via project email





# How do we categorize requests?



- Outdoor Play & Exploration
- Learning & Education
- Fitness & Exercise
- Nutrition & Cooking
- Assembly & Gathering
- Function & Operation





# Outdoor Play & Exploration

*Park and site improvements – to be considered during next phase of bond improvements*

- Skateboarding
- Bike Trail
- Jogging groups
- Walking Clubs & Dog Walking
- Water Aerobics & Swim Courses
- Park furnishings (tables, trash bins, drinking fountains, lighting)
- Camp out programs
- Outdoor Science Classes
- More sports programs (Soccer, Football, Baseball, Kickball, Frisbee)
- Movie Night in the park
- Splashpad
- Community Garden & organic gardening classes





# Learning & Education

*Structured, interactive spaces – consider needs for toddlers, youth, adult, family*

- Safety Courses (CPR, First Aid, Self Defense)
- Support Groups
- Smoking Cessation Groups
- Life Skills Courses
- Language Programs
- Tutoring Programs
- Music classes & Instrument instruction
- Larger Tiny Tot Room
- Parent & Me Courses, Pre-school play dates
- Parenting courses
- Arts & Crafts
- Ceramics
- Youth Leadership classes
- Coding classes
- Technology courses & computer literacy
- A/V room for teens
- TV & Wii programs for Seniors
- Book Clubs, Library exchange programs



# Fitness & Exercise



## *Indoor workout spaces and equipment requests*

- Gymnastics, tumbling
- Weight room improvements
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Basketball
- Exercise programs for adults
- Boxing, wrestling
- Dance (all types)
- Cheerleading
- Tai Chi & Martial arts
- Volleyball
- Fitness programs for women



# Nutrition & Cooking



*Kitchen-centric programs and improvements*

- Food Bank Program
- Kid's Café
- Family/Communal Cooking programs
- Nutrition, Lifestyle & Cooking classes





# Assembly & Gathering



*Flexible, visible community spaces for congregating*

- Community meeting spaces
- Congregate Meal program
- Table Tennis
- Movie nights
- Concerts & Choir







# Function & Operation

*Requests of staff, requirements of code*

- Increased storage space
- Parking improvements
- Building performance improvements
- Connection to current playscape improvements







Rank the following functions and programs in order of their importance to you (1-most important, 6-least important):

- Food programs and meal preparation...
- Community health services...
- Flexible space for programs...
- Spaces that connect indoors and outdoors...
- Resources for technology and education...
- Community meeting space...





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- **Food programs and meal preparation...** ...**2.64** - #1
- Community health services... ...3.00 - #4
- **Flexible space for programs...** ...**2.79** - #3
- Spaces that connect indoors and outdoors... ...4.71 - #5
- **Resources for technology and education...** ...**2.64** - #1
- Community meeting space... ...5.21 - #6





Rank the qualities that you most want to see accommodated at the Recreation Center (1-most important, 5-least important):



- Providing intergenerational opportunities...
- Encouraging exercise in children & adults...
- Promoting healthy cooking and nutrition...
- Enhancing sense of community...
- Maximizing diversity of programs...





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- **Promoting healthy cooking and nutrition...** ...**2.93** - **#2**
- Enhancing sense of community... ...3.93 - #5
- **Maximizing diversity of programs...** ...**2.93** - **#2**







# Immaterial Requests

*Intangible goals for the expansion*

- Enhanced sense of safety
- Sense of culture and community identity
- Increased access for all ages
- Affordable programs for low income households





# Staff insight - Daily functions



## ■ Challenges:

- ❑ Limited storage for equipment and supplies
- ❑ Limited line of site inside the gym from the front desk
- ❑ Crowded lobby area
- ❑ Residential kitchen

## ■ Opportunities:

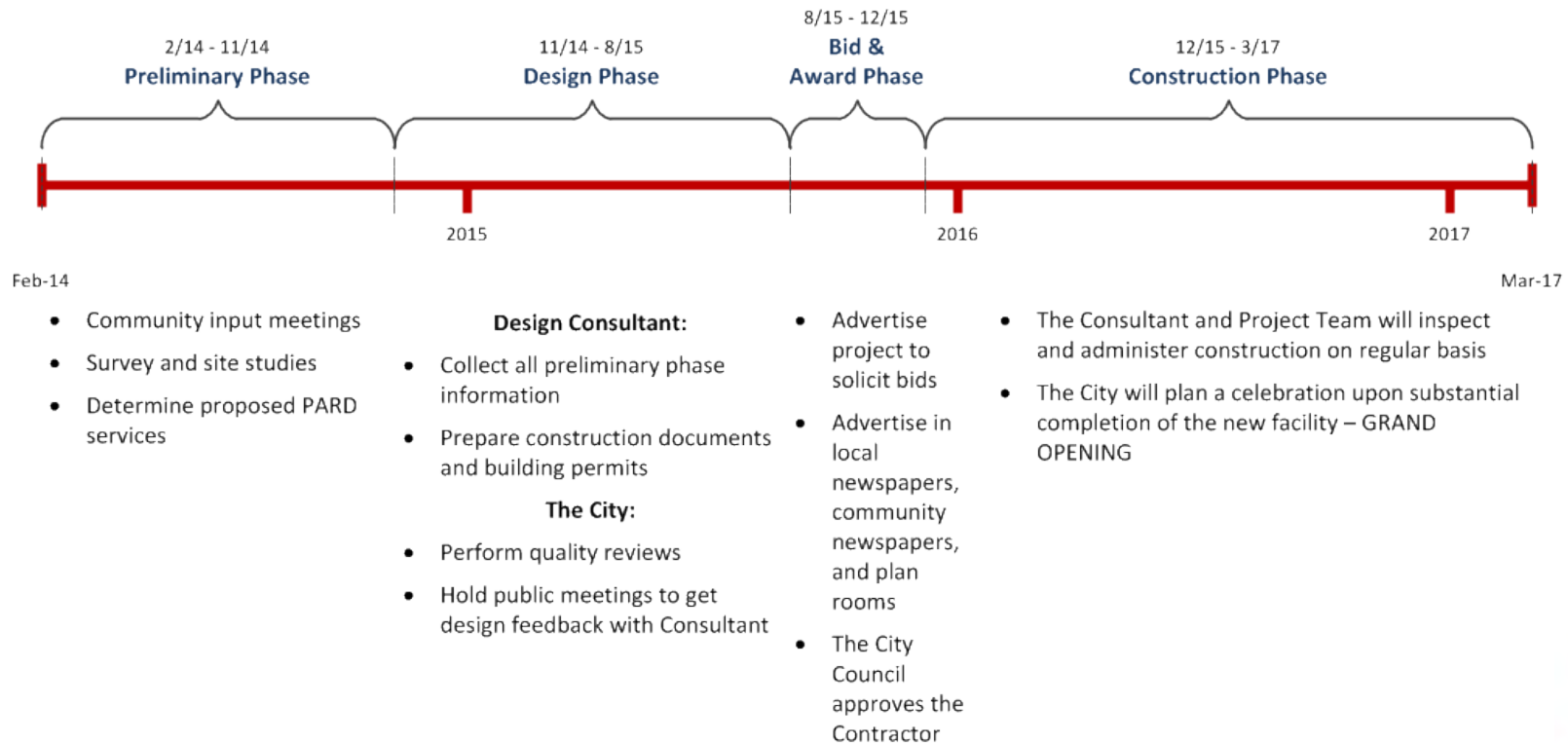
- ❑ Create an equipment check-out room inside gym
- ❑ Eliminate “blind sports/corners”
- ❑ Redesign/reconfigure front counter
- ❑ Build a teaching kitchen
- ❑ Repurpose TV Room for a potential computer lab



# Project Schedule



## Dove Springs Recreation Center Expansion Project Timeline





# Project Budget



- 2012 Bond Funds - \$1,750,000
  - Construction
  - Architectural/ Engineering
  - Project Management
  - Survey
  - Testing
  - Inspection
  - Building permits
  - Equipment & Furniture
  - Art in Public Places
- Planning Gross Square Feet (GSF) – 3,500





# Begin Laurie/Al's presentation





# Group Discussion



- Project Info available at: [www.austintexas.gov/dovespringsproject](http://www.austintexas.gov/dovespringsproject)
- Email: [dovespringsrecreationcenter@austintexas.gov](mailto:dovespringsrecreationcenter@austintexas.gov)





# Next Steps



- Thank you for participating this evening!
- Input will be documented and posted on project website
- Next meeting will be scheduled in November (Date TBA)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting goal – to share your vision of the expansion and understand budget constraints
- Updated project information available at:  
[www.austintexas.gov/dovespringsproject](http://www.austintexas.gov/dovespringsproject)
- Send questions to: [dovespringsrecreationcenter@austintexas.gov](mailto:dovespringsrecreationcenter@austintexas.gov)

