

# Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Phase 2 Improvements

Community Meeting #1, September 21, 2021, 6 p.m.

18:02:32 From MACC Olivia Tamzarian (She/her) to Everyone:

Welcome! Bienvenidos a todos!

18:03:30 From José Velásquez to Everyone:

Buenas Tardes, Familia! Honored to be here with y'all.

18:04:12 From Mari Boren (PWD) to Everyone:

Bienvenidos!!

18:05:01 From Danny Gee to PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement (Direct Message):

What is the meeting passcode. My friend is trying to get in and doesn't have it.

18:07:33 From LAA\_Susana Pimiento to PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement (Direct Message):

Can you please add me as interpreter?

18:07:33 From Danny Gee to PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement (Direct Message):

Also will a recording be posted of this presentation to review later?

18:08:12 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to LAA\_Susana Pimiento (Direct Message):

Yes, we will post meeting recordings on the MACC Phase 2 project page.

18:09:17 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to LAA\_Susana Pimiento (Direct Message):

Oops disregard that message.

18:15:34 From Christina Bies PARD to Everyone:

Here's the project website: <https://www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2>

18:15:49 From Marina Islas to Everyone:

How many community members (excluding city of austin employees) have you actually spoken to in the previous community engagements?

18:19:20 From Chad Lewallen (Public Works) to Everyone:

Hi Mariana - I can look into this question for you however I don

18:19:48 From Chad Lewallen (Public Works) to Everyone:

Don't believe anyone will be able to give you a total number now\* We can get back to you on that\*\*\*

18:22:36 From Chad Lewallen (Public Works) to Everyone:

Apologies, Marina\*\*\*

18:22:50 From Marina Islas to Everyone:

Those numbers should be made available to the public.

18:23:09 From Marina Islas to Everyone:

What is meant by "Circulation" space?

18:23:18 From Marina Islas to Everyone:

Did the community ask for “Shell” space?  
18:23:32 From COA Heidi Tse to Everyone:  
Circulation is hallways  
18:23:49 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
What is this talk about asking for more money?  
18:24:23 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
How much money from the 27million is remaining today?  
18:24:29 From COA Heidi Tse to Everyone:  
Shell means we have exterior walls but it may not be finished out inside (no interior walls or paint.  
18:24:32 From Michelle Rojas to Everyone:  
Hi Marina - for future Phase 3.  
18:28:48 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
How much money from the 27 million bond is remaining today?  
18:32:16 From COA Heidi Tse to Everyone:  
We will answer the chat during the breaks of the presentations.  
18:35:50 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
Did the community actually ask for a lake level? How much will it cost to gut the landscape to create these “shell spaces”?  
18:36:42 From Melva Codina to Everyone:  
I did not see anything about a space for adults or for Hispanic organizations to meet.  
18:39:43 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
If you’ve already “encumbered” 85% of the bond money, why would you waste any money on shell spaces? Why not focus on providing finished spaces for the community? What about addressing parking needs?  
18:42:16 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
How did you decide what was a priority and what wasn’t??  
18:42:33 From MACC Olivia Tamzarian (She/her) to PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement(Direct Message):  
Hi Marika! I see you have your hand raised, would you be able to please type your question into the chat?  
18:44:05 From COA Heidi Tse to Everyone:  
Let us complete the presentation Many of the questions can be answer  
18:44:38 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
Again, how many actual community members vs. city employees attended these meetings you’re basing these “priorities” on.  
18:44:44 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
Also, Marika Alvarado has her hand up.  
18:45:40 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:  
Hi Marika! I see you have your hand raised, would you be able to please type your question into the chat?  
18:46:39 From Marika Alvarado to Everyone:  
hello no my spelling isn’t good  
18:47:48 From Public Works-Elizabeth Ferrer to Everyone:

Marika, we will be sure to give you time to ask your question after the presentation.

18:49:32 From Public Works-Elizabeth Ferrer to Everyone:  
Art, you are welcome to put your question in the chat. If not, we will call on you after the presentation too.

18:54:25 From Marika Alvarado to Everyone:  
i don't understand why you ask us to attend if I can't ask a question in person not this chat thing

18:55:49 From COA Heidi Tse to Everyone:  
We are nearing the end of the presentation. Please be patient, we will give you a chance to ask you question

19:15:21 From LAA\_Susana Pimiento to PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement (Direct Message):  
stage

19:18:47 From LAA\_Susana Pimiento to PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement (Direct Message):  
sorry, it was for Gabriela

19:20:23 From Melva Codina to Everyone:  
I guess the TGSA is supposed to use the upstairs conference room?? This group brings in many retired, elderly people to the meetings and the study groups; Why not switch the youth areas and the upstairs conference room.. I would think the upstairs would be safer for children.

19:24:51 From LAA\_Susana Pimiento to PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement (Direct Message):  
can't hear her

19:29:30 From Melva Codina to Everyone:  
What will be done about the parking? Many people do not come because of the poor parking facilities and the dark parking areas. They are afraid of being assaulted.

19:33:50 From Melva Codina to Everyone:  
Will there be more parking spaces?

19:40:13 From Marina Islas to Everyone:  
NEW Residents? What about the community that's been involved for 30 years?

19:50:35 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:  
Keep up-to-date on our project page: <https://www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2>

19:50:47 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:  
You can find English and Spanish comment cards on our SpeakUp Austin page: <https://www.speakupaustin.org/mas-macc>

19:51:42 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:  
Share the links to the next upcoming community meetings! [bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting2](https://bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting2)

19:51:53 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:  
[bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting3](https://bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting3)

19:52:48 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:  
Sept 22 Meeting (6-8pm): [bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting2](https://bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting2)

19:53:08 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:  
Oct 2nd Meeting (11-1pm): [bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting3](https://bit.ly/ESB-MaccP2-Meeting3)