



Cinco de Mayo Fiesta – Event Recap

On May 5, 2016, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, in partnership with design consultant McKinney York Architects, released the schematic design for the new Montopolis Recreation and Community Center. The design was presented during the “Cinco de Mayo Fiesta” held at the Montopolis Recreation Center. Over 250 community members attended the event.

Since the design phase began in December 2015, the project team has gathered community feedback at multiple stages to inform the schematic design. This includes the “Community and Project Team Meet and Greet” in December 2015 and the “Community Visioning Workshops” held this January. In early March, the project team released three floor plan draft options and surveyed the community to learn their preference. A total of 193 responses were collected through paper surveys at four neighborhood locations and online.

Presenting the schematic design during Cinco de Mayo Fiesta was intended to raise awareness for the design among a large number of community members, many of which had not previously participated in the project. During a 30-minute period within the event, the project team gave a presentation (Attachment 1) outlining the project history, timeline, and the schematic design. Afterwards, the design team was available for individual conversations with community members about the project and to answer questions about the design.

In addition to the schematic design presentation, the free family-friendly community event included food and refreshments, crafts, and games. Attendees also enjoyed performances by Mariachi Estrella and dancing by a children’s folklorico dance group from the Metric Recreation Center.