Austin Parks and Recreation Department

## Givens District Park Aquatic Facility

Virtual Community Meeting #1

Image from Givens Swims, 2019, Forklift Danceworks, Amitava Sarkar



Recorded January 26, 2021

## Agenda

- 5:33 Welcome by Ms. Arlene Youngblood
- 5:35 Virtual meeting information
- 5:37 Project Team introduction
- 5:40 Overview of Givens District Park and Pool
- 5:43 Pool Classification: Community Pool description
- 5:45 Art in Public Places (AIPP) process
- 5:55 Project Timeline
- Community Conversation and Questions
  5:58 2 minutes to address questions in chat
  6:00 Guided questions
- 6:15 Next Steps
- 6:17 Additional Questions



Comment card from outside *Givens Swims*, 2019, Forklift Danceworks, Amitava Sarkar



#### Welcome



Ms. Arlene Youngblood



## Virtual Info: Zoom Housekeeping

- Participants can join by computer and/or phone
- This session is being recorded and will be posted at the conclusion.
- Participants will stay muted through presentation.
- Questions can be shared in the Comments section.
  - A short period for responses is available for clarifications, then a longer question time at the end of the presentation.
- "Raise hand" for sharing comments during questions session at end of presentation.



## Virtual Info: Facebook Live

• Participants view on

Facebook.com/AustinCityParks

- Community members can share comments and questions in chat
- During final Q&A period, facilitators will alternate between Facebook questions and Zoom questions



Project Questions or Comments can be emailed to **PARDGivensPool@austintexas.gov** 



## **Introductions: Meeting Team**



Justin Schneider, PARD Community Engagement Specialist



Larry Williams, PARD Community Services Coordinator



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## Introductions: Project Team, City of Austin

#### **Primary Contact**

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## **Introductions: Project Design Team**

#### **Design Lead**

Marmon Mok Architecture

**Greg Houston** 

#### **Project Management**

ECM International, Inc.

David Neugebauer

#### **Construction Manager at Risk**

Flintco, LLC Gary Miller



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## **History of Givens Pool**

- The park and pool were named after Dr. Everett H. Givens, a community leader and dentist.
- The pool first opened in 1958.
- The 41-acre park includes the Aquatic Facility, Recreation Center, Sport Courts, Athletic Fields and Pavilions.
- In 2018, voters approved a General Obligation Bond for design and construction of a new aquatic facility.



Givens Pool, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library, PICA 21235



## **Pool Classification: Community Pool**

Community Pools will be somewhat larger than Neighborhood Pools and have additional amenities to serve a larger market area or roughly a 10-minute drive. These pools may provide some of the following amenities (depending on budget and desires of the surrounding neighborhoods):



- 6-8 lap lanes
- Activity pool
- Small water slide
- Bathhouse / Family restroom
- Splashpad / Sprayground
- Diving board
- Shade
- Office

#### Additional notes:

- Pool size: 5,000 to 7,000 sq. ft.
- Service area: 3 miles / 10 min. drive



Information and sample image from PARD Aquatic Master Plan, 2018 https://www.austintexas.gov/department/aquatic-master-plan



## **Pool Classification: Community Pool**

Example images of possible amenities:



Diving Board (board removed for COVID)





#### Water Slide



#### Lap Lanes



#### Shade Structure

## Art in Public Places (AIPP)

- AIPP is a program of the Cultural Arts Division within the Economic Development Department
- City Ordinance: Percent-for-Art Program
- What is Public Art?
  - Artist + Community
- Why Public Art?
  - Collective memory + culture











## How does AIPP work?

- 1. Select an Artist
  - 6-8 Months (AIPP staff + Community)
- 2. Artist Research + Design
  - 1-2 Years (Artist + Community)
- 3. Artist Makes + Installs Art
  - 1 year (Artist)
- 4. Community Enjoys Artwork
  - 20+ Years!

Throughout: Reviews and approvals by Community Stakeholders, AIPP Panel, Arts Commission, Sponsor Department, Council, etc.







## **AIPP + Givens Aquatic Facility**

#### Givens Swims – AIPP Phase I!

- Forklift Danceworks
  - Cindy Elizabeth: Allegiance
  - Ernesto Hernandez: *Perspectives on Givens*

#### What do we need from you?

- Now: Ideas + Inspiration
- Future: Participation (artists + jurors)









#### Now we want to hear from you!



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## Pause for Q&A from Chat

- 2 minutes to address questions for clarification
- Additional questions or comments that we don't get to now can be asked at the end of meeting or by emailing <u>PARDGivensPool@austintexas.gov</u>





## **Community Conversation**

- When you think about this community, what word or phrase best describes Givens?
- What is your vision for the Givens Aquatic Facility or what kind of place would you like it to be?
- In your opinion, what makes Givens District Pool special?
- What word(s) could you share to help inspire goals for this artwork project?



#### **Community Preference Exercise**

# What are the top 4 activities you would like to see at Givens Aquatic Facility?





A. Free Swim



B. Lap Lanes



C. Water Exercise





**D.** Log Roll



F. Water Volleyball









G. Water Games

H. Kayak Training

I. Swim Lessons





#### J. Competitive Diving





**K.** Competitive Swimming



L. Water Polo

#### **Community Preference Exercise**

# What are the top 4 built features you would like to see at Givens Aquatic Facility?



#### **Community Preference Exercise - Features**



A. Water Basketball Goal

B. Lane Lines

C. Play Feature



#### **Community Preference Exercise - Features**



**D.** Water Slides

E. Water Tree

F. Water Umbrella



#### **Community Preference Exercise - Features**







G. Zero Entry

H. Sun Deck

I. Water Bench



#### **Next Steps**

#### Share with others

• Can provide additional feedback and view recording of meeting tonight

#### • Next Community Meeting in April 2021

• Project Team will present concepts and look for your input.

#### More information

- <u>SpeakUpAustin.gov/GivensPool</u> to give more input
- <u>AustinTexas.gov/givenspool</u> for project information and updates
- Email <u>PARDGivensPool@austintexas.gov</u>



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