

Community Visioning Workshops Summary

January 21 and 23, 2016 Events

On January 21 and 23, 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, hosted two Community Visioning Workshops to gather public feedback to help the design planning for the new Montopolis Recreation and Community Center. The City of Austin Art in Public Places program was on hand to gather feedback to be incorporated into the upcoming Call to Artists RFP for the project. Attendees also heard the community feedback results from the project design phase launch event on December 15, 2015. The January 21 visioning workshop was held at Allison Elementary School from 6:00PM-8:00PM and was attended by 52 community residents and project staff. The January 23 event included 32 attendees and took place at the Montopolis Recreation Center from 10:00AM – 12:00PM. Spanish speakers attended both events and the City of Austin provided in-person Spanish interpreting.

The two events provided the community an opportunity to collaborate with neighbors and users of the existing recreation center on the planning of access to the new facility, how it connects to the community, and how the building and its amenities fit on the site. Participants worked in small groups and were asked to complete two exercises – a “Site Plan Exercise” and a “Program Exercise.” A facilitator from the design team supported each group.

To provide context for the exercises and help encourage discussion, participants were presented with a set of multiple choice questions related to each exercise (Attachment 1 and 2). A program index document (Attachment 3 and 4) was also provided to outline how different programs will be used when the facility is completed, as well as site restrictions to consider in completing the exercises.

February 4, 2016 Small Group Sessions

In addition to the Community Visioning Workshops held on January 21 and 23, by request, the project team also hosted three small group sessions for four stakeholder groups on February 4. The small group sessions were promoted through the events flyer (Attachment 5) and served as an added opportunity to expand community participation. A session was held at Allison Elementary School for 15 Spanish-speaking parents of Montopolis neighborhood children who could not attend the previous events. Another meeting included 15 staff from the existing Montopolis Recreation Center and the Health and Human Services Dept. Montopolis Neighborhood Center. Although both staffs met at the same time and location, the two groups provided feedback independent of one another. A third small group session was hosted for youth users of the Montopolis Recreation Center and had 5 attendees.

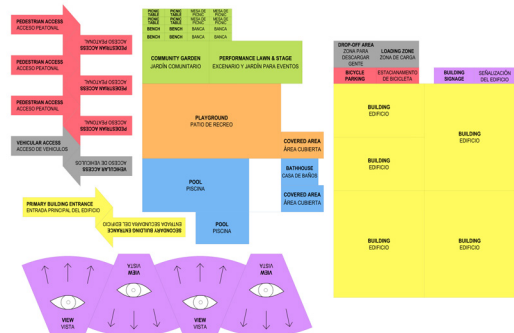
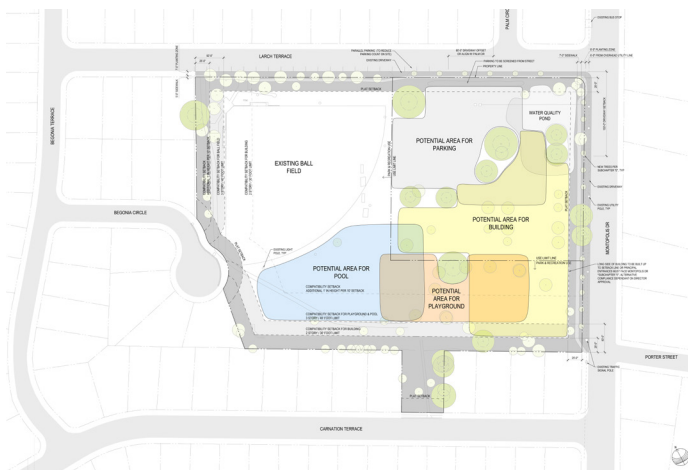
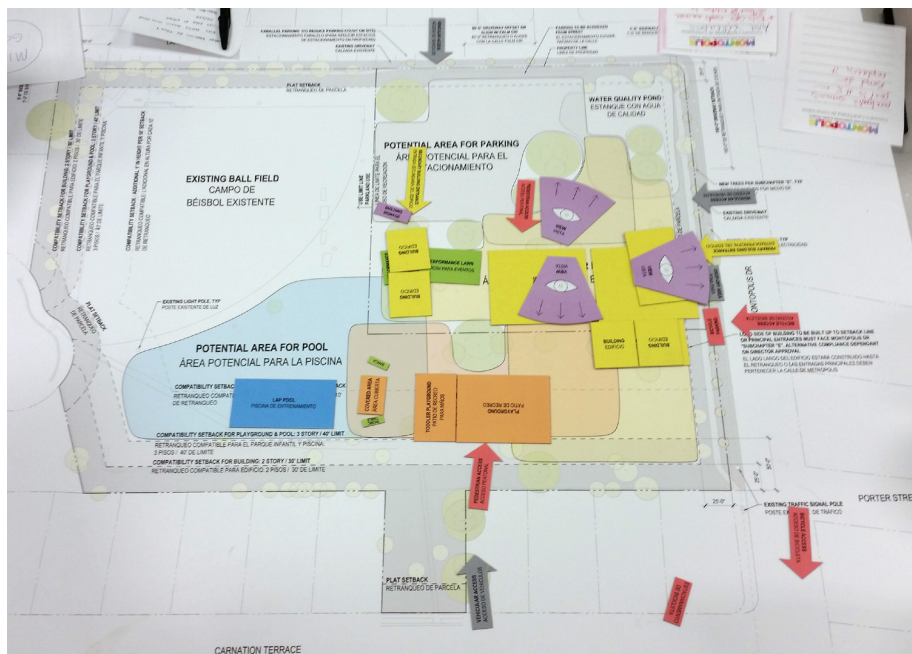
Contact:

David Smythe-Macaulay
Public Works, City of Austin
512.974.7152 | david.smythe-macaulay@austintexas.gov



Community Visioning Workshops Site Plan Exercise Summary

The "Site Plan Exercise" was created to help the design team understand the community's vision for how amenities should be arranged on the future site. Participants were given small cutout representations of the various elements that will populate the new site, such as the facility, pool, playground, community garden, and access to the site, and then asked to organize the pieces on a large printed board of the site at scale.



Community Visioning Workshops Site Plan Exercise Summary

The following are the insights gathered through a combination of completed board exercises and exercise questions.

Pedestrian Access

- Pedestrians access the site along all edges
- Provide safe and pedestrian friendly access from Montopolis Drive - many pedestrians must cross Montopolis to access Rec Center

Primary Entrance

- Provide welcoming and prominently visible access from Montopolis Drive

Secondary Entrance

- Provide easy access to both outdoor spaces and parking

Vehicular Access

- Vehicular access from both Larch Terrace and Montopolis is preferred
- A driveway on Montopolis could possibly be for exit only

Loading Zone

- A loading zone with easy access from Parking, but away from Montopolis is preferred

Drop Off Area

- A Drop-Off area along the building's north edge, but not too far from Montopolis Drive is preferred

Playground

- Proximity to existing trees and pool are desired

Toddler Playground

- Adjacent to main playground

Pool

- Locate Pool close to Playground

Building Sitting

- Centrally located along Montopolis

View

- Visibility to the playground is most important

Performance Lawn

- Proximity to Parking lot is important

Bicycle Access

- Cyclists access the site along all edges, but especially from the corner of Montopolis Drive and Larch Terrace

Bicycle Parking

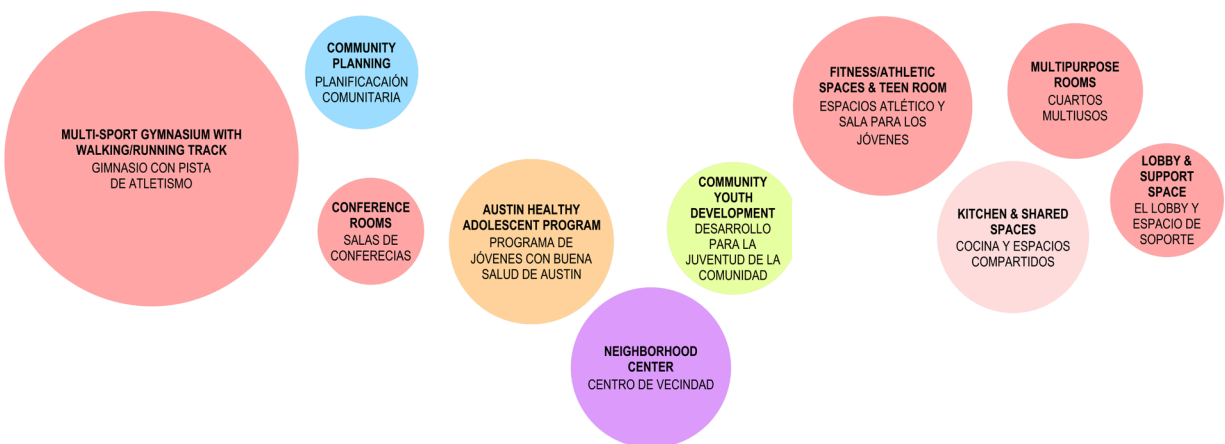
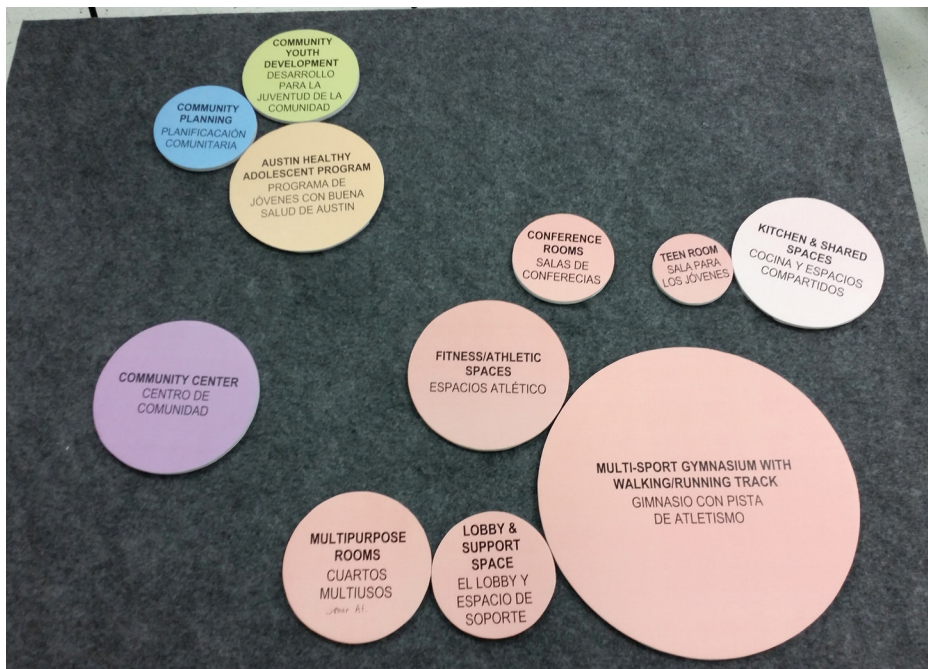
- By primary entrance

Community Garden

- Next to building

**Community Visioning Workshops
Program Exercise Summary**

Along with the “Site Plan Exercise,” participants also completed the “Program Exercise” to provide feedback on the desired relationship between the different programs to be included within the new facility. Similar to the “Site Plan Exercise” attendees were provided with circular cutouts symbolizing the various programs– varying in diameter according to the physical space they would occupy, including the multi-sport gymnasium, lobby, kitchen, and multipurpose rooms. They were asked to position the cutouts on a felt board mindful of what spaces and rooms should be close to each other in order for the facility to function efficiently.



Community Visioning Workshops Program Exercise Summary

The following are the insights gathered through a combination of completed board exercises and exercise questions.

Lobby & Support Space

- Easy access to Gymnasium, Community Youth Development, and Multipurpose Rooms

Multi-Sport Gymnasium

- Centrally located for quick access to other Rec Center programs and Kitchen
- Highest demand for multiple adjacencies

Fitness/Athletic Spaces

- Adjacent to Gymnasium

Multipurpose Rooms

- Primary adjacency to Gymnasium, Lobby, and Kitchen
- Secondary adjacency to Kitchen and Fitness/Athletic Spaces

Conference Rooms

- Easy Access to Kitchen, Gymnasium, and Community Planning
- Secondary adjacency to Lobby

Teen Space

- Adjacent to Gymnasium
- Secondary adjacency to Community Youth Development and Fitness/Athletic Spaces

Kitchen and Shared Spaces

- Adjacent to Gymnasium and Multipurpose Rooms
- Secondary adjacency to Lobby and Community Center

Community Center

- Grouped with other Health and Human Services Dept. spaces

Community Planning

- Grouped with other Health and Human Services Dept. spaces and Conference Rooms

Community Youth Development

- Grouped with other Health and Human Services Dept. spaces and Conference Rooms

Austin Healthy Adolescent Program

- Adjacent to Community Youth Development and Community Planning

Attachments

The following documents are provided for reference:

Attachment 1
Program Index – English

Attachment 2
Program Index - Spanish

Attachment 3
Exercise Questions - English

Attachment 4
Exercise Question - Spanish

Attachment 5
Promotional Flier - English/Spanish





Montopolis Visioning Exercises

Program Exercise:

The relationships and adjacencies of different rooms are important to consider. We hope that looking at the different building components and their relative size to each other will develop conversation and insight from the community. Keep in mind during this exercise that certain rooms should be close to each other in order for the facility to function efficiently. Some examples of this are:

- It would be good for the Kitchen to be located next to rooms that it serves like the Gymnasium and Multipurpose Rooms
- It makes sense for a Lobby to be located next to the space that it monitors such as the Community Center and Multipurpose Rooms.

Site Plan Exercise & Known Constraints:

- The existing ball field will remain in its current location.
- The new swimming pool should be located close to the existing pool to benefit from the existing utilities already in place.
- Consider orienting the building to get northern and southern exposure to elements that will benefit from natural daylight.
- There is an existing line on the property that limits the use of the property to the South and West of this line to functions that relate to parkland use (e.g. Gymnasium, Playground, etc.) The portion of the property to the North and East of this line doesn't have this restriction.
- Trees: Building and parking can't encroach on area around large protected and heritage trees.
- Trees: New trees will be required along Montopolis Drive to create a shaded pedestrian friendly sidewalk.
- Neighborhood: To be compatible with the neighboring houses, there are rules dictating how close and how high the building can be in relation to the southwest property line.
- Neighborhood: To be compatible with the neighboring houses, there is a rule that the playground and swimming pool must be set back from the south property line by 50'.
- Access: For safety, there are rules that dictate how close a driveway can be located to a street intersection.
- Access: For fire truck access, there are rules that will dictate entry & exit from the site.
- In addition to the considerations above, the siting of the building will consider factors like the location of utilities, building codes and economical construction.

Multi-Sport Gymnasium with Walking/Running Track

Gimnasio Multi-Deportes con Pista de Atletismo

- Gimnasio con Graderíos
- Pista de Atletismo
- Espacio para Almacenamiento

Fitness/Athletic Spaces and Teen Room

Espacio Deportivo y de Acondicionamiento Físico
y Salón para Adolescentes

- Sala de Pesas con Equipo Aeróbico
- Sala para Boxeo
- Vestidores con Regaderas
- Espacio para Adolescentes con Mesas de Juegos y Televisiones

Multipurpose Rooms

Salones Multiusos

- Salón de Ejercicio con Espejos
- Sala de Aprendizaje con Computadoras
- Salón de Actividades

Conference Rooms

Salones de Conferencias

- Salones de Conferencias con Divisiones

Lobby and Support Space

Vestíbulo y Espacio de Apoyo

- Vestíbulo
- Escritorio de Recepción
- Baños
- Oficinas

Kitchen and Shared Spaces

Cocina y Espacios Compartidos

Espacios para Programas Comunitarios y Recreacionales

- Cocina Industrial
- Alacena de la Cocina
- Sala de Descanso para el Personal
- Baños Públicos
- Espacios Mecánicos y Eléctricos

Austin Healthy Adolescent Program

Programa de Adolescentes Saludables de Austin

El Programa de Adolescentes Saludables de Austin involucra, empodera y colabora con las comunidades.

- Espacios Administrativos
- Salón para Orientación
- Salón Multi-Usos
- Espacio para Almacenamiento

Community Planning

Planificación Comunitaria

El Programa de Planificación Comunitaria involucra a los miembros de la comunidad en los temas sobre la salud.

- Espacios Administrativos
- Salón Multi-Usos
- Espacio para Almacenamiento

Community Youth Development

Desarrollo Juvenil Comunitario

El Programa de Desarrollo Juvenil Comunitario proporciona una gran variedad de servicios de apoyo para la familia.

- Espacios Administrativos
- Salón Multi-Usos
- Espacio para Almacenamiento

Community Center

Centro Comunitario

El Centro Comunitario proporciona una variedad de servicios para la familia.

- Espacios Administrativos
- Oficina de Enfermería
- Salón Comunitario
- Alacena de Víveres
- Espacio para Almacenamiento



Ejercicios de Imagen Montopolis

Ejercicio del Programa:

Es importante tomar en consideración las relaciones y proximidades de varios salones. Esperamos que al considerar los diferentes componentes del edificio y su tamaño en relación al resto, podremos generar una conversación entre la comunidad y obtener su participación. Hay que mantener en mente durante este ejercicio que algunos salones deberían ubicarse junto a otros, para mantener la funcionalidad del conjunto. Algunos ejemplos son:

- Sería apropiado que la cocina se encuentre cerca de los salones a los que les brindará servicio, como por ejemplo el gimnasio y los salones multiusos.
- Haría mucho sentido que el vestíbulo se encuentre junto a los espacios que supervisa, como el centro comunitario y los salones multiusos.

Ejercicio del Plano del Sitio y Limitantes Conocidas:

- El campo de pelota existente debe permanecer en su ubicación actual.
- La piscina nueva debería ubicarse cerca de la piscina existente, para beneficiarse de los servicios que se encuentran junto a ésta.
- Debe considerarse orientar el edificio para obtener exposición de norte a sur a los elementos que se beneficiarían de la luz natural.
- Existe una línea en la propiedad que delimita el uso de la tierra que se encuentra al sur y oeste de la misma, limitando su uso para actividades de tipo parque (por ejemplo, gimnasio, parque infantil, etc.). La tierra que se encuentra al norte y este de esta línea no tiene ninguna limitante.
- Árboles: Los edificios y estacionamientos no deben invadir las áreas alrededor de los grandes árboles que son patrimonio protegido.
- Árboles: Es necesario sembrar árboles nuevos en Montopolis Drive para crear una acera sombreada que sea cómoda para los peatones.
- Vecindario: Para ser compatible con las casas del vecindario, existen reglamentaciones de la altura del edificio y de la distancia a la que se puede construir de la línea de la propiedad en el suroeste.
- Vecindario: Para ser compatible con las casas del vecindario, existe una regla de que el parque infantil y la piscina deben estar a por lo menos 50 pies de la línea de la propiedad del sur.
- Acceso: Por seguridad, existen reglas de la distancia que debe haber entre la entrada y la intersección de las calles.
- Acceso: Existen reglas que definen la entrada y salida de los camiones de bomberos a la propiedad.
- Aparte de las consideraciones recién mencionadas, la ubicación del edificio debe tomar en cuenta otros factores como la ubicación de los servicios, las normas de construcción, y el costo económico de la construcción.

Multi-Sport Gymnasium with Walking/Running Track

Gimnasio con Pista de Atletismo

- Gymnasium with Bleachers
- Walking/Running Track
- Storage Space

Fitness/Athletic Spaces and Teen Room

Espacio Atlético y Sala para los Jóvenes

- Weight Room with Aerobic Equipment
- Boxing Room
- Locker Rooms with Showers
- Teen Space with Game Tables and TVs

Multipurpose Rooms

Cuartos Multiusos

- Exercising Room with Mirrors
- Learning Room with Computers
- Activity Room

Conference Rooms

Salas de Conferencias

- Conference Rooms with Dividers

Lobby and Support Space

El Lobby y Espacio de Soporte

- Lobby
- Reception Desk
- Restrooms
- Offices

Kitchen and Shared Spaces

Concina y Espacios Compartidos

Spaces to serve both Recreational Community Programs

- Commercial Kitchen
- Kitchen Storage
- Staff Break Room
- Public Restrooms
- Mechanical and Electrical Spaces

Austin Healthy Adolescent Program

Programa de Jóvenes con Buena Salud de Austin

The Austin Healthy Adolescent Program engages, empowers, and collaborates with communities.

- Administrative Spaces
- Counseling Room
- Multi-purpose Room
- Storage Space

Community Planning

Planificación Comunitaria

The Community Planning Program engages community members on health issues.

- Administrative Spaces
- Multi-purpose Room
- Storage Space

Community Youth Development

Desarrollo para la Juventud de la Comunidad

The Community Youth Development Program provides an array of services to support families.

- Administrative Spaces
- Multi-purpose Room
- Storage Space

Community Center

Centro Comunitario

The Community Center provides a variety of services to families.

- Administrative Spaces
- Nurse Office
- Community Room
- Food Pantry
- Storage Space



Name: _____

Zip Code: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Montopolis Visioning Exercises Site Questions (Circle as many that you think apply):

1. If possible which street would you prefer the vehicles to enter/exit the site?

- A) Larch Terrace
- B) Montopolis Drive
- C) Both
- D) Other/Comments _____

2. If possible where would you like the primary building entrance?

- A) Facing Larch Terrace
- B) Facing Montopolis Drive
- C) Facing the parking lot
- D) Other/Comments _____

3. From where do most pedestrians and bicycles enter the site?

- A) From the corner of Montopolis Drive and Larch Terrace
- B) From the baseball field along Larch Terrace
- C) From the park entrance off of Carnation Terrace
- D) From the park entrance off of Begonia Circle
- E) Comments _____

4. Where do you prefer to relocate the playground?

- A) Close to the pool
- B) Under the trees for shade
- C) Close to the ballfield
- D) Other/Comments _____

5. What views are important?

- A) View of the neighboring church
- B) View of the houses
- C) View of the park/pool/playground
- D) Other/Comments _____

6. Where would you prefer to locate the outdoor performance lawn?

- A) Part of the building
- B) Near the main lobby
- C) Near the playground
- D) Other/Comments _____



Name: _____

Zip Code: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Montopolis Visioning Exercises Building Questions (Circle as many that you think apply):

1. A good place for the Lobby would be next to the:

- A) Community Center
- B) Multipurpose Rooms
- C) Gymnasium
- D) Other/Comments _____

2. A good place for the Gymnasium would be next to the:

- A) Lobby
- B) Kitchen & Shared Spaces
- C) Multipurpose Rooms
- D) Other/Comments _____

3. A good place for the Austin Healthy Adolescent Program would be next to the:

- A) Community Planning
- B) Community Center
- C) Community Youth Development
- D) Other/Comments _____

4. A good place for the Kitchen would be next to:

- A) Community Center
- B) Gymnasium
- C) Multipurpose Rooms
- D) Other/Comments _____

5. A good place for the Community Youth Development would be next to:

- A) Multipurpose Rooms
- B) Gymnasium
- C) Community Center
- D) Other/Comments _____



Nombre: _____

Código Postal: _____

Dirección: _____

Correo Electrónico: _____

Teléfono: _____

Ejercicios de Imagen

Preguntas sobre el Sitio (circula todas las que apliquen):

1. Si es posible, ¿sobre qué calle te gustaría que ingresaran y salieran los vehículos del lugar?

- A) Larch Terrace
- B) Montopolis Drive
- C) Ambas
- D) Otra/Comentarios _____

2. Si es posible, ¿dónde te gustaría que estuviera localizada la entrada principal del edificio?

- A) Frente a Larch Terrace
- B) Frente a Montopolis Drive
- C) Frente al estacionamiento
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

3. ¿De qué punto deberían ingresar al lugar los peatones y personas en bicicleta?

- A) De la esquina de Montopolis Drive y Larch Terrace
- B) Del campo de béisbol sobre Larch Terrace
- C) De la entrada del parque sobre Carnation Terrace
- D) De la entrada del parque sobre Begonia Circle
- E) Comentarios _____

4. ¿A dónde preferirías reubicar el parque infantil?

- A) Cerca de la piscina
- B) Bajo la sombra de los árboles
- C) Cerca de los campos de pelota
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

5. ¿Qué vistas consideras importantes?

- A) Vista de la iglesia cercana
- B) Vista de las casas del vecindario
- C) Vista del parque/piscina/parque infantil
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

6. ¿En dónde preferirías ubicar el área para eventos al aire libre?

- A) En alguna parte del edificio
- B) Cerca del vestíbulo principal
- C) Cerca del parque infantil
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____



Código Postal: _____

Dirección: _____

Correo Electrónico: _____

Teléfono: _____

Preguntas sobre la Construcción (circula todas las que apliquen):

1. Un buen lugar para ubicar el vestíbulo sería cerca de:

- A) Centro Comunitario
- B) Salones Multiusos
- C) Gimnasio
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

2. Un buen lugar para ubicar el gimnasio sería cerca de:

- A) Vestíbulo
- B) Cocina y Espacios Compartidos
- C) Salones Multiusos
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

3. Un buen lugar para ubicar el Programa de Adolescentes Saludables de Austin sería cerca de:

- A) Planificación Comunitaria
- B) Centro Comunitario
- C) Desarrollo Juvenil Comunitario
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

4. Un buen lugar para ubicar la cocina sería cerca de:

- A) Centro Comunitario
- B) Gimnasio
- C) Salones Multiusos
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

5. Un buen lugar para ubicar el Programa de Desarrollo Juvenil Comunitario sería cerca de:

- A) Salones multiusos
- B) Gimnasio
- C) Centro Comunitario
- D) Otro/Comentarios _____

Nombre: _____



Community Visioning Workshops Jan. 21 and Jan. 23

Bring your vision for the new recreation and community center. Collaborate with your neighbors on the planning of access to the new facility, how it connects to the community, and how the building and its amenities fit on the site.

The City of Austin has begun the Design Phase of the Montopolis Recreation and Community Center Project. *Your feedback is important and everyone can participate.*

Can't make it on Jan. 21 or Jan. 23? Contact us to schedule or join a small group session. Call (512) 974-6564, or email Cara.Welch@austintexas.gov.



CALL AND VOICE YOUR THOUGHTS

Dial 3-1-1 and ask for "Community Engagement - Montopolis Recreation and Community Center"

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE #MONTOPOLIS

Contact:

Kalpana Sutaria
Public Works, City of Austin
512-974-7225 | kalpana.sutaria@austintexas.gov



Help the design
planning for the
new Montopolis
Recreation and
Community
Center

21
January

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Allison Elementary
School Cafeteria
515 Vargas Rd.
Austin, TX 78741

23
January

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Montopolis
Recreation Center
Room 1
1200 Montopolis Dr.
Austin, TX 78741

FREE
Snacks & Drinks

Supervised children's
activities

Spanish Interpretation
will be provided

The City of Austin is proud to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special assistance for participation in our programs or use of our facilities please call 512-974-7225.



Talleres Comunitarios de Imagen el 21 y 23 de enero

Comparte la visión que tienes del nuevo Centro Comunitario y Recreacional. Colabora con tus vecinos en la planificación del acceso a la nueva instalación, la forma en que se conecta con la comunidad, y cómo el edificio y sus instalaciones se ajustan dentro del terreno.

La Ciudad de Austin ha iniciado la fase de diseño del Proyecto del Centro Comunitario y Recreacional Montopolis. *Tu colaboración es importante, y todos pueden participar.*

¿No puedes asistir ni el 21 ni el 23 de enero? Contáctanos para programar una cita o participar en una pequeña reunión de grupo. Llama al teléfono (512) 974-6564, o envía un correo electrónico a Cara.Welch@austintexas.gov.



LLAMA Y EXPRESA TUS COMENTARIOS

Marca el 3-1-1 y pregunta por "Community Engagement - Montopolis Recreation and Community Center" (Participación Comunitaria - Centro Comunitario y Recreacional Montopolis)

ÚNETE A LA CONVERSACIÓN USANDO EL HASHTAG #MONTOPOLIS

Contacto:

Kalpana Sutaria
Public Works, City of Austin
512-974-7225 | Kalpana.Sutaria@austintexas.gov



Ayuda con la
planificación del
diseño del nuevo
Centro Comunitario
y Recreacional
Montopolis

21
de enero

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Allison Elementary
School Cafetería
515 Vargas Rd.
Austin, TX 78741

23
de enero

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Centro Recreacional
Montopolis
Salón 1
1200 Montopolis Dr.
Austin, TX 78741

GRATIS

Bocadillos y bebidas

Actividades supervisadas
para niños

Habrán intérpretes en
español

La Ciudad de Austin se enorgullece en cumplir con la Ley para Estadounidenses con Discapacidades. Si necesitas asistencia especial para participar en nuestros programas o para utilizar nuestras instalaciones por favor llama al 512-974-7225.