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The Zilker Park Clubhouse Rehabilitation project will focus on general preservation and restoration of the building's character-defining features, prioritizing the flexibility of the site to host many types of groups and events, from weddings and parties to corporate or non-profit group events/retreats. A possible future-phased portion of the work includes plans to restore the historic structural elements framing the view from nearby Lookout Point. This project is in the bidding phase. **City Council District 8**



Background



Project Description

The Zilker Clubhouse requires extensive restoration to address a number of deteriorated conditions and systems, as well as ADA accessibility challenges. Currently, the building requires a new roof, window and door restoration, masonry cleaning and repainting, restoration of ironwork, multiple ADA modifications, replacement of exterior lighting, and parking and wayfinding improvements. The building may also require extensive systems upgrades to be determined by a feasibility analysis. The analysis will explore the possibility of the installation of an HVAC system. Nearby Lookout Point requires masonry repair and restoration of the wood pergola and will be included within the scope of the design project, although the funding for its restoration will come in a future phase.

The Zilker Clubhouse is located in the far western section of the park, known as Zilker Nature Preserve, west of Mopac. The facility and grounds will continue to be available to the public to rent for events during the project's design phase, however, the building will close to public rentals for a period of time during construction. This information will be communicated as it becomes available.

Objectives:

- Improve deteriorated conditions of the Clubhouse facility while preserving the historic character and the unique architectural details;
- Address accessibility and compliance code updates and systems upgrades (including a feasibility study regarding the installation of an HVAC system);
- Evaluate and enhance site use, wayfinding, interpretive information and parking;
- Meet sustainability goals by implementing sustainable building practices necessary to conserve energy, water and other natural resources, promote human health and safety, and enhance a high-quality, enduring structure.

This project will benefit the community by retaining the site as an affordable rental venue, while enhancing the flexibility of the site to hold many types of group events.

Anticipated Schedule

Please note that as in any construction project, schedules are projected as accurately as possible. All dates are subject to change due to the nature of construction and the weather.

- **Summer 2020:** Conducted focus-group stakeholder engagement meetings and emailed surveys to past users of the site; Developed and documented the Schematic Design (complete, details below)
- **Fall 2020:** Held open House for interested public to review the Schematic Design (complete, details below)
- **Spring 2021:** Design Development Phase (complete)
- **Fall 2021:** Construction Documents and Permitting (complete)
- **Spring 2025:** Reissue for bid (in progress)
- **Spring 2026:** Construction begins
- **Summer 2027:** Construction ends

Community Engagement

Previous community engagement efforts are posted below.

Virtual Open House

Nov. 10, 2020

- [View Meeting Recording](#)
- [Presentation](#) (PDF, 13 MB)


The Open House informed the community and interested stakeholders of the planned preservation work and functional improvements.

[View survey results](#) (survey open from June 1 to July 7, 2020)

The survey was shared with those who have reserved the space or acted as a vendor in this space.

Funding and Resources

The funding for the Rehabilitation of the Zilker Clubhouse is made possible through Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funding to support projects and initiatives that meet allowable uses as defined under Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code. HOT revenue is an essential tool for the promotion of tourism and supports the growth of the tourism, convention, and hotel industry. Austin Parks and Recreation is an important partner in this effort as public parks, museums, and cultural centers are among the top tourist attractions in the City.

 Call 3-1-1



For requests to reserve the Zilker Clubhouse for an event, please email: reservations@austintexas.gov.

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