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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

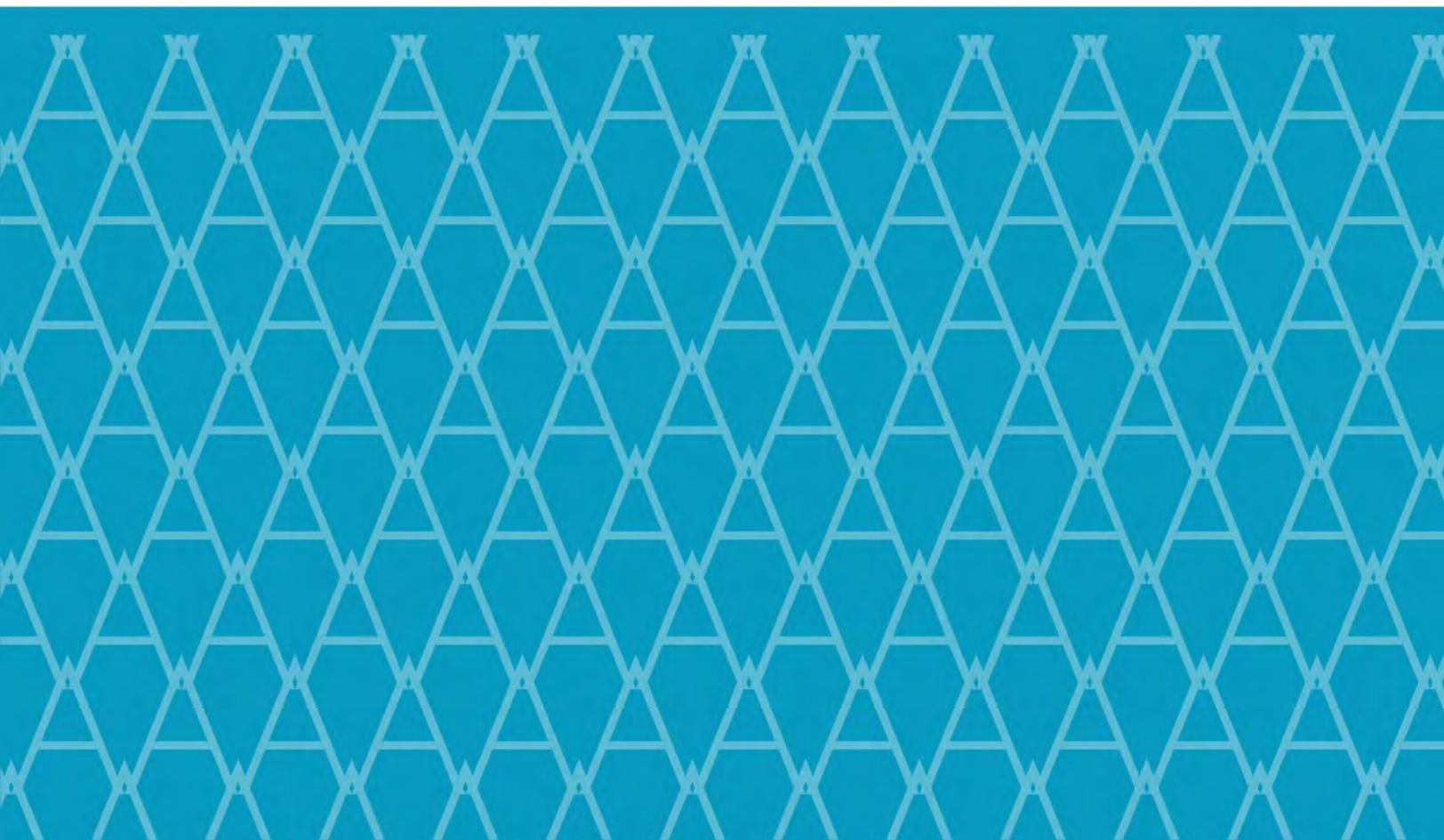


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HIGHLIGHTS

Growing Your Roots: The Inaugural African-American Genealogy Conference

Free Registration is open for Growing Your Roots 2020: The Inaugural African American Genealogy Conference of Austin, Texas. The genealogy conference will debut the first weekend going into Black History Month (January 30, 2020 - February 2, 2020). The free four-day conference is hosted by the Austin History Center, Austin Public Library's African American Community Archives Program. The genealogy conference will feature a variety of speakers, panel sessions, workshops, exhibitions, tours, and networking opportunities for genealogy professionals, scholars, and novice enthusiasts.

Dr. Edmund Gordon, Vice-Provost of Diversity, Professor of African & African American Studies in Anthropology, at the University of Texas at Austin is The Jacob Fontaine Distinguished Keynote Speaker. The professor's Racial Geography Tour takes an in-depth look at the University of Texas at Austin's racial history. Internationally acclaimed photographer, Kris Graves is the Algerene M. Akins Craig Distinguished Closing Keynote. *Kris Graves: Testament Project* will debut in the Austin Central Public Library Gallery beginning January 14, 2020 - February 29, 2020.

Genealogy panel sessions will be led by local, regional, and national speakers and facilitators such as Rachel E. Winston, Stephanie L. Lang, Danielle McGhee, Stuart King, Greg Farrar, Olivia Dorsey Peacock, Emma Robinson, delmetria millener. The inaugural African American genealogy conference of Austin, Texas (January 30, 2020 - February 2, 2020) will be an experience not to miss and best of all it is FREE and welcoming of attendees of all levels, novice to expert!

Growing Your Roots 2020 is presented in partnership with the Austin Public Library, Huston-Tillotson University | Downs-Jones Library, Austin History Center, PBS | POV, The City of Austin, City of Austin's Equity Office, and The University of Texas John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies.

Come celebrate the holidays with the Austin Public Library!

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Upcoming Events at Central

APL After Dark: Time Warp. Friday, January 24, 7:30 - 10 PM. Enjoy adult drinks and music while experiencing the Central Library after normal operating hours. Each quarter APL After Dark will feature a unique theme. This quarter, we're calling all history nerds! Dress as your hero from history and tell us your story, visit the past via Virtual Reality, dig into your own family history, and so much more!

Carmen Maria Machado, author of *In the Dream House* will be at Central on Tuesday, January 28, at 7 PM. *In the Dream House* is an engrossing and wildly innovative account of a relationship gone bad, and a bold dissection of the mechanisms and cultural representations of psychological abuse. Tracing the full arc of a harrowing relationship with a charismatic but volatile woman, Machado struggles to make sense of how what happened to her shaped the person she was becoming. Machado will read from the memoir and discuss the book and its themes with fiction writer Deb Olin Unferth. Machado will sign books following the program. Books will be available for purchase thanks to BookPeople. Presented by The Library Foundation.

Exhibits

Daniel Johnston: Jeremiah the Innocent & Friends in Zilker Park Austin Public Library commemorates the life and work of beloved musician and artist Daniel Johnston, who passed away in 2019, leaving behind a rich legacy of musical recordings, sketches, and cartoons. On January 22, 2020, the Central Library will display a new mural honoring Johnston. The artwork was commissioned by The Library Foundation, and will be housed in Central Library's fourth floor Special Collections area. The mural by artist Jason Archer mimics Johnston's playful, surreal style and invokes themes Johnston explored throughout his life and work, including his struggles with mental illness.

Johnston was an advocate for open conversation and greater awareness around mental health issues. The ***Hi How Are You Project***, a sponsor of the mural, continues Johnston's work today. The unveiling of the mural coincides closely with ***Hi How Are You Day*** on January 22, Johnston's birthday—a day now dedicated to mental health advocacy and awareness. A collection of Johnston's original sketches will also be displayed in the Central Library's Living Room gallery on the sixth floor through March 31, 2020.

Kris Graves: Testament Project is an exploration and re-conception of the contemporary black experience in America. More often than not, black people are portrayed in the extreme—either as very rich or very poor, they are demonized, infantilized, ridiculed, idolized or hyper-sexualized; and within the art canon there is a noticeable scarcity of black representation.

Kris Graves (b. 1982 New York, NY) is a photographer and publisher based in New York and London. He received his BFA in Visual Arts from S.U.N.Y. Purchase College and has been published and exhibited globally, including the National Portrait Gallery in London, England; Aperture Gallery, New York; University of Arizona, Tucson; Blue Sky Gallery in Portland, Oregon; and Brooklyn Museum, New York; among others.

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit, <http://library.austintexas.gov/events>.

FACILITIES SERVICES

FY2018 Bond Program Summary

Description

- APLs 2018 Bond Program is currently in the project initiation stage. City Council's appropriated \$3.7M in March 2019 to fund the solicitation and execution of the Professional Service Agreements necessary to implement the Library's Bond Program.
- The 2018 Bond Program for the Library Department consists of fifteen improvement projects located across the City of Austin. The projects are grouped into the following categories: Site/Civil Engineering Projects, Faulk Library Building/Austin History Center Complex Improvements, Branch Library Interior Renovation Projects, and Roof Replacement & HVAC System Upgrades.
- The development framework to deliver the Library's 2018 Bond Program will include Rotation List Solicitation, Professional Service Agreements Construction Manager at Risk, and Competitive Sealed Proposals. The program's deliverables have a 60-month time line, and construction starts will be staggered over this period to minimize impacts to existing levels of library service.



The 2018 Bond Program for the Library Department consists of fifteen improvement projects located across the City of Austin.

Status

The FY18 Program is in the Preliminary Phase. The CCO is leading PSA procurement during this period. Packages A and D are advancing with Rotation List and stand along design solicitations. B and C require Council Approval of CMAR and CSP Methodologies and design services are advancing as stand-alone. All PSAs are anticipated to be fully executed by Nov. 2019.

Schedule

It is anticipated that the procurement of Professional Services Agreements that covers this phase of the work will be fully executed within 180 calendar days.

Cost

Pre-Design & Design costs is estimated at \$3.7 million

FY2012 Bond Program Summary

Description

- Proposition 18: Library, Museums and Cultural Facilities \$13.4 Million

Cepeda Branch

Scope of Work

Site Drainage Remediation and Interior Renovation of 8,110 SF Facility

Status

Design Phase 90% Complete.

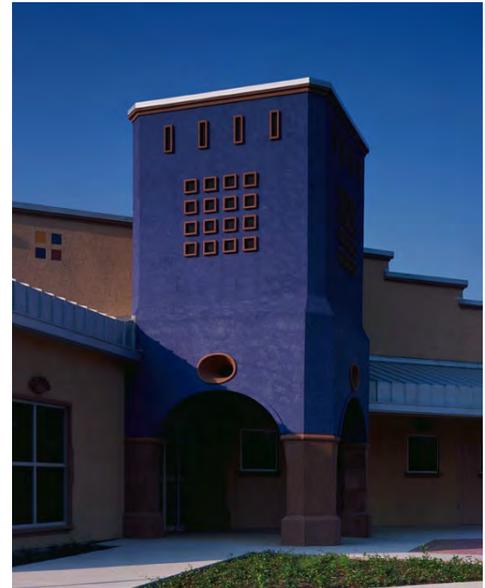
ACFS Project Coordinator is in negotiations with the Project Architect to revise the front - end documents of the project plans and specifications. Revisions are necessary to procure construction services competitively.

Budget / Cost

Appropriation \$1,049,839; Obligated \$512,686.37; Balance \$537,152.63

Other Issues

An Additional Services Proposal from the Project Architect has been negotiated and approved. The Architectural Team is working to complete revisions by February 10, 2020. The IFB process will begin immediately thereafter.



Zaragosa Technical Support Warehouse

Scope of Work

Replacement of Sprinkler System (life safety) in 20,000 SF Facility

Status

Design Phase 100% complete

Budget / Cost

Appropriation \$794,965; Obligated \$293,337.41; Balance \$501,588.44

Other Issues

Invitation for Bid (IFB) Solicitation for the Construction Phase began December 11, 2019; Bid Opening was extended by 14 days by CCO. Revised Bid Opening Date January 30, 2020.

University Hills Branch

Scope of Work

The work of this project comprises the construction of a new asphalt 29 parking space parking lot expansion at the existing University Hills Branch Library.

Status

100% Construction Documents and with the Development Services Dept for site plan review and estimate review process will take approx. 4 to 6 months for review/approval. Stantec Civil Engineers is in the process of responding to comments from the City's Development Review Dept (DRD).

Also, a 1704 Determination request has been presented to DRD in order to secure “grandfathering rights” so that the project can move forward with the parking lot expansion and be exempt to further development requirements as well as reduce site plan review time.

Budget / Cost

Appropriation \$1,532,458.00; Obligated \$714,138.22; Balance \$791,319.78

Other Issues

A Unified Development Agreement will be required for the project which will involve City Legal Dept. with the Development Review Dept. (DRD) to grant site plan approval. Also, an Archeological analysis report is required to the (DRD) and additional professional services costs were added.

Yarborough Branch

Scope of Work

Interior Renovation of 15,120 sf Facility

Status

Construction Phase is 80% complete and progressing.
Substantial Completion has been revised and is anticipated on or before February 28, 2020.

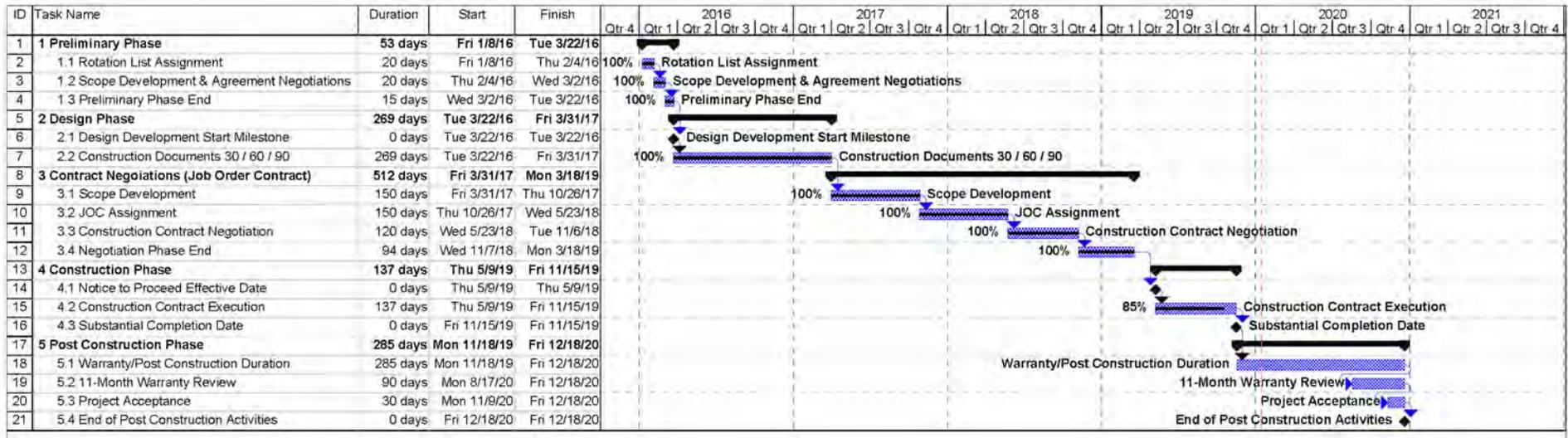
Budget / Cost

Appropriation \$984,066; Obligated \$928,157.48 Balance \$55,908.52

Other Issues

Items remaining to be completed include but are not limited to the following: Structural ADA Ramp/Rails; Main Signage; Panel Structure; Men’s Restroom Partition; and completion of Fire Alarm Panel Upgrade.

Yarborough Branch



Faulk Building Re-Roof (Deferred Maintenance)



Scope of Work

The project will provide for the removal of the existing, built-up roof at the Faulk Central Library and its replacement with a modified bitumen, built-up roof (approx. 29,000 sq. ft.)

Status

On December 18, 2019, The Project is at Substantial Completion with Tebben Company Inc. as the awarded Roof contractor. The project will be at 100% complete at Final Completion on January 20, 2020.

Budget / Cost

Appropriation \$1,087,391; Obligated \$913,191.81; Balance \$174,199.19

Other Issues

A portion of parking spaces will be closed off for the staging area for the duration of construction.

An anticipated week delay for unpredicted rains.

Pleasant Hill Branch



Scope of Work

Roof replacement and HVAC system overhaul for 8,851 SF facility. Additional Scope includes Interior Renovations.

Status

Construction Phase of Roof and HVAC Replacement @ 90% Complete. Negotiations for Architectural Services for the additional work to include interior renovations are being finalized.

Budget / Cost

Appropriation \$1,147,997; Obligated \$1,029,419.75; Balance \$118,557.25

Other Issues

Construction activities continue. Delays due to scope revisions have been encountered which in turn has slowed the progress. We are working with the General Contractor to develop a revised schedule to complete the remaining work.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Scope of Work

The project includes replacement of the deteriorated roof, new skylight and interior renovation 8,580 sq. ft.

Status

Hampton opened to the public on Oct 21, 2019 and Grand Opening was on Oct 26, 2019.

Budget / Cost

Appropriation \$1,490,000; Obligated \$1,476,804.21; Balance \$ 13,195.79

Other Issues

In the process of securing LEED Silver for Hampton at Oak Hill Branch.

Cepeda Branch / Hampton Branch (Site/Civil) Monthly Report

Project Description

The Cepeda Branch Library Trail Project was initiated to provide a safe, well-lighted pedestrian pathway from the Cepeda Branch Library property at 651 N Pleasant Valley Road through to Gonzalez Street under the adjacent East Seventh Street overpass.



The Will Hampton Branch Library at 5125 Convict Hill Road has experienced heavy use by the community since the facility first opened its doors in 1997. The community facility is public-facing and adjacent to the equally popular Dick Nichols District Park. The project consists of adding 22 parking spaces to the existing parking lot.



Status

CCO assigned Espy Engr. Consultants on 6/28/2019

At Scope Development and Negotiations (65%)

A scheduled meeting was conducted with Espy Engr. Consultant and APL Facilities to review project proposal. Negotiations are underway to finalize project proposal costs. Espy Engr. Is in the process of submitting an updated project proposal.

Schedule

Preliminary Phase Rotation List Assignment In-Progress. See Gantt Chart

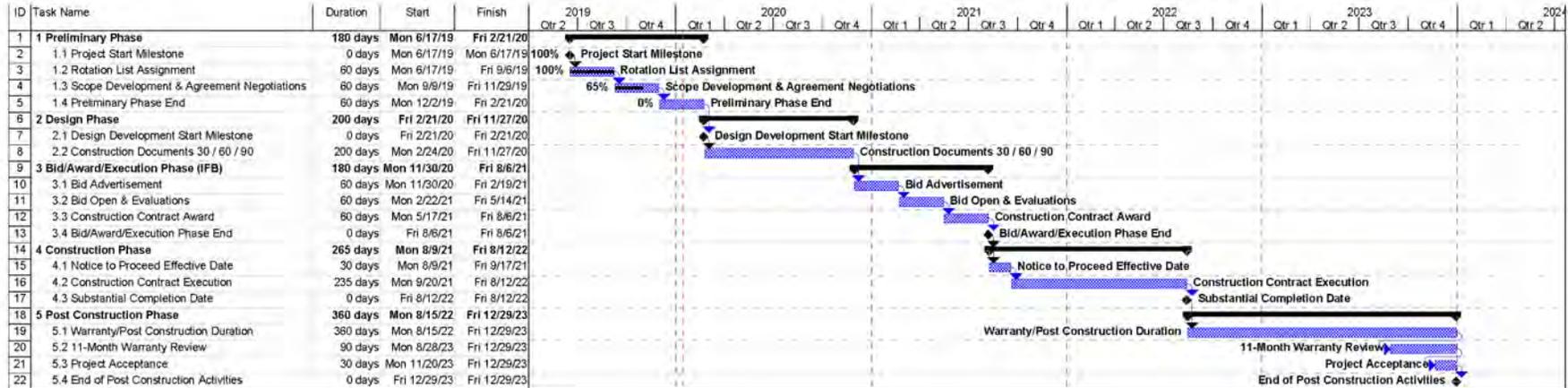
Cost

Design Budget \$77,349; Construction Budget \$644,578

Other Issues

None to date

Cepeda Branch / Hampton Branch Monthly Schedule



Faulk Building / Austin History Center Monthly Report

Facility Improvements & Archival Repository Expansion

Project Description

The Faulk Library and Austin History Center are grouped together to meet the growth demands of the City's burgeoning population by adding much needed archival storage space, security for collections, and upgrading environmental controls. The campus will be reinforced as a single destination that will facilitate seamless interchanges between the Faulk Building, the Austin History Center, adjacent Wooldrige Square and many nearby historical sites.



With sustainability as a project goal the work to the Faulk Building include but is not limited to modifying the 2nd and 3rd floors of JHF to meet minimal archival storage standards. Removing existing carpet and providing a sealed, epoxy-coated concrete flooring finish. Additional work includes upgrading the building M/E/P and Elevator Retrofit. Infrastructure upgrades at the Austin History Center include wheel chair lift replacements, lead-based paint abatement, renovation of worn finishes, lighting retrofit, and renovation of exteriors to redress structural and aesthetic improvements.

Status

Atlanta GA based Architectural Consultants Lord Aeck Sargent and Austin TX based Architectural Consultants Limbacher & Godfrey, Inc., were selected for design services at final RFQ evaluations. The CCO will present a recommendation to negotiate and enter into a Professional Design Services Agreement with Lord Aeck Sargent / Limbacher & Godfrey



Architectural Consultants to design the Faulk Library Building & Austin History Center Complex on February 20, 2020.

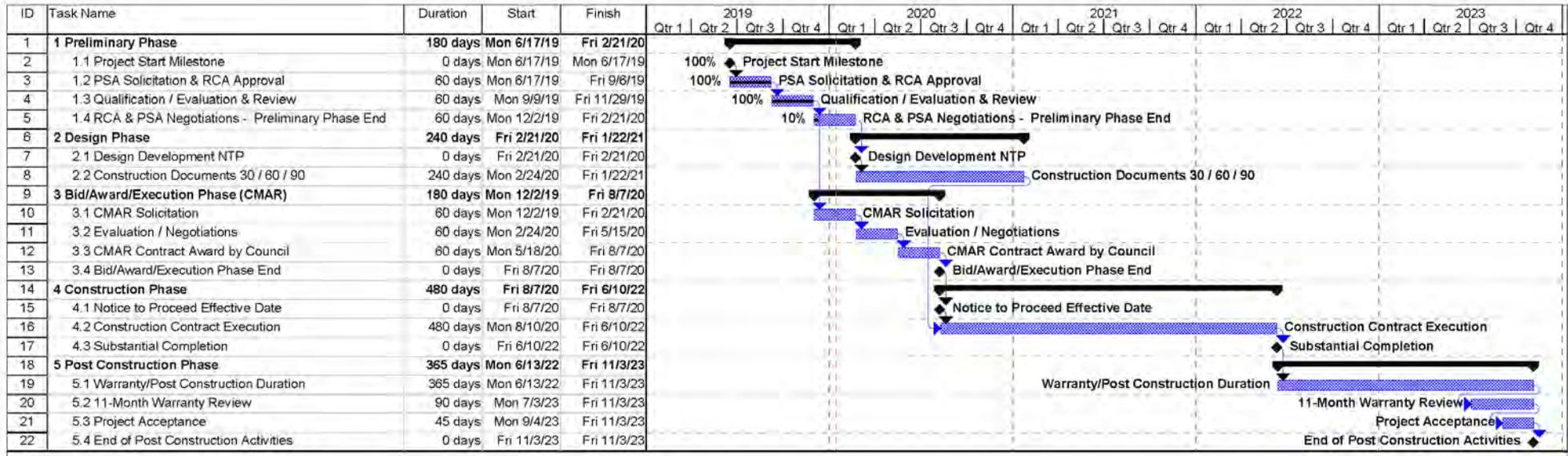
Schedule

Preliminary Phase RFQ / RFP 90% Complete, next steps include Council approval of the Architectural Consultants and Negotiations of the Professional Services Agreement – See Gantt Chart

Cost

Design Budget \$1,519,343; Construction Budget \$12,661,189

Faulk Library Building / Austin History Center Schedule



Interior Renovations Monthly Report

Project Description

Austin Public Library 2018 Bond Program Package “C” Interior Renovations, combines five library branch projects with similar modernization and refurbishment scopes of work. The work require project designs that are reflective of the emerging architectural styles of our region and sympathetic to the City of Austin initiatives including citizen participation in the design processes, Art in Public Places, and project team participation by minority and women-owned businesses.



The scope of Package “C” consists of selective demolition of the finishes of the existing building and renovations to the same that include interior finishes, floor finishes and base, new suspended ceilings and electrical service, lighting and plumbing, new gypsum drywall assemblies, storefront window systems and new furnishings. The project includes miscellaneous asbestos abatement. Compliance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and the City of Austin Sustainability objectives are project goals. Projects which comprise Pkg. C are as follows;

- **The Old Quarry Branch**
- **Little Walnut Creek Branch**
- **Manchaca Road Branch**
- **Willie Mae Kirk Branch.**
- **St. John Branch**

Status

RFQ Solicitation issued on 11/4/2019. Statements of Qualification for the Library’s Interior Renovation Projects were received from three Architecture firms in December 2019. The evaluation team kickoff meeting occurred in December 2019, and the Statements of Qualification are currently in review. Final evaluations and recommendations are scheduled for late January 2020.

Schedule

Preliminary Phase RFQ / Evaluation & Review - See Gantt Chart

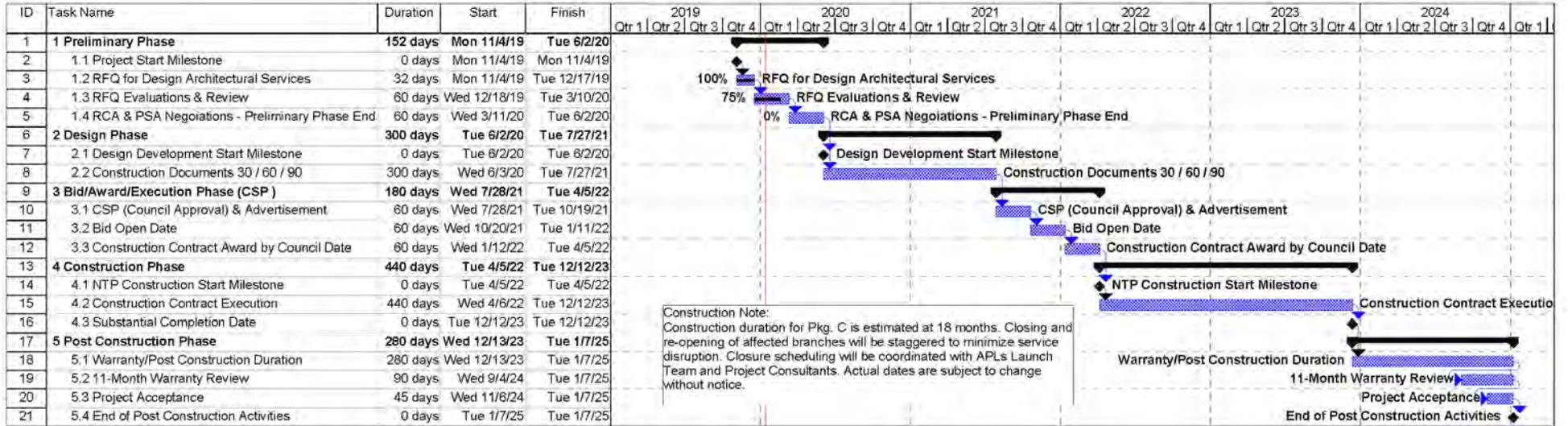
Cost

Design Budget \$658,261; Construction Budget \$5,692,306

Other Issues

None to date

Interior Renovations Schedule



Roof Replacements & Systems Upgrades Monthly Report

Project Description

Austin Public Library 2018 Bond Program Roof Replacements & Systems Upgrades, combines six library branch projects with similar scopes of work for roofing system rehabilitation to extend the life-cycle and or HVAC Systems and controls upgrades. Warranty requirements for roofing systems shall be 20 years for leakage and weather and, 10 years for HVAC Systems. The HVAC Systems shall be upgraded to contribute to overall building energy goals, shall have low life cycle costs and capable of providing excellent indoor environmental quality while minimizing maintenance requirements.



A Commissioning Agent (Cx) will assist ACFS with refining the HVAC functional requirements and roofing system rehabilitation requirements. Systems to be commissioned are Roof, Air Conditioning, Heating Systems, Security / CCTV, PV Array and Sub-Metering devices Work by related trades may include but is not limited to, asbestos abatement, steel, building automation, electrical and plumbing. Project will also feature: upgrading of the roof drainage system including scupper's, repair and upgrade of lightning protection system. Projects which comprise Pkg. D are further described as follows;

- **Ruiz Branch** Roofing System
- **Carver Branch** Roofing System & HVAC Upgrade.
- **University Hills** Roofing System
- **Howson Branch** HVAC and Controls Upgrade
- **Spicewood Springs** Roofing System
- **Yarbrough Branch** Roofing System, replacement of clerestories, and upgrade of lightning protection system.

Status

Preliminary Phase; The RFQ / Evaluation Process for the Roof Replacement & Systems Upgrades is complete, and City Staff is recommending the design contract award to Terracon Consultants, Inc. Next steps include the RCA & PSA Negotiations. Council Date is February 20, 2020.

Schedule

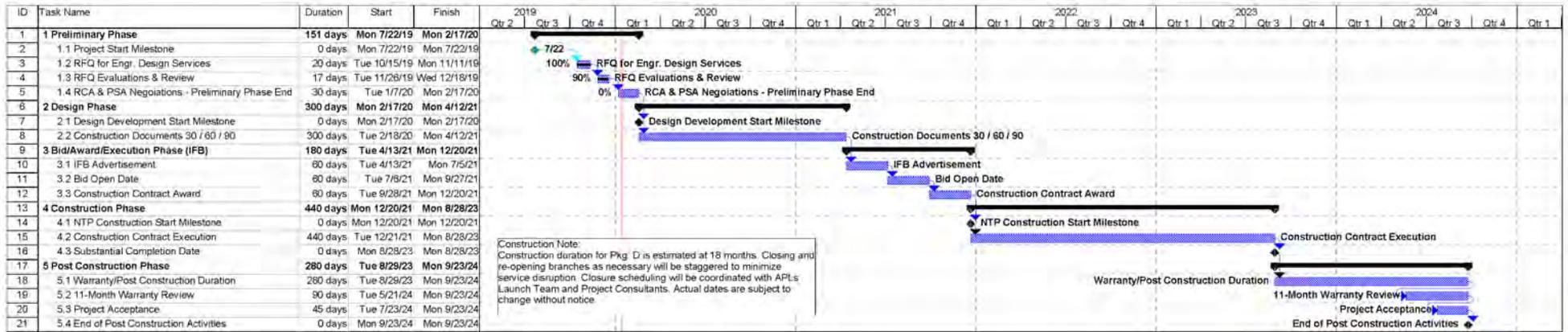
Preliminary Phase - RFQ / Evaluation 100% Complete; RCA Scheduled for February 2020 - See Gantt Chart

Cost

Design Budget \$673,169; Construction Budget \$5,616,253

Note: Design and construction budget estimates are subject to change without notice.

Roof Replacements & Systems Upgrades Schedule



AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER

Programming & Outreach

- On December 2, Head of Public Services Nancy Toombs gave a presentation about the Off the Rails Streetcar exhibit to a group at the Westminster retirement home.
- On December 5, the AHC hosted, with the Austin Public Library Foundation, “APL Then and Now” as part of the series of Mayor’s Book Club programs. The 50 attendees heard stories of past, present, and future of APL, including personal reminiscences of longtime APL user Peggy Pickle.
- On December 16, Latinx Community Archivist Marina Islas led the Austin Social Justice Curriculum Workshop. She coached 2 AISD teachers on how to best incorporate AHC archives into an arts-based Latinx history curriculum.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 4 collections, the Sauls Family Papers and Photographs Collection, the Joyce Snodgrass Papers, the Capitol View Protection Records, and the Tom Spencer Papers and Recordings. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC acquired Philip Spertus’ records documenting the Austin Jewish Community Plan and the subsequent funding campaign and construction of the Austin Jewish Community Center, which opened in 2000. The records contain correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes, schedules, budgets, and news clippings. This is the first major acquisition of the Austin Jewish Community Archive project.
- The AHC also acquired 6.2 linear feet of photographs (including cabinet photographs, daguerreotypes, tintypes, and cartes-de-viste), scrapbooks, and papers documenting the Weed, Brush, and Abbott families, dating from the 1860s to 1960s.

Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a KXAN news story about the Palm school; a KUT story about Treaty Oak; an *Austin American-Statesman* story about Givens Park; an upcoming book *Cult of Glory* about the Texas Rangers; an upcoming documentary film about Women’s Suffrage; a public education booklet from TxDOT called “Tribal Texas;” and for exhibitions at the Austin Junior Forum, Texas Women’s University, Oakwood Cemetery, and the ACC Highland Campus.
- With the 100th anniversary of Women’s suffrage approaching, our collections have been used heavily, primarily the Jane McCallum Papers. In addition to the researchers mentioned above, the AHC hosted 6 historians who spent all day, open to close, on a Saturday researching for the upcoming *Handbook of Texas Women* from the Texas State Historical Association.

Upcoming Programs

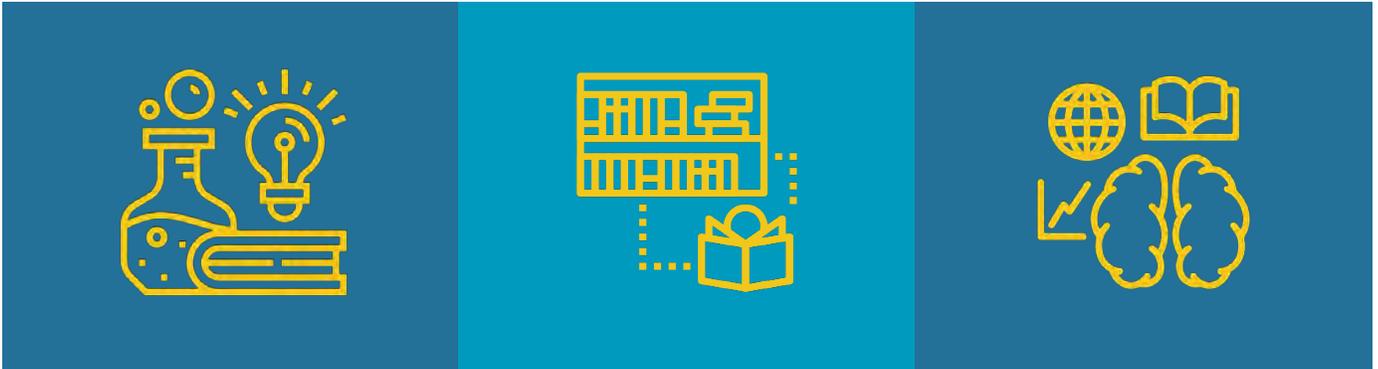
- January 30, 2020, 6:30 PM, AHC. Opening Reception for Villager Newspaper exhibit.
- January 31-February 2. ACE. African American Genealogy Conference
- February 15, 2020. 2 PM. AHC. Flower Hill/Jane Smoot - Austin Education.
- February 20, 2020, 6:30 PM, Asian American Resource Center. Saheli Archives exhibit reception and panel.
- March 7, 2020, 10 AM. Healing the Earth, Healing Ourselves
- May 13, 2020, 10 AM. Asian American Resource Center. Asian American Digitization Day.
- June 27, 2020. 1 PM. ACE. Cast from the Plast: Introducing Elisabet Ney's Art
- June 30, 2020, 6:30 PM. AHC. Opening reception for Elisabet Ney exhibit

LIBRARY PRIORITIES

Literacy Advancement

David Thompson, a professional storyteller, visited the Cepeda branch on November 23. Children and adults attended the program and loved it. Many asked for storytellers every month, so the manager is working with the Austin Storytelling Guild to see if we can do that.

The Central Library's variety of storytimes—toddler, preschool, all ages, pajama, and dual language—brought many children and their caregivers to the library. These storytimes provided opportunities to engage with the written word, the performed word, and each other. November's storytimes drew 931 attendees.



Digital Inclusion & STEM

Tom Dillig, computer scientist and former faculty member with UT Austin's Computer Science Department, and Aurelie Beaumel, a business IT expert, presented to adult entrepreneurs the principles and concrete steps that every business can apply to mitigate different types of security and data risks. Central Library, December 3, 2019.

Neighborhood Science is presented in partnership with the University of Texas' Science Under the Stars project monthly at the Howson Branch.

A parent came to the Little Walnut Creek Branch and shared that the craft his daughter created in STEAM Playground (Hologram projector) was taken to school and shared with the teacher. The teacher recreated the craft for the classroom.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Global Arts Call for Artists at the Little Walnut Creek Branch will support new artist entrepreneurs through the development and presentation of a cultural and educational workshop for community members. The focus will be

to introduce art forms originating outside of the U. S. by demonstrating art techniques and sharing stories related to the art form with workshop attendees.

Civic and Community Engagement

Many parents are excited to know that the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill has reopened. The Hampton Youth Librarian has connected with multiple teachers at nearby schools. Teachers have emailed her their school projects for the rest of the year, with more student specifics to come.

APL offers ESL classes at the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center for older adults, with the help of Mandarin speaker Sue Tseng.

Central Library offered teens a Student Rights Workshop led by the ACLU. Following the presentation, staff suggested to the students that they lead a circling activity to build community around shared storytelling about each individual teen's path to activism, which all the teen participants stayed for and participated actively in.

Staff Development

The Austin Public Library values diversity and is dedicated to celebrating an organizational culture that respects, understands, honors, and welcomes all members of the staff and community. To better prepare our organization for advancing this vision, we have created "APL for ALL." "APL for ALL" is a five (5)-part training series that aims to equip staff with the knowledge, tools, and resources necessary to provide the ultimate customer experience for all patrons.

Workforce and Economic Development

We were thrilled (and fortunate) to be able to partner with Google for *Grow with Google*. Google brought the entire program to us: planning, training, furniture (!), coaching, staff, security, VIP media event, and promotion/marketing. It was an amazing opportunity to provide workforce development programming to our community. Throughout the day on January 21, Google staff taught a variety of hands-on workshops aimed to provide local businesses and residents with tools and resources to find the jobs they want, advance their careers and grow their businesses.

STAFFING NEWS

Anne Bramblett, Assistant Director for Public Services, has resigned to seek other opportunities. Since Anne joined APL, she has been a valuable and well-respected member of our team. Anne was instrumental in leading our Staff Development Day, creating staff promotional opportunities, and assisting in reorganizing the department. As an employee of APL, she was appreciated by her team members. The work and contribution, including the extended hours of dedication are greatly appreciated. We will miss Anne's wit, professionalism, dedication, and knowledge. We respect her decision and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. During this transition, I have asked several employees to step up and fill the gap until we can fill this vacancy. I have made the following appointments:

- Patti Fowler - Interim Assistant Director - Public Service
- Sean Godfrey - Interim Division Manager - Central Library
- Marcos Martinez - Interim Regional Branch Operations Manager

I am delighted to announce that Pamela Bowles has accepted the position of Division Manager of Branch Services for the Austin Public Library. Pam received her B.A. in Social Work from Colorado State University. In addition, she holds an M.L.I.S from the University of Texas as well as an M.E.D in Instructional Design & Technology from West Texas A & M. Pam began her career at APL twenty-three years ago. She has served as a Circulation Clerk, a Children's Librarian, Librarian III, and Managing Librarian, at the Spicewood Springs Branch and Milwood Branch.

APL BY THE NUMBERS

Performance Indicators for December

- Visitors 256,734
- Circulation 417,243
- Number of computer sessions 36,437
- Number of wifi sessions 41,893
- Program attendance 13,565
- Number of programs 447

Revenue

- During December, Recycled Reads Bookstore generated \$12,550, and received and sorted 82,000 items, keeping 22.25 tons of materials out of the landfill.
- Gift Shop revenue was \$38,614.*
- Events Revenue was \$37,848.*
- Parking revenue was \$34,172.*
- *These numbers are not from the official accounting record.
- All revenue comes back to the Library.

Volunteers

- December Number of Volunteers 184
- Total Volunteer hours 1412
- Total Value* \$35,907
- *Volunteer Value Rate \$25.43 per hour



Roosevelt Weeks

Director of Libraries

