



**AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**



Ranger Room, Leander Activity Center
11880 Hero Way West, Suite 600 - Leander, Texas
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM

**Chris Blaylock
Joshua Mogford
Cheryl McLaurin
Stephen Cook**

**Paul Delafuente
Marcia Back
Juan Alanis, Jr.
Council Liaison - Chris Czernek
Staff Liaison - Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks
and Recreation**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.
2. Roll Call.
3. Public comments on items not listed in the agenda.

Public comments on items listed in the agenda will be heard at the time each item is discussed.

[All comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per individual.]

4. City Council Liaison Update.
5. Staff Introductions
6. Review of Board Reference Book including Rules of Procedure adopted by the City Council.
7. Staff Report
 - Department Orientation and Updates
 - Special Event and Activity Updates
 - Project Updates

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

8. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on December 10, 2024.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Discuss and identify the vision and key priorities for a potential recreation center.
10. Future Agenda Items.
11. Closing Statements.

12. Adjournment

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Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
2/11/2025**

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Approval of the minutes for meeting held on December 10, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are the minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

RECOMMENDATION:

PRESENTER:

Fiscal Impact

Attachments:

1. December 10 Minutes



**MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
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Staff Liaison - Greg Olmer**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting. Called to order at 5:33pm.
2. Roll Call. All Boardmembers were present except for Boardmember Blaylock and Boardmember Mogford.
3. Public Comments. Kathy Bonardi was present and expressed interest in the Active Adult Program allocating funds for special events. She also wanted to know more about the Leander Activity Center janitorial procedures. Jayne Serna was present and had an interest in more information on the new San Gabriel Park and upcoming Leander FC events.
4. City Council Liaison Update. None.
5. Staff Liaison Update. Update was provided on the new City Manager attending the next meeting held in February.
6. Sub-Committee Updates. None.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on October 8, 2024. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on October 8, 2024. Motion to approve made by Boardmember McLaurin and seconded by Boardmember Alanis, Jr. Passed 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discuss and consider action on city pruning and landscaping procedures. Discussion ensued, no action was taken.
9. Receive presentation and discuss the Parks and Recreation FY2025 budget. Discussion ensued, no action was taken.
10. Receive and discuss presentation on San Gabriel Park Update and a Senior Center Update. Discussion ensued, no action was taken.

11. Future Agenda Items. Future items mentioned are as follows;
12. Closing Statements.
13. Adjournment Adjourned at 6:35pm.

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
2/11/2025

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and identify the vision and key priorities for a potential recreation center.

BACKGROUND:

The need for a recreation center has long been recognized as a top priority by the Leander community, as reflected in both the 2020 Leander Comprehensive Plan and the 2019 Parks, Public Spaces, and Recreation Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan). In 2016, the City of Leander approved four bonds for street and park improvements, which included \$16.9 million in funding for a recreation center. However, this project has yet to come to fruition.

The 2019 Master Plan outlines a preliminary program that highlights key features residents envision for the future recreation center. Among the top priorities identified through public input were the inclusion of a natatorium (indoor aquatic facility), childcare services, and thoughtful space planning. The proposed facility was envisioned as a 40,000 square foot space designed to accommodate a range of recreational programs. An excerpt from the 2019 Parks, Public Spaces, and Recreation Comprehensive Plan is included for reference.

Since considerable time has passed since the initial program and priorities were established, and with construction prices having risen significantly, staff recommends a thorough review and update of the proposed list to ensure it continues to reflect the community's current needs and desires. Additionally, this review will assess whether the available funding and projected cost is sufficient to meet the updated scope of the project. The first step in this process is engagement with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board followed by a public input process to gather feedback from residents, ensuring the final plan aligns with current priorities

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

RECOMMENDATION:

PRESENTER:

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1. 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PDF)

Recreation Center Development

The City currently has planned a total of \$16.9M within the Capital Improvements Plan budget for the design and construction of a multi-purpose recreation center. The facility is to be operated in agreement with the YMCA at such time as it becomes available. The programming and design of this facility will be a separate planning effort beyond the scope of this plan document, however the needs identified during this process yield valuable insight for moving forward.

The Preliminary Program on the right outlines the priority elements that residents would like to see in a future recreation center. Most of these are typical of a multi-purpose recreation center, including the usual gymnasium, rooms for classes and activities, indoor track, and other features. Notable priorities that came out of the public engagement process included the following:

Natatorium/Covered Aquatics Facility

Having an indoor pool was of high value in the public input, and warrants consideration during programming of the recreation center. It should be noted that one of the most costly features in a recreation center is often the natatorium, largely due to the type of building constructed required for such a facility. Recent advances in alternative structures for pool covers may prove to be useful options for reducing costs significantly.

Child Care Facilities

One of the most-discussed topics for the recreation center is ensuring that child care needs can be met. With young families, having the ability to provide for child care for the duration of the visit will significantly add to the usership of the facility. Such facilities are becoming commonplace in recreation centers across the country, and are typically a controlled-access environment staffed by trained professionals.

Space Considerations

A preliminary look at potential program elements for a future recreation center reveals some approximate space considerations for budgeting and land planning. An approximate 40,000 square foot facility could provide the space for the program elements listed in the adjacent table. A site analysis was conducted with consideration for two potential locations within the planned Transit Oriented Development in Leander. The two locations for consideration were approximate 2.25 and 7.5 acres in size.

Recreation Center Preliminary Program

Space	Description	Area
Lobby	Front Desk; Seating	200
RRs	Public Restrooms	300
Administration	Offices	500
Indoor Play	Tumbling; Gymnastics	1,200
Child Care	Seating; Toys; Secure Entrance	1,500
Youth Rooms	Gaming; Ping Pong; Pool	250
Craft Rooms	Tables; Mill work	100
Aerobics (L)	Open Space	750
Aerobics (S)	Open Space	750
Basketball Court	Option for Volley Set	4,700
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Warming Kitchen	Food Prep; Refrigeration; Warming Cabinets	400
Multi-Purpose Room	Seating; Storage for chairs	400
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Locker Room/RRs	Lockers, Showers, Change Areas, RRs	1,600
Cardio/Fitness Room	Weight/Fitness Equipment	4,000
Indoor Walking Track	Walking; Running Trail	2,650
Indoor Pool	25M Pool; 6-8 lanes	1,200
Racquetball Court	Indoor Racquetball	800
Storage	Misc Storage, Housekeeping	100
Mechanical Room	Mechanical Equipment, Plumbing	200
Circulation/Walls	50% increase	13,350
Total		40,050

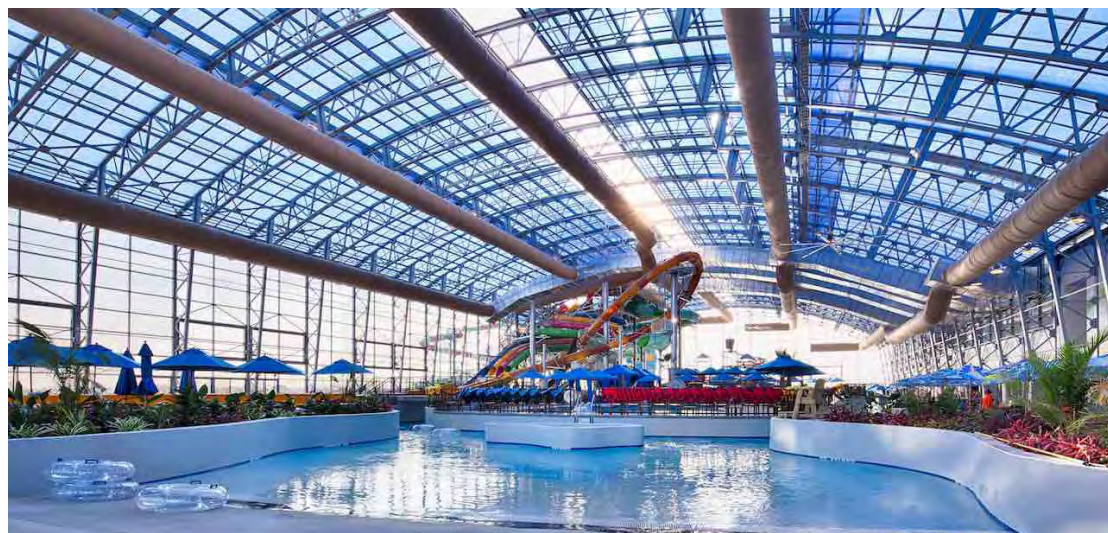
Site Concepts

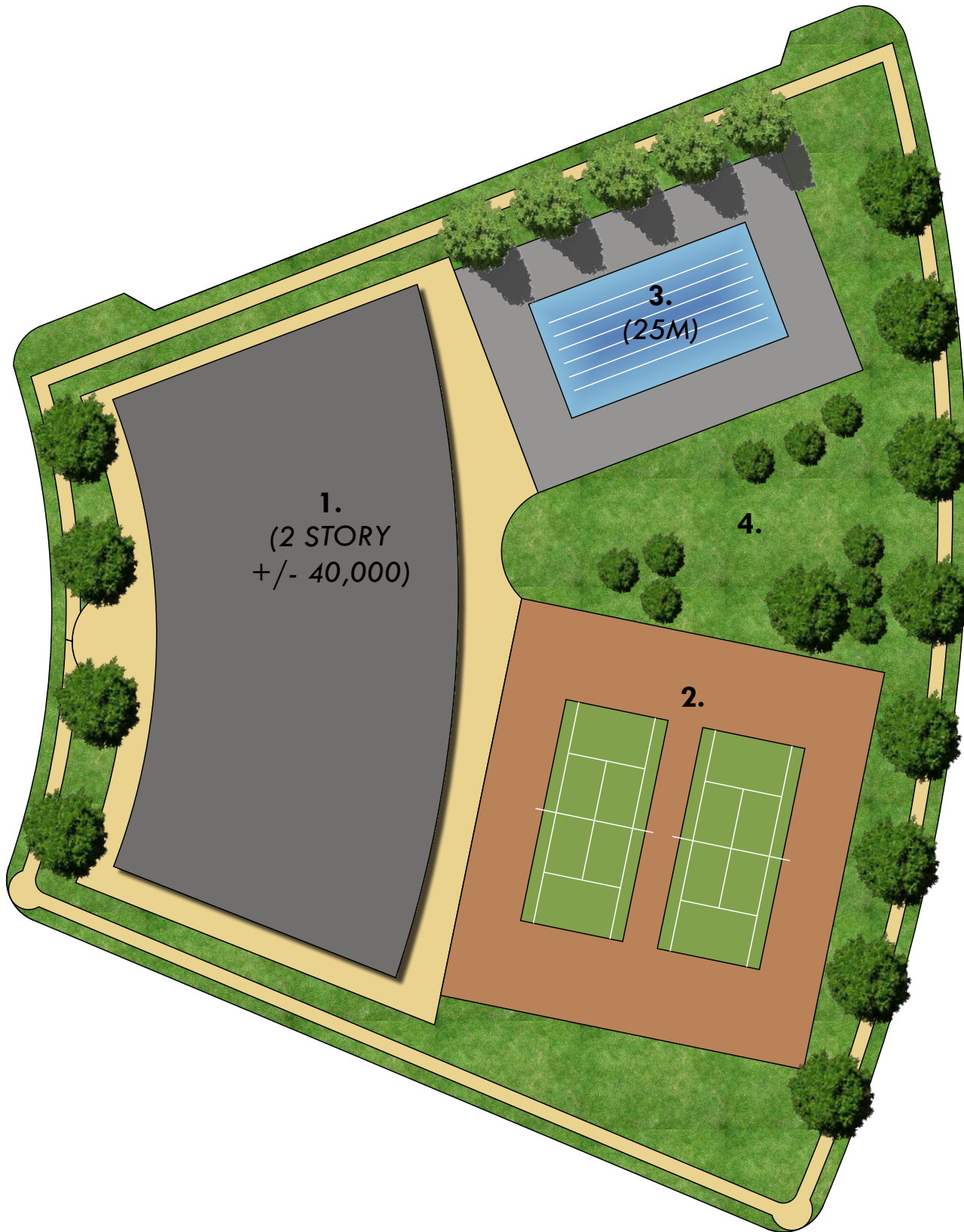
The two concepts on the following pages illustrate the space utilization of a 40,000 square foot recreation center with regards to the building footprint, parking, and outdoor recreation elements such as tennis, T-Ball, and swimming. A Single story option was considered for the 7.5 acre site, and a two story option was considered for the 2.25 acre site. The aquatics facility in these concepts is shown as an outdoor pool, however there is always an option to provide covered swimming for year-round recreation and competition.

Modern aquatics facilities has been constructed with a wide range of coverings including integration with the recreation center building, tent systems, air-dome structures, and even retractable roof systems. Each of these solutions offers its own benefits and associated costs that should be considered during the programming and design phases of this project in the future.



The Epic Waters aquatics facility in Grand Prairie utilizes a retractable roof system to provide year-round recreation.





LEGEND

(+/-2.25 ACRES)

- 1. RECREATION CENTER
 - GYMNASIUM
 - MULTI-USE ROOMS
 - STORAGE
 - CHILD CARE
 - ELEVATED WALKING
 - GYM
 - COMMUNITY ROOM
- 2. TENNIS COURT
- 3. INDOOR/OUTDOOR NATATORIUM
- 4. OUTDOOR RECREATION



GRAPHIC SCALE

