

Mayor's Article for the City Currents – Spring 2024

A New Year – Delivering on Commitments and Big Visions

Celebrating 100 years of West U has certainly started off with a bang – from our Founders Day celebration to welcoming the Houston Marathon, there were plenty of ways to celebrate this winter season. I look forward to seeing the good times roll with the Centennial Celebration Festival, which will be held at 4 p.m. on May 4th at Colonial Park!

In a remarkable display of optimism and determination, West U is kicking off the new year with grand aspirations and transformative projects that will reimagine our landscape and enrich the lives of our residents.

Reimagining Community Space with Our New Community Building, Library, and Senior Center

At the forefront of this bold vision, the City is setting its sights on fostering community connections and cultural growth by re-envisioning the site of our Public Works maintenance facility. The current space that serves as the maintenance heart for our community will take on a new purpose when the new Community Building, Library, and Senior Center are completed.

We envision that this new space will serve as a dynamic hub, providing services to residents of all ages. In essence, West U will finally have a true Civic Center that will serve our community as a whole. These revisions aim to not only enhance the aesthetics of the town, but also to create a more livable and connected community.

Rest assured, the design process for these new facilities is just getting underway, and will include an extensive public engagement period via town hall meetings to ensure that these facilities will truly reflect the desire of our community.

Public Works Facility

I have some good news on our new Public Works facility project – we are currently in the permitting phase of this project with the City of Houston for our new 17,500-sq-ft, state-of-the-art facility located on our property at Westpark Dr. and Dincans St., just outside the city limits.

I am excited for the construction to get underway by summer 2024, because this is the first phase of four in our Facilities Master Plan. This new facility represents a significant investment in modernizing and enhancing the City's capacity to meet the evolving needs of our community and will provide the cornerstone for our continued delivery of efficient maintenance operations for years to come.

Get Involved Early and Often!

Our City Council and staff have emphasized the importance of community involvement in shaping projects, such as West U's new Community Building, Library, and Senior Center. In addition to these three buildings, proposed changes to the surrounding property will make this area more pedestrian friendly – further creating a place where we can join together as a community in our Civic Center. For more information on our new Community Building, Library, and Senior Center, please visit www.westutx.org/phase2.

The City Council and I are excited for the positive impact that these initiatives will have on our city – not only now, but also for generations to come. We are dedicated to delivering on our commitment to have a

well-run city that is focused on providing a modern infrastructure, along with first-rate service delivery and low taxes.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming town hall meetings!