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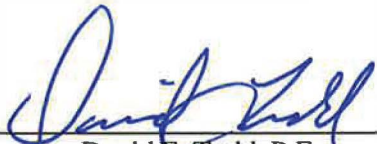
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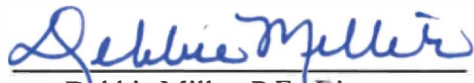




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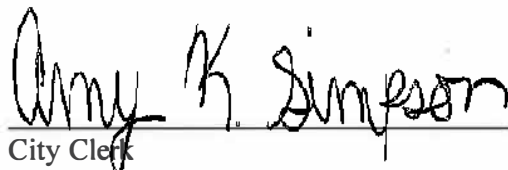
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Executive Summary

The Henrietta B. Foster Center is an existing community center located on the South side of 586 N. Durland Avenue in Oklahoma City. It was originally constructed in 1951 as the Eastside YMCA and was intended to serve the African American population during the period of segregation. Eventually, it was later repurposed to provide family and youth-oriented services for the local community with a focus on alleviating longstanding issues through a series of recreational and educational programs.

The Oklahoma City Council later renamed the building to honor Henrietta Beasley Foster shortly after her passing. From 1934 to 1968, she spent 34 years serving as a librarian within the Oklahoma City Public Schools system. During that time, she sought to encourage and inspire generations of students and empower them to improve their own lives and their surrounding community. On December 10th, 2019, Oklahoma City voters approved the sales tax to fund MAPS 4 which includes renovating the existing facility.

The primary objective of the renovation is to develop and promote new entrepreneurial opportunities for the surrounding community and provide continuing support for its members. To facilitate this, a series of improvements to the existing site and building infrastructure are being planned. This includes restoring the exterior façade and repairing the building envelope as well as increasing parking capacity while improving vehicular circulation. All existing electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems are slated for replacement.

A brief summary of the work is as follows:

- Repair of the building envelope, site components and existing damage.
- Replacement of outdated electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems.
- Expansion or upgrade of the existing fire protection and life safety systems.
- Integration of information technology and safety/security components.
- Improved vehicular circulation and increased parking capacity overall.

