



Municipal Sites





Parks and Recreation Programming Master Plan

Brookside Center

Type of Park: *Municipal Site*

Address: 1244 Brookside Drive
Size of Site: 1.8 Acres



Comments – The Brookside Center is a facility that is operated by the Community Services Department that serves as a meeting/rental facility for the community. The City rents this facility to the public for private events, such as weddings, banquets, receptions, meetings, reunions and luncheons. Several City events are also held there, including "recreational" events. The center appears to be maintained in a fairly good condition.

Existing Amenities in the Center:

- 3,500 square feet of meeting space
- banquet seating for up to 200 people
- commercial-grade kitchen
- lobby area
- covered drop-off/pick-up area for vehicles
- landscaped courtyard picnic area with 3 picnic units
- 5 benches
- highly landscaped grounds
- restrooms
- 1 drinking fountain

Parking: **Off-Street:** 119 spaces (across Brookside Drive)
 On-Street: 0 spaces
 Handicap: 2 spaces



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Recommended Center Improvements:

- For ease of access, it is suggested that an 8-foot wide pathway dedicated to pedestrians be constructed from the parking area across the road to the main entrance of the building.
- Add light bollards at the crossing heads to add definition by day and light in the evening.



This outside area allows for an extension of the indoor activities to the outside of the building.



Additional parking is provided across the street from the facility.



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Hurst Public Library

Type of Park: *Municipal Site*

Address: 901 Precinct Line Road

Size of Site: 5.25 Acres



Comments – In all communities, libraries are important destinations and meeting places for citizens. They are places of learning and sharing of ideas. For many children, their experiences at a library will last them a lifetime. Hurst recognizes the importance of its library and in doing so has provided various outdoor amenities and facilities. These include a seating area shaded by an arbor structure, a bronze sculpture nestled in a landscaped area as part of the City’s Art in Public Places program, an historic artifact in the form of a tower bell, and a charming pavilion with an inviting lawn and trail for relaxed strolling. Behind the library, additional seating and picnic units are available under large mature trees, mostly post oaks.

Existing Amenities at the Site:

- 1 pavilion
- 0.14 miles pedestrian trail
- Demonstration garden
- 3 picnic units
- 15 benches
- 5 drinking fountains

Parking: **Off-Street:** 114 spaces
 On-Street: 0 spaces
 Handicap: 6 spaces

Recommended Site Improvements:

- The picnic units behind the library appear secluded and thus less attractive for potential users. Access should be provided by means of



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- a hard surface walkway from the front of the building as well as directly from the library if feasible.
- With future planned expansion of the library facility, care should be exercised not to disturb the large mature post oak trees north of the library building. In fact, rather than a problem, these trees pose an opportunity to create pleasing views from inside the library toward the tree filled landscape.
 - When additional parking is considered for the library, care should be taken not to destroy or disturb the charming and elegantly designed landscape and open space surrounding the pavilion south of the current parking area.



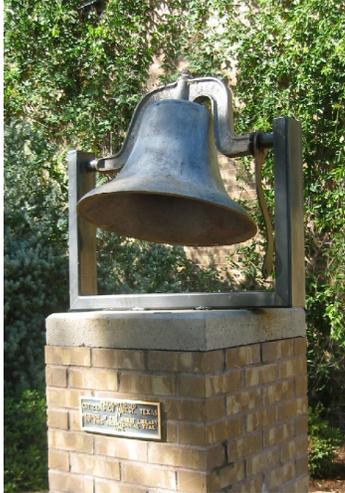
Care should be taken not to destroy this inviting landscape that provides relaxation and contemplation fitting with a library environment.



Demonstration garden at the southeast corner of the library building.



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Shaded arbor structure (above) and historic artifact (left).

Picnic units to the north (back) of the library shaded by post oak and other trees. Future library expansions should incorporate views toward this landscape as an integral part of the library experience



The entrance to the library features a landscaped area with the focus a sculpture called Poems and Promises.



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Hurst City Hall Complex

Type of Park: *Municipal Site*

Address: 1505 Precinct Line Road
Year Built: Remodeled in 1997
Size of Site: 6.48 Acres



Comments – The Hurst City Hall, remodeled in 1997, is dramatically located adjacent to Highway 183. The well maintained landscape in front of the building adds to its stature and provides a pleasing visual foundation.

Plans for the future widening of Highway 183 shows a substantial amount of land taken up by the highway's additional lanes. This is unfortunate since the dramatic setting of the building is emphasized by the expanse of open space in front of it. Plans are also under way for the widening of Precinct Line Road. This will cause a large amount of land to be taken up by road construction to the east of City Hall. A number of parking spaces and large mature trees will be compromised in the process.

The future highway construction, as well as the construction on Precinct Line Road, calls for special mitigation measures to ensure that the grandeur of City Hall is not compromised.

Existing Amenities at the Site:

- landscaped plaza area
- artwork (as part of the City's Art in Public Places program)
- historical marker
- sculpture of historical figure
- 2 picnic units
- 12 benches

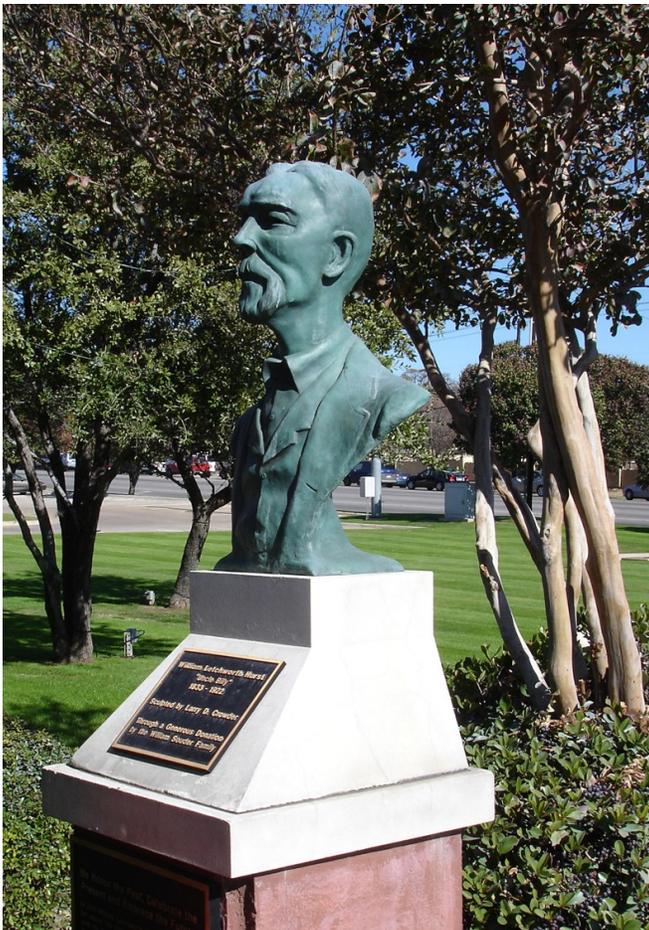


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Parking: **Off-Street:** 135 spaces
 On-Street: 0 spaces
 Handicap: 5 spaces

Recommended Site Improvements:

- The planning and design of the future widening of Highway 183 should be done with care and sensitivity so as not to compromise the dramatic setting of Hurst City Hall as seen from Highway 183.
- Without the expanse of open space in front of City Hall, the building will appear closer to the viewer and less dramatic. For this reason, it is recommended that a mass of trees be established between the building and the highway frontage road. This will provide a base from which City Hall will appear to arise.
- It is recommended that the tree species be selected from a North Central Texas native plant selection as a measure of pride and in order to confirm the City's commitment to sustainability.
- For the widening of Precinct Line Road, it is recommended to make the utmost effort to retain as many of the mature trees as possible.



The bust of William Letchworth Hurst, after whom the City of Hurst was named, is located in front of City Hall. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and moved to this area in 1870. In 1903 he granted a right-of-way across his farm for the construction of the Rock Island Rail Line. In exchange, the company named a rail stop and depot after him. Later it became the Town of Hurst.



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This is a historical marker that commemorates William Hurst (1833- 1922) and the names of the Mayors of Hurst since 1951.



View of City Hall as seen from a western approach.



An impressive and festive view of Hurst City Hall during the holiday season as seen from Highway 183.