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\$45M Raleigh Springs Civic Center is here, with library, skate park, lake, and more

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A former eyesore in a Memphis community has been transformed into an appealing amenity.

The \$45 million Raleigh Springs Civic Center project at 3452 Austin Peay Highway is nearly finished at the former site of the Raleigh Springs Mall.



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The 23-acre multiplex is comprised of a new, 17,500-square-foot library and the 38,000-square-foot Austin Peay Police Station and Traffic Precinct, where 600 police officers will be stationed. The officers are those from the Old Allen Precinct and Union Avenue Traffic Division Precinct, said Tom Marshall, CEO of Memphis-based OT Marshall Architects, whose firm designed the project.

The civic center complex also features a 15-acre lake with a one-mile walking trail and a skate park.

Marshall said the entire project will be completed on Dec. 1. When the library opens on the same day, it will feature an upstairs kitchen café that will be used to host healthy eating seminars. The library space will also have a family learning area and meeting room for community meetings.

The City of Memphis broke ground on the project in March 2018.

“This is personal for me because I grew up in Raleigh, and it’s great to finally see this come to fruition,” Marshall said. “We replaced a facility that was steep in decline. Raleigh really deserves this.”

The multimillion-dollar development is already being used by the public. The skate park was designed by California-based Wormhoudt Inc. — which specializes in planning, design, and construction of public concrete skate park facilities, and built the first skate park in 1974 in California.

“The skate park has opened, and they are planning world-class skating exhibition events out there once we get past COVID,” Marshall said.

Zellner Construction Services LLC is the contractor of the project, Marshall said. He said 32% of the project was completed using minority- and women-owned business enterprise (MWBE) vendors and contractors. An in-person and virtual ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony took place Nov. 19.

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