

**RESOLUTION NO. 20130509-035**

**WHEREAS**, the Rainey Street Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the Austin City Council amended the Rainey Street Sub-district of the Waterfront Overlay, which allowed Central Business District zoning throughout; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council intention at the time was to try to preserve the unique and historic character of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rainey District has several redevelopment projects underway and more are anticipated; and

**WHEREAS**, "Relocation" permits have been granted for six houses in the District and it is likely that similar requests will be made for the remaining structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a Rainey District History Center will ensure the citizens of Austin are aware of the area as a National Register Historic District after the area has been redeveloped; and

**WHEREAS**, the reuse of the relocated structures for affordable housing will help the City towards its affordable housing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, on-street infrastructure can be designed to recognize and preserve the cultural heritage of the Rainey District; and

**WHEREAS**, funds derived from alley vacation sales, temporary use of right-of-way, and license agreements have been used to fund relocation of


existing businesses on Congress Avenue through the Business Retention and Enhancement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of Council to explore utilization of right-of-way fees to fund the preservation of the Rainey Street Historic District as new development occurs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to explore mechanisms, including the use of right-of-way fees from the Rainey Street Subdistrict as well as north to Palm Park between Red River and Interstate 35, to fund relocation of buildings on Rainey Street, creation of a Rainey Street History Center, and future infrastructure improvements in the Rainey Street Subdistrict; and to provide a report to Council by June 27, 2013.

**ADOPTED:** May 9, 2013

**ATTEST:**   
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk