



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Downtown Commission

Recommendation Number: _____

Rainey Street District Master Plan Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

WHEREAS, Austin City Council approved the Downtown Austin Plan effective December 2011 which stipulates the following goals for the Rainey Street District:

- Allow for orderly transition from single-family enclave to high density, mixed use neighborhood”.
- Establish infrastructure master plan to promote an adequate roadway, pathway and utility network.
- Create a stronger pedestrian and bicycle linkages to CBD, Lady Bird Lake, Waller Creek and East Austin.
- Create improved roadway connectivity to IH 35 frontage road and Cesar Chavez.
- Preserve existing tree canopy along Rainey Street; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Commission has voted to support a recommendation for the development of a Rainey Street District Master Plan on August 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, as of this date no Rainey Street District master plan has been developed and no funding has been budgeted by the City of Austin for such a plan and further the PRDR has indicated that an unfunded plan cannot be supported by their department based on existing workload; and

WHEREAS, there are several pending major development projects proposed for the Rainey Street District and several other projects which are under construction or recently completed it is vital that a master plan be created no later than the third quarter 2014 to ensure that the features envisioned by the Downtown Austin Plan will in fact be properly and thoughtfully implemented as redevelopment proceeds within the district; and

WHEREAS the Rainey Neighbors Association has expressed their strong commitment that a district master plan be finished before year end 2014 and further has indicated their willingness to lead the effort to create such a master plan by utilizing the input and support of the current residents of the districts along with other district stakeholders; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Downtown Commission recommends that the City Council pass a resolution which provides for the following points.

- Authorize the Rainey Neighbors Association (RNA) to undertake the leadership role in the creation of the Rainey Street District Master Plan with guidance and regular oversight provided by the PRDR.
- Instruct and authorize those other department representatives that would normally participate in master plan development activities/meetings to provide the same level and type of support to the RNA as would be provided to the PRDR.
- Direct staff to define a basic process framework (subject to Council review) that facilitates the adoption of the finalized Rainey plan for implementation.

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