

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan encourages infill and redevelopment that places residential, employment, and retail uses in proximity to each other and calls out the need for development located and designed to encourage walking and bicycling in order to reduce healthcare, housing, and transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan prioritizes the need for more affordable housing, particularly for the elderly and for young families, and also cites a desire to see infill development of vacant lots in the neighborhood to increase housing; and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of affordable housing providers in Austin who specialize in creating affordable, mixed-use projects to meet the needs of a range of income levels and lifestyle needs, but who often have difficulty finding inexpensive land in the central city to develop; and

WHEREAS, the parking lot at the Terrazas Branch of the Austin Public Library may be underutilized and, if so, could potentially be made available for the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Terrazas Library parking lot is within close proximity to several small, local businesses that could make use of any excess parking capacity in the short term; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to conduct a parking occupancy study of the parking lot serving the Terrazas Branch of the Austin Public Library. If any excess capacity is found those extra parking spaces should be made

available to the public at large or nearby businesses through either parking meters or individual leases with the businesses. The results of this study and the plan for the excess capacity should be reported to Council within 90 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to create and distribute a request for information (RFI) regarding possibilities for development of the Terrazas Branch parking lot. The RFI should incorporate input from the community, including but not limited to the affordable housing community, the development community, and the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood. The RFI should include the provision of parking for the library, in addition to decoupled parking for its own needs, and should prioritize the goal of affordable housing designed to take advantage of this walkable, bikeable, transit-rich location. The results of this RFI process and an outline of next steps should be reported to Council within 120 days.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk