



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kevin Johns, Director
Economic Development Department

DATE: October 17, 2014

SUBJECT: **Butler Trail Public Art Plan - Council Resolution 20140612-058**

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of recent events related to Resolution 20140612-058 and to request a new resolution and further guidance from Council.

On June 12, 2014, Austin City Council passed a Resolution directing the City Manager to (1) work with the Trail Foundation to complete a Public Art Plan and corresponding overlay for the Butler Trail; (2) negotiate an agreement with the Trail Foundation that formalizes its partnership with the City of Austin for related contractual or consulting services in pursuit of the Butler Trail Public Art Plan, and bring the agreement back to City Council for approval; and (3) with the exception of specified artwork, suspend the receipt of commissioned or donated new permanent artwork until completion of the Plan or not to exceed one year.

The Trail Foundation withdrew their interest in participating in a joint Butler Trail Public Art Plan in the immediate future, per email from Executive Director, Susan Rankin, on July 31, 2014. The City's Economic Development Department does not have the resources to pursue the Butler Trail Public Art Plan without the Trail Foundation's assistance; therefore, we are requesting that the resolution suspending the receipt of commissioned or donated artwork for projects on or adjacent to the Butler Trail be repealed. It is no longer necessary if a related Public Art Plan is not in progress.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Economic Development Assistant Director, Sylnovia Holt-Rabb at 512-974-3131, or Cultural Arts Program Manager, Megan Crigger at 512-974-9312.

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