

Rainey Street House

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- Directs the City Manager to accept the donation of the structure formerly located at 93 Rainey St. from Austin Rainey St. D/E/P, LLC, a Delaware, LLC., for use as the Rainey Street History Center.
- Identify a location within the Rainey Street District within 90 days to place the structure permanently on the new site within 90 days of location selection;
- Present the plans for the history center to the Parks and Recreation Board, the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board, the Rainey Neighbors Association, the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission, and the Waller Creek Conservancy.”

Funding

- \$100K has been identified as initial funding for the house. The funding is coming from the Rainey Street Corridor Parking Fund.
- Additional funding to rehab the home could be available from the parking fund.
- A total rehabilitation cost of the home is estimated to be about \$1 million dollars.
- No decision has been made as to what department would operate the facility.

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Approximately 1,592 sqft. – Donated by the Dinerstein Companies



64 Rainey Street (Site 1)



Site Advantages & Constraints

Site Advantages:

- City-owned property under the auspices of the Public Works Department.
- Located on Rainey Street.
- Easily buildable due to flat topography and few trees.
- Potential for up to 15 parking spaces could be achieved.
- Adjacent to the Emma S. Barrientos-Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB-MACC) property allowing opportunities for shared parking.
- Essentially the front yard of the ESB-MACC, whose Council appointed Advisory Board voted on September 3, 2014, to recommend the Austin City Council expressly dedicate 64 Rainey Street for a park purpose.

Site Constraints:

- Currently unavailable. Contractor is scheduled to relocate their operations at the end of 2014.
- A wasteline bi-sects the property. However, the home could fit. \$600K estimate to relocate the WW Line.
- Located within the Waller Creek Conservancy (WCC). PARD is planning on conferring with the WCC prior to selecting this site.
- Currently zoned as CBD (Central Business District) and is within the Waller Creek Tax Increment Financing (TIF) zone.

701 Cummings Street (Site 2)



Site Advantages & Constraints

Site Advantages:

- Located on parkland that is currently available.
- Site offers good visibility from the street and has ample green space for outdoor events.

Site Constraints:

- The sloping topography towards the lake will likely trigger siting challenges.
- The existing large oak trees may cause a challenge in placing the structure onto the site.
- There are plans to relocate two large heritage trees from a nearby project and place them at this site.
- PARD is planning a pocket park for this site that includes replacing the current play scape and the possible addition of future park amenities.

East Avenue (Site 3)



Site Advantages & Constraints

Site Advantages:

- Currently undeveloped.
- The site offers off-street parking along East Avenue.

Site Constraints:

- Any new development would block views to the lake from existing residential units.
- Site currently used for temporary storage of boats, kayaks, and canoes during special events.
- This site has inadequate parking/no designated parking.

Next Steps

PARD will present all relocation options to:

- The Parks and Recreation Board
- The Emma S. Barrientos-Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board
- The Rainey Neighbors Association
- The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission; &
- The Waller Creek Conservancy

Mexican-American Cultural Center



64 Rainey Street Wastewater Line.

