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Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission 20150113004A

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Date of Approval: 01/13/15
Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 7-0 vote

Carol Drennan
(CM Spelman)

M E M O R A N D U M

Corky Hilliard
(CM Riley)

TO: Mayor Adler and the Austin City Council

Rick Krivoniak
(Mayor Leffingwell)

DATE: January 13, 2015

Dennis Mick
(CM Tovo)

RE: Support for "Aldrich 51" Affordable Housing Project at Mueller

Jim Walker
(CM Morrison)

Mayor and Council Members,

Pam Hefner
Executive Liaison
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Jill Fagan
Staff Liaison
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At the September 9, 2014, October 14, 2014 and January 13, 2015 meetings of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMA PIAC), the Catellus-selected developer Diana McIver & Associates (DMA) presented information on "Aldrich 51," the proposed "workforce" affordable housing project to be located at Mueller in the block defined by Barbara Jordan Blvd., Aldrich Street, E. 51st Street and the alley just east of the AISD Performing Arts Center. The project has already been submitted for initial review to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

With the success of the 2011 Wildflower Terrace senior affordable project and in anticipation of a tax-credit affordable family housing complex still to come at Mueller, following the DMA presentation at our October meeting, Commissioners voted to send a letter of support to the City Council, in hopes that the Mayor and Council Members might also express support to TDHCA.

Affordability and diversity in housing at Mueller was a community-determined goal. The Master Development Agreement between the City of Austin and Catellus requires semi-annual reporting to the Community Development Commission regarding attainment of the twenty-five percent affordability goal in initial housing offerings at Mueller, which is the case to date.

The application process will continue for several more months, but the RMMA PIAC remains confident that this project will prove worthy, and we again recommend your support. We invite you to contact any member of the RMMA PIAC with any specific concerns or expectations, and we thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Michael Jones

Chair, RMMA PIAC