

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 49215 Agenda Number 2.

Meeting Date: 8/25/2015 Department: Parks and Recreation

Subject

Authorize conversion of City-owned land, located at 600 River Street, which is locally known as the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, 58 Rainey Street, and 64 Rainey Street, which are located in the Rainey Street District, to dedicated parkland and the execution of a instrument evidencing the conversion of the property to parkland, subject to existing City infrastructure uses and approved City and third-party uses. (Related to Item #1)

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	June 24, 2015 - Reviewed by the Opens Space, Environment, and Sustainability Committee with no action taken. Briefed and discussed the expressed dedication of City owned property for parks and recreation purposes; June 5, 2015 - Unanimously approved by the Mexican American Cultural Center Board on a 6-0 vote to establish a pocket park at 64 Rainey Street. Recommendation No. 20130605-006d.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The following city-owned properties are being recommended by City staff to expressly dedicate to the public for park and recreational purposes:

- 1. 600 River Street, location of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (ESB-MACC). The Parks and Recreation Department master planned and developed the first phase of the center for cultural programing and special events. The property currently serves park and recreation use but has never been expressly dedicated for park purposes. (See attachment to view the properties)
- 2. 58 Rainey Street, located at the entrance of the ESB-MACC, was managed by Austin Energy. On May 22, 2006, Austin Energy transferred management of the property to the Parks and Recreation Department by memo. However, 58 Rainey Street was never expressly dedicated by the City Council. This tract is subject to

the existing Austin Energy facilities.

3. 64 Rainey Street, located at the entrance of the ESB-MACC, across the street from 58 Rainey Street, was utilized by the Public Works Department as a staging area for the Waller Creek Tunnel.

Further, dedication of 64 Rainey Street as parkland is subject to use by Fremont Holdings, LLC regarding the temporary staging and construction workspace and the dedication of a portion of property along the northern boundary for right-of-way purposes, and the dedication of all three properties is subject to existing City infrastructure and easements.

This Council item must be considered with or after consideration and action of the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Fremont Holdings LLC.