



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: (20160913-004A): Mueller Central, Tower & Hangar

WHEREAS, the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC) was created in 2000 to advise the City Council on implementation of the Redevelopment and Reuse Plan, and continues to advise City Council on Mueller's implementation now governed by the project's Master Development Agreement (MDA), and RMMAPIAC continues to have a focus on ensuring the project adheres to its community- developed and Council-approved vision and goals; and

WHEREAS, at the June 14, 2016 RMMAPIAC meeting, Catellus and Economic Development Department Staff presented an update on the City-owned Mueller Control Tower, the Browning "bow-trussed" Hangar, and the former Signature Flight Support terminal, now known as Mueller Central, and that Catellus and Staff indicated all three properties are to be retained and ultimately offered for sale, with the requirement that City of Austin historic zoning be put into place on the Control Tower and Browning Hangar; and

WHEREAS, the MDA required Catellus to conduct structural studies and repair and stabilize the deteriorating structures and also conduct economic reuse feasibility studies for the Control Tower and Bow-Trussed Hangar within two years of the MDA's effective date, after which the City and Catellus are directed to meet to develop long term plans for the Control Tower and Bow-Trussed Hangar, taking into account the (i) findings of the study, (ii) economic costs of the long term plan, (iii) health and safety of the public, and (iv) desire to retain the Mueller Control Tower and Bow-Trussed Hangar due to their historical significance; and that such long term plan may include the sale or lease of the Bow-Trussed Hangar and Control Tower; and

WHEREAS, the MDA states that, "the parties acknowledge that the long term reuse plan for the Control Tower should be implemented prior to the development of the surrounding neighborhood;" and

WHEREAS, Mueller platting, infrastructure planning, and residential development are well underway, and land is currently available adjacent to all three facilities; and

WHEREAS, other than the publicly accessible parks; City of Austin EMS and Fire Stations; and the potential joint-use facility at the site designated for a school, the City currently has no plans for other City-owned civic facilities at Mueller;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission encourages the Austin City Council to consult with the City Manager to consider any potential for civic uses and sources of funding for the Mueller Control Tower, the Browning Hangar, and the Mueller Central building, and to bring forward the City Manager's recommendations as expeditiously as possible.

Date of Approval: 09/13/2016

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 10-0 vote

Attest: Michael Jones