



BOARD RECOMMENDATION

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD—Contracts and Concessions Committee

Recommendation Number: (20180213-005): Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the Use of the Nash Hernandez Building

WHEREAS, the Contracts and Concessions Committee is tasked with review Parks and Recreation Department Contracts and recommending park concessions, including those along Lady Bird Lake;

WHEREAS, the Holly Shores Master Plan was a multi-year planning effort that specifically identified the Nash Hernandez Building as an adaptive reuse for community uses;

WHEREAS, Central East Austin has historically been used by the City of Austin as a power plant, maintenance yards, industrial uses, and other government buildings within yards from single family homes and residents;

WHEREAS, the Nash Hernandez family, after which the building was named, is a part of long line of community activists and musicians; and

WHEREAS, Austin Parks and East Austin benefit from the addition of amenities such as concessions and community uses near the trail.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contracts and Concessions Committee recommends to the full Parks and Recreation Board that the proposed use of the Nash Hernandez Building be modified as follows:

1. Recommends community gathering spaces on the upper floor and upper deck with path access and signage to and from the hike and bike trail, which may be accomplished through a Request for Interest (RFI), agreements with service providers or nonprofits, concession, or parkland improvements, operations and maintenance agreements, all of which brings the plan more in line with the stated vision and goals the Holly Shores Master Plan for the Nash Hernandez Building.

2. Does not recommend an additional maximum security fenced parking lot for more than 25 police vehicles, which adversely affects the use of the upper floors for community space and concessions and requires paving greenspace and tree removal.
3. Recommends immediate use of current bond financing for roofing improvements to preserve and protect the concession and community space opportunities within the building and to minimize rehab costs.

Date of Approval: February 13, 2018

Record of the vote: Approved on a 3-0 vote with Committee Members Lewis and Luca absent.

Attest: 
Vera Labriola, Staff Liaison