



BOARD RECOMMENDATION

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD—Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee

Recommendation Number: (20180212-004): Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board
regarding the Use of the Nash Hernandez Building

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 use; and

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 a long line of community activists and musicians; and

WHEREAS, Austin Parks and East Austin benefit from the presence of Park Rangers and Austin Police Departments near the trail.

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

1. Recommends Parks and Recreation Department/Park Rangers/Austin Police Department plan for co-location of services exclusively in the entire lower level of the Nash Hernandez Building for offices, bike storage, and maintenance, with adjacent parking and storage for ATVs, and a boat launch.
2. 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 this property.

3. Does Not Recommend an additional maximum security fenced parking lot for more than 25 police vehicles, which requires paving greenspace and tree removal. Police parking would be limited to the lower level only for short-term parking to check in.
4. Recommends immediate use of current bond financing for roofing improvements to preserve and protect the building and to minimize rehab costs.

Date of Approval: February 12, 2018

Record of the vote: Approved on a 4-0 vote with Committee Member Morgan absent.

Attest: _____



Vera Labriola, Staff Liaison