



**BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**Recommendation Number: (20180227-008): Recommendation to the City Council and City Manager  
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 Department near the trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to the City Council and City Manager 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. Does Not Recommend an additional security fenced parking lot for more than 25 police vehicles, which requires paving greenspace. Police parking would be limited to the lower level only for short-term parking to check in.
3. Recommends assessment of the condition of the roof periodically to preserve and protect the building and to minimize rehab costs.

4. Recommends in the event that the complete construction of the Nash Hernandez Building is not fully funded in the 2018 City of Austin Bond Referendum that the plans for the Nash Hernandez Building be modified to include 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.

Date of Approval: February 27, 2018

Record of the vote: Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a 7-2 vote with Board Members Mann, Casias, Farasat, Donovan, Cofer, Chair Rivera, and Vice Chair DePalma voting aye; Board Members Ward and Luca voting nay; Board Member Lewis abstaining from the vote, and Board Member Morgan absent.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Vera Labriola, Staff Liaison