



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: (20180410-004A):

Mueller Control Tower Historic Zoning

WHEREAS the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC) is charged with informing and advising the Austin City Council regarding issues affecting the execution of the Mueller Master Plan, especially when Council action is required, as it is for zoning and rezoning cases; and

WHEREAS the desire to retain the Mueller Air Traffic Control Tower was expressed by the neighborhoods surrounding Mueller early on in the discussions regarding the redevelopment of Austin's former airport; and

WHEREAS, per the City of Austin Historic Preservation Office's criteria, the Tower, as a part of the terminal building that opened in 1961, represents a period of significance of at least 50 years ago, and retains a high degree of integrity that clearly conveys its historical significance; and

WHEREAS, the Tower embodies the distinguishing characteristics of the mid-century modern architectural style, represents a relatively rare example of that architectural style in the City of Austin, serves as an outstanding example of the work of the Austin architectural firm Fehr and Granger who significantly contributed to the modern architecture movement in Austin, and possesses cultural, historical, and architectural value as a particularly fine and unique example of a one-of-a-kind building; and

WHEREAS, the Tower has long-standing significant associations with persons, groups, institutions, businesses, and events of historic importance which contributed to the history of the city, and represents a significant portrayal of the cultural practices and way of life of the citizens of Austin in the early jet age; and

WHEREAS the City of Austin's Historic Landmark Commission and Planning Commission have both recommended the historic zoning overlay for the Mueller Control Tower.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission recommends that the Austin City Council support the historic zoning overlay for the Mueller Control Tower property.

Date of Approval: 04/10/2018

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 9-0 vote

Michael Jones

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