

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Lauraine Rizer, Officer, Office of Real Estate Services

DATE: February 1, 2018

SUBJECT: Update regarding Montopolis Negro School at 500 Montopolis Drive (Resolution No.

20170928-056)

On September 28, 2017, City Council Resolution 20170928-056, directed staff to negotiate the acquisition of the property located at 500 Montopolis Drive that houses the Montopolis Negro School, one of the last remaining vestiges of segregated education in the Austin Community. The property is owned by KEEP Investment Group, LLC and is comprised of two separate tracts: Tract 1 being 0.175 acre in size and Tract 2 being 0.852 acre. Tracts 1 and 2 are separated by a 0.74 acre tract acquired by the City of Austin in 1987 for the purpose of connecting Grove Boulevard to Montopolis Drive. The Montopolis Negro School building sits upon Tract 2. Staff continues to work on the acquisition.

The Office of Real Estate Services anticipates coming to Council in May 2018 with a Request for Council Action.

Please feel free to contact me at 512-974-7078 if you have any questions.

xc: Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager

Sara Hensley, Interim Assistant City Manager