

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 49**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a Historic Preservation Easement to the Texas Historical Commission covering the Elisabet Ney Museum at 304 East 44th St. to fulfill a condition of a Save America's Treasures grant from the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of Interior.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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In 2004, the Elisabet Ney Museum was awarded the United States Department of the Interior Save America's Treasures (SAT) grant in the amount of \$250,000.

As part of the conditions of the grant agreement signed by the City of Austin on July 15, 2004, a 50-year easement is required to ensure that the Ney remains a historic site and that all modifications be pre-approved by the Department of the Interior for conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

The draft easement language was developed and approved by City Legal and submitted to the Department of the Interior for review as required. The final requirement is to submit a copy of the signed easement to them no later than July 31, 2009.

By this action, Council will approve negotiation and final execution of the document.