



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Sara L. Hensley, CPRP, Director  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** March 20, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 20130627-076 – Astor Place

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Please use this memo as a response to Resolution 20130626-076 which directed the City Manager to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a park or greenway on the newly acquired parkland along Astor Place.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) has been in contact with the East Martin Luther King (EMLK) Jr. Neighborhood Association since December 2013. On February 12, 2014, the architectural committee of the neighborhood association conducted a visual survey of the property and shared those results with PARC staff. As a result, PARC executed a cleanup of the property on February 14, 2014.

The preliminary feedback PARC received from the EMLK Jr Neighborhood Association was expressed in a strong desire to keep the property in a natural state and function as a greenway. On March 3, 2014, PARC staff once again attended the EMLK Jr. Neighborhood Association community meeting where members decided that the property would remain a greenbelt with no park amenities at this time. Staff also provided community members information on the PARC's "Adopt a Park" program for continued maintenance of the property.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager at 512.974-9452 or [Ricardo.Soliz@austintexas.gov](mailto:Ricardo.Soliz@austintexas.gov).

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