

RESOLUTION NO. 20140417-049

WHEREAS, the City of Austin owns land parcels throughout its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, using publicly owned lands for affordable housing is an effective strategy for creating affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan underscores the importance of providing a range of housing options in all parts of the city; and

WHEREAS, many cities leverage opportunities for affordable housing by utilizing city-owned properties for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Families and Children Task Force recommended that the City create and assist in funding a pilot family-friendly development in one of the transit-oriented development districts; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Community Development Commission (CDC) Affordable Housing Siting Policy Working Group recommended to “Inventory City of Austin-controlled land, partner with other public entities and set requirements for a minimum percentage of affordable residential units in opportunity areas”; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development staff have repeatedly identified the use of city-owned land for affordable housing as an essential affordable housing strategy; and

WHEREAS, as the Austin Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO Roundtable) notes, using publicly-owned land for

affordable housing “offers an invaluable means of achieving our core value of geographic dispersion”; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to identify a minimum of three underutilized City-owned properties (other than 6909 Ryan Drive) suitable for development of a model affordable, family-friendly, energy efficient multifamily housing project and to provide this inventory to the City Council by June 12, 2014.

The City Manager is further directed to use the following considerations to help identify the most promising parcels for consideration:

Location within or proximity to:

- Medium- to high-opportunity district as per Kirwan Opportunity Mapping
- Existing or planned high-capacity transit line or other public transportation
- An attendance zone of an elementary school that is rated “recognized” or “exemplary” by the Texas Education Agency or under-enrolled public schools
- Imagine Austin Regional, Town, or Neighborhood Center
- A hub for commercial services or other jobs
- ½ mile of an accessible transit stop

Sufficient area for:

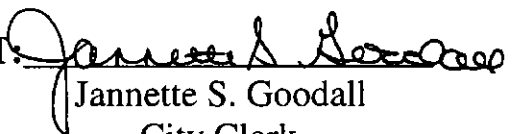
- On-site open space, or be located within ¼ mile of a park
- An on-site high-quality early childhood program, or be located within ¼ mile of a high-quality early childhood center
- On-site quality after-school programming, or be located within ¼ mile of quality after-school programming

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to identify any parcels that might be appropriate for competitive tax credit projects.

ADOPTED: April 17, 2014

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk