

RESOLUTION NO. 20181004-038

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) is proposing an affordable housing project (“Powell Lane Apartments”) on East Powell Lane and East Wonsley Drive in the Georgian Acres neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Georgian Acres is one of the City’s lower income neighborhoods and has faced historic disinvestment, although it has seen significant increase in land value in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Powell Lane Apartments is located in a census tract designated “Early Type 1” by the University of Texas Gentrification Study map; and

WHEREAS, the North Lamar/Georgian Acres Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association, and other stakeholders have asked for more City investment and additional community benefits on East Powell Lane; and

WHEREAS, Central Health owns 0.9008 acres of vacant land adjacent to the proposed Powell Lane Apartments located at 310 East Lola Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin owns 0.5893 acres of vacant land located adjacent to the proposed Powell Lane Apartments at 312 East Wonsley Drive; and

WHEREAS, no plans currently exist for the Central Health or City-owned tracts of land; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between HACA, Central Health, and the City of Austin would be a unique opportunity to make use of vacant, publicly-owned land, to create needed community benefits for Georgian Acres, and to advance the

Imagine Austin and Austin Strategic Direction 2023 goal of creating complete communities; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to explore and provide recommendations on how to create community benefits on the City-owned vacant property located at 312 East Wonsley Drive, Austin, Texas 78753. Due to the location of the property, the City Manager shall consider, but not be limited to, recommendations that directly support the needs of the neighbors and future residents of the Powell Lane Apartments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager should consider, but not be limited to, a potential lease or sale of the property to HACA or Central Health, including consideration of legal requirements necessary for such a lease or sale, and any other options that would provide community benefits and further advance the goals of Imagine Austin and Austin Strategic Direction 2023.

The Council encourages the City Manager to engage with Central Health, HACA, and nearby stakeholders to develop the recommendations and take into consideration potential community benefits including, but not limited to, the following:

- affordable homeownership;
- child care;
- temporary or mobile food and vendor market;
- youth development programming;

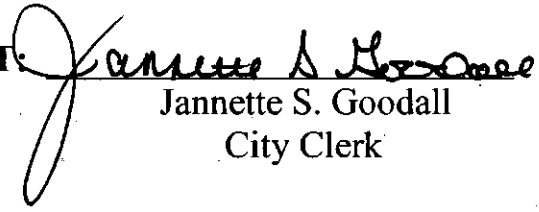
- community gathering and/or art space;
- health and/or fitness services;
- community garden;
- other ideas that may arise from outreach to stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report back to Council no later than January 31, 2018.

ADOPTED: October 4, 2018

ATTEST:



Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk