

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and Council

FROM:

Alex Gale, Interim Officer, Office of Real Estate Services

DATE:

November 30, 2018

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 20170928-056 - Montopolis Negro School Property at 500 Montopolis

Drive, 3rd Update

On September 28, 2017, City Council approved Resolution 20170928-056 which directed staff to negotiate for 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.

On June 28, 2018, City Council approved Resolution 20180628-081 authorizing the Law Department to file an action in eminent domain to acquire the property. The Special Commissioners' Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2019. In adherence with the requirements mandated by Texas Property Code, Chapter 21, all interested parties have been served appropriate notice of the pending hearing.

The Office of Real Estate Services will provide a final memo to Mayor and Council detailing the outcome of the hearing process in February.

Please feel free to contact me at 512-974-1416, if you have any questions.

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Spencer Cronk, City Manager

Sara Hensley, Interim Assistant City Manager

Kimberly McNeeley, Interim Director, Parks and Recreation Department