



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Rebecca Giello, Interim Director
Economic Development Department

DATE: February 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Update on Resolution 20181004-038: Recommendations on community benefits at 312 E. Wonsley Drive

This memorandum serves to update Council on Resolution No. [20181004-038](#), which directs the City Manager to explore and provide recommendations on how to create community benefits on the City-owned vacant property located at 312 E. Wonsley Drive. The Resolution directs the City Manager to explore ways to do so in partnership with Central Health and the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA). Such a collaborative partnership would maximize community benefits for current residents of Georgian Acres and the future residents of the planned Powell Lane Apartments.

The City of Austin owns 0.59 acres of vacant land in the Georgian Acres Neighborhood. The site is strategically located mid-block fronting E. Wonsley with the rear of the property abutting an assemblage of three vacant properties (approximately 0.9 acres) owned by Central Health. The Central Health properties additionally abut the western boundary of a planned 258-unit income-restricted affordable apartment complex, Powell Lane Apartments (see map Attachment A). Powell Lane Apartments is a partnership between the HACA and JCI Residential.

City of Austin staff in the Economic Development Department, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development and Office of Real Estate Services Office met with agency partners noted in the resolution, which included representatives from Central Health and HACA to discuss viable actions to achieve Council's direction. In addition to the community stakeholder meetings that have been led by HACA related to its residential development, staff from the three entities jointly hosted a community meeting January 23, 2019, whereby community members provided additional input on desired services should the tracts be aggregated for future development.

City staff will report back to City Council with specific recommendations for the use of 312 Wonsley Drive upon the conclusion of the engagement process anticipated by August 1, 2019. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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