

RESOLUTION NO. 20151217-057

WHEREAS, the Austin Geriatrics Center, Inc., a 501(C)(3) nonprofit, more commonly known as the RBJ Senior Residential Center, was built in 1972 as an affordable housing development for seniors at 15 Waller Street, in East Austin; and

WHEREAS, Austin City Council Resolution 20100513-033 directed the City Manager to coordinate the City's participation in partnership with the RBJ Center Board of Directors and the community stakeholder group to evaluate the future use of the adjacent City property and the potential to participate in the development of a master plan for the 26.78 contiguous acres.

WHEREAS, the RBJ Center Strategic Master Plan Report, for the development of the property was completed on October 31, 2011, and includes the following priorities: continue to provide safe, affordable housing on-site; provide upgraded amenities; double the affordable housing for the elderly; add other affordable/mixed-income housing and mixed uses consistent with the neighborhood plan; and be good stewards of the land; and

WHEREAS, the RBJ site is located adjacent to City of Austin owned parkland; and

WHEREAS; the Water Front Overlay, particularly Land Development Code § 25-2-735 (*Festival Beach Subdistrict Regulations*), limits impervious cover at this site to 40 percent, which would prevent redevelopment of the RBJ site consistent with the goals of the master plan; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

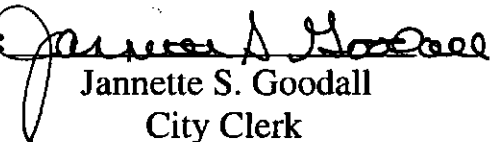
1. The City Council initiates amendments to the Waterfront Overlay, Land Development Code § 25-2-735 (*Festival Beach Subdistrict Regulations*), to increase allowable impervious cover from 40% to 78% for congregate living and related land uses within the Festival Beach Subdistrict, consistent with the goals and objectives described in this resolution.
2. The City Manager is directed to process an ordinance, as required by this resolution, and present it to the City Council for consideration following completion of the required public process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Prior to presenting this ordinance to the City Council for consideration, the City Manager is directed to engage the expertise of staff from the Watershed Protection and Planning and Zoning Departments to identify any strategies available, to the maximum extent feasible, to meet current code for impervious cover and water quality. The proposed ordinance shall be vetted by both the Environmental Board and Planning Commission prior to coming before Council for approval.

ADOPTED: December 17,, 2015

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk