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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	57300	Agenda Number	35.
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Meeting Date:	5/5/2016	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider a resolution supporting an application to be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by HACA Pathways I, LP, or an affiliated entity, for the rehabilitation of an affordable multi-family development to be called the Pathways at Northgate Apartments, located at 9120 Northgate Boulevard. (District 4) (Suggested date and time: June 9, 2016 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Betsy Spencer, NHCD Director, 512-974-3182; David Potter, NHCD Program Manager, 512-974-3192
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action will set a public hearing to receive public comment regarding approval of a resolution as required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) 2016 Uniform Multi-family Rules. The applicant must submit to TDHCA a resolution of no objection from the applicable governing body in which the proposed development is located. This proposed development is located in District 4.

Proposed Project

HACA Pathways I, LP is planning to rehabilitate a 130-unit development located at 9120 Northgate Boulevard, which would be 100% affordable to households with incomes at or below 60% Median Family Income (MFI), currently \$46,680 for a 4-person household. The development, to be known as the Pathways at Northgate Apartments, is proposed to be partially funded with 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and Private Activity Bonds issued by Austin Affordable PFC, Inc. No funding from the Austin Housing Finance Corporation is being requested.

Project Attributes

- The project will be 100% affordable to households with incomes at or below 60% MFI.
- The unit mix will include:
 - 20 1-bed/1-bath units, approximately 603 square feet;
 - 18 2-bed/1-bath units, approximately 790 to 886 square feet;
 - 8 3-bed/1-bath units, approximately 886 square feet;
 - 3 4-bed/2-bath units, approximately 1,199 square feet;
 - 1 5-bed/2-bath units, approximately 1,294 square feet.
- Tenant services include a Play to Learn Digital Education for Families program, Family Self Sufficiency program, onsite summer camps, and elderly home visits.
- On-site amenities will include a furnished community room, playscape, and common area wi-fi.

On October 16, 2014, City Council adopted a goal to preserve 20,000 units of affordable housing over the next 20 years. This development would help to reach that goal.

Current Property Tax Status and Future Impact

The property is currently 100% exempt from property taxation because it is owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin. Once ownership passes to HACA Pathways I, LP, it will be up to the Travis Central Appraisal District to determine whether or not the property continues to qualify for the 100% exemption.

HACA Pathways I, LP

The development will be owned by HACA Pathways I, LP, an affiliate of Austin Affordable Housing Corporation (AAHC), a non-profit subsidiary of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA). AAHC was created in 2003 to preserve and increase the stock of affordable housing for low to moderate-income families in Austin as well as provide financial literacy and homeownership opportunities.

AAHC's real estate portfolio consists of office buildings, a shopping center, single-family houses and multi-family rental developments. By purchasing older existing stock, AAHC gained experience in apartment, office building and retail rehabilitation. The majority of the multi-family rental developments have successfully undergone major rehabilitation.

For more information on the proposed project, as well as socioeconomic characteristics and amenities in the surrounding area, please see the project's Development Information Packet here: <http://austintexas.gov/page/fy-15-16-funding-applications>.