

RESOLUTION NO. 20161208-007

WHEREAS, Austin Independent School District (“AISD”) has identified ten parcels of land deemed surplus; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2016, the AISD Board of Trustees authorized disposition of the surplus real property; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2016, AISD issued a Public Notice of Sale, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, inviting bids and requesting offers and proposals for each of the ten surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20161013-005 directed the City Manager to explore the economic and legal feasibility of a joint affordable housing project that could include the City of Austin and AISD; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20161103-045 directed the City Manager to work with public entities, such as AISD, to identify opportunities for creating affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development’s “Austin Strategic Housing Plan,” states that, “an adequate supply of housing affordable to people working all types of jobs is necessary to maintain a culturally rich, diverse, and livable city;” and

WHEREAS, the need for affordable housing in Austin is tremendous, with only 1 in 4 very-low income households having access to affordable housing, and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a great need to provide affordable housing to the over 11,000 AISD staff and teachers with a median income of \$44,362; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, AISD, and Travis County have come together to find public land that can be used to build affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, AISD owns the Allan Center, formally Allan Elementary School (Allan), and is currently soliciting proposals that allow for a creative repurposing of the property, with special consideration for affordable housing and the current nonprofit services at the school; and

WHEREAS, Allan was built to serve the educational mission of AISD who conducted an extensive community plan for the Allan campus that focused on Pre-Kindergarten and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (also known as STEM) educational programming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has both federal and local funds for the purpose of creating affordable housing, including the ability to issue bonds and provide other financial incentives for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Foundation Communities, Inc. ("Foundation Communities") has a conceptual plan to create affordable housing that includes a priority for AISD staff and teachers, including affordable rental housing and community land trust

homeownership opportunities through a partnership with the Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, as part of the conceptual plan, Foundation Communities would continue the education purpose of the Allan Center along with providing additional services available to Allan-area residents and the surrounding neighborhood, through continuing the existing tenant partnerships, and providing additional services through Foundation Communities' Financial Center, Fitness Center, and Learning Center; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council strongly supports the proposal of Foundation Communities for the use of the Allan Center due to the tremendous potential benefits to the City through the provision of affordable housing and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

For and on behalf of the City Council, Jannette S. Goodall, City Clerk, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to certify this resolution to AISD.

ADOPTED: December 8, 2016

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk