

**RESOLUTION NO. 20220616-089**

**WHEREAS**, Austin suffers from a gap in intergenerational services and daycare for low-income seniors and children, particularly in low-income zip codes; and,

**WHEREAS**, Austin's senior population growth is already outpacing health and social care capacity and the overall senior population in Austin is predicted to triple by 2050; and,

**WHEREAS**, previous research identified that this projected growth will entail a disproportionate increase in the number of low-income and nursing-home-eligible seniors; and,

**WHEREAS**, senior residents who live in the 78702 zip code catchment area experience significant economic and health vulnerability, with roughly half of senior residents having incomes below 200% of the poverty level, reporting at least one disability, and requiring instrumental assistance for daily necessities such as transportation, meal preparation, and household tasks; and,

**WHEREAS**, Austin has only one currently operating adult daycare center and insufficient services for seniors who need case management, and this service gap requires that Austin develop new and innovative ways to serve vulnerable senior populations, reduce system costs, and improve seniors' quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council Resolution No. 20181018-041 charged the City with providing intergenerational adult daycare services for low-income seniors and directed the City Manager to assess the feasibility of implementing an Intergenerational Day Center (IDC) at a City-owned facility; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 a team at UT Austin's LBJ School of Public Affairs led by Dr. Jacqueline Angel collaborated with Austin Public Health (APH) to outline the objectives and logistics of a three-year IDC pilot project to identify and evaluate locations for an IDC in the 78702 zip code at City-owned properties. In the spring of 2020, APH engaged the LBJ School team to investigate the possibility of delivering IDC services in a space between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition, in a presentation made to the Public Health Committee in September of 2021, researchers at AGE of Central Texas identified top zip codes that included the highest density of older adults living below the 200% federal poverty line and identified the area of 78753 as an additional location in need of an Intergenerational Day Center due to its socioeconomic demographics as it relates to income and seniors, as well as its classification as a childcare desert; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City-owned Nash Hernandez Building in 78702, located across from the RBJ Center for Independent Living, comprises 10,000 square feet and is currently designated in the Holly Shores Vision Plan Phase II as a space for community use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the IDC initiative and the Holly Shores Vision Plan share a mutual aim of making the Nash Hernandez Building a center for community activity, which will help support the City's goals of providing age-friendly activities and services for public use; and,

**WHEREAS**, an IDC at the Nash Hernandez Building would address a growing gap in adult daycare for an estimated 6,000 seniors in one of Austin's

neediest communities, as well as providing childcare services for low-income families; and,

**WHEREAS**, locating the IDC at the Nash Hernandez Building has the potential to serve nearby low-income seniors at the RBJ Center, aligns with the goals of the Holly Shores Vision Plan, provides shared access for the neighborhood through community spaces, and is well-located to serve all of Austin; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LBJ School team has completed a design proposal for an Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center (IRAC) that envisions the inclusion of multipurpose elements such as community gardens and an outdoor gym and kitchen that are desirable to community organizations beyond those involved in intergenerational daycare services; and,

**WHEREAS**, operational funding commitments for the IRAC pilot program at Nash Hernandez have been secured from Family Eldercare and Meals on Wheels of Central Texas and letters of support have been received from Open Door Preschools, UT Austin's Priscilla Flawn Child and Family Laboratory, the Texas Aging and Longevity Center, Drive-A-Senior, St. David's Foundation, Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE), and other partners; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to study the feasibility and fiscal impact of housing an Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center pilot program in the Nash Hernandez Building, including the renovation of space in the building for that purpose, and to work in conjunction with the LBJ School team led by Dr. Jacqueline Angel to identify the design, spatial needs, and operational requirements of the prospective IRAC facility and pilot program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is further directed to survey City-owned parcels and review co-location opportunities that would also be well-served by an IRAC in collaboration with the LBJ School team led by Dr. Jaqueline Angel and community partners in zip codes other than 78702.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is further directed to complete the study as soon as is practicable, prior to reviewing other, previously-contemplated design efforts or renovations of the Nash Hernandez Building, and report back to Council with an update on the survey and review by October 13, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is further directed to identify a funding source or sources, excluding the Parks and Recreation Department's existing budget, to address any deficit in the Department's FY 2021-22 or 2022-23 budget that may result from implementing this Resolution if it is determined that an IRAC is not a feasible use of the Nash Hernandez Building.

**ADOPTED:** June 16, 2022    **ATTEST:**   
Myrna Rios  
City Clerk