

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-1

WHEREAS, in June of 2015, the Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA) Board of Directors passed a resolution opposing the Rezoning Application C814-2014-0129; and,

WHEREAS, in that same resolution, the NWACA Board of Directors requested that the City of Austin host and the developer fund a charrette process designed to:

- a) Bring together all stakeholder groups to have a meaningful and impactful discussion regarding the Austin Oaks property;
- b) Educate the neighborhood about the zoning and development process and what is possible at the Austin Oaks site;
- c) Provide for facilitated working sessions to discuss ideas and review design proposals, to develop consensus on a workable approach, and to document a proposed design;
- d) Provide input for moving forward with the formal City review process; and

WHEREAS, a multi-stakeholder Working Group was formed to serve as the project management team to support and design the Charrette process and drive communication to encourage neighborhood participation; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group engaged in regular meetings with the developer and agreed upon a budget, Facilitator, Design Team, venue and dates; and

WHEREAS, at least 221 registered attendees participated in the Neighborhood Information Sessions and Vision and Values Sessions (some attending more than one session) which were held in December and January collecting neighborhood input before the start of the Charrette workshop; and

WHEREAS, the Charrette Design Workshop was held over a five-day period in January, 2016, drawing 377 registered participants, some attending on multiple days; and

WHEREAS, the Workshop including experts including real estate market research firms, TxDOT, Cap Metro, City of Austin, and US Fish and Wildlife Services; and

WHEREAS, approximately 79% of the almost 600 registered participants of the collective Charrette activities resided within NWACA's bounds; and

WHEREAS, a series of development plans were presented, discussed and “tested” throughout the Charrette process, resulting in the presentation of a “Recommended Plan” on the fourth day; and

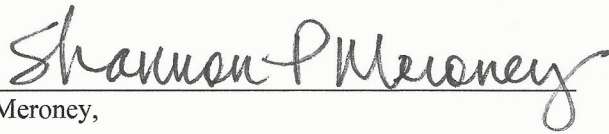
WHEREAS after being briefed on the details of that plan, a majority of those present and casting votes, 64%, voted to support the “Recommended Plan,” instead of the “Code Compliant Plan,” resulting in it becoming the “Preferred Plan;” NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION (NWACA) Board of Directors THAT:

The NWACA Board of Directors endorses the Austin Oaks Charrette process as having complied with the board’s prior charrette resolution and supports the Austin Oaks Charrette outcome.

ADOPTED: February 10, 2016

ATTEST:  
Shannon P. Meroney,  
Secretary



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