

AGENDA ITEM NO. **37**

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Melissa B. Vossmer; Finance; Management and Budget; Legal; File

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of a Donation of Approximately 25.0 Acres of Land Located on De Zavala Road for Development as a Park and Establishing a Project Budget for Future Acquisition of Additional Adjacent Land

DATE: May 29, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a donation of approximately 25.0 acres of land located on De Zavala Road in City Council District 8 for development as a park, contingent upon the completion of a satisfactory environmental assessment, boundary survey and title investigation and establishes a project budget for the future purchase of additional adjacent parcels with similar contingencies; and appropriates \$365,470.00 from 1994 Park Bond Funds for land acquisition fees.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This ordinance authorizes the acquisition, through donation, from Mr. Laddy Denton, of approximately 25.0 acres of land located off of De Zavala Road, along a railroad easement and adjacent to the Vulcan Quarry in City Council District 8. The property will be designated as parkland and a new public park will be developed in this area. The 1994 Park Bond Issue approved the acquisition of property and development of a park at the quarry location and this site meets this criterion. Before final acceptance of the property, an environmental assessment will be performed and both a boundary survey and a title search will be completed. The property is located in the floodplain and its estimated value is \$5,000.00 per acre or \$125,000.00. This parcel will provide approximately 25 acres of property for the future development of this new park.

In addition to the parcel noted above, the Council District 8 Office has identified adjacent property that is also available for purchase and/or donation. This ordinance will establish the funding for future negotiation and due diligence to acquire additional park land.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This action is consistent with the approval of the City voters of 1994 Park GO Bonds for the acquisition of parkland in City Council District 8. In addition, this follows the long-standing practice of the City of utilizing land donations for the development of public parks.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding was approved in the 1994 Park Bond Issue for land acquisition and development near the Quarry area. The donation of approximately 25 acres by Laddy Denton for the development of this new park will require the expenditure of approximately \$8,000.00 in land acquisition fees for this property. The remaining balance of \$357,470.00 will be utilized for land acquisition fees associated with the adjacent properties. This action will place no demands on the City's General Fund.

COORDINATION

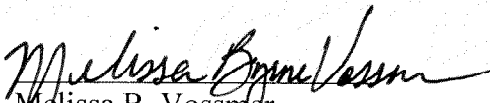
This acquisition was coordinated through the City Council District 8 office, the City Attorney's Office, the Office of Management and Budget and Public Works.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.



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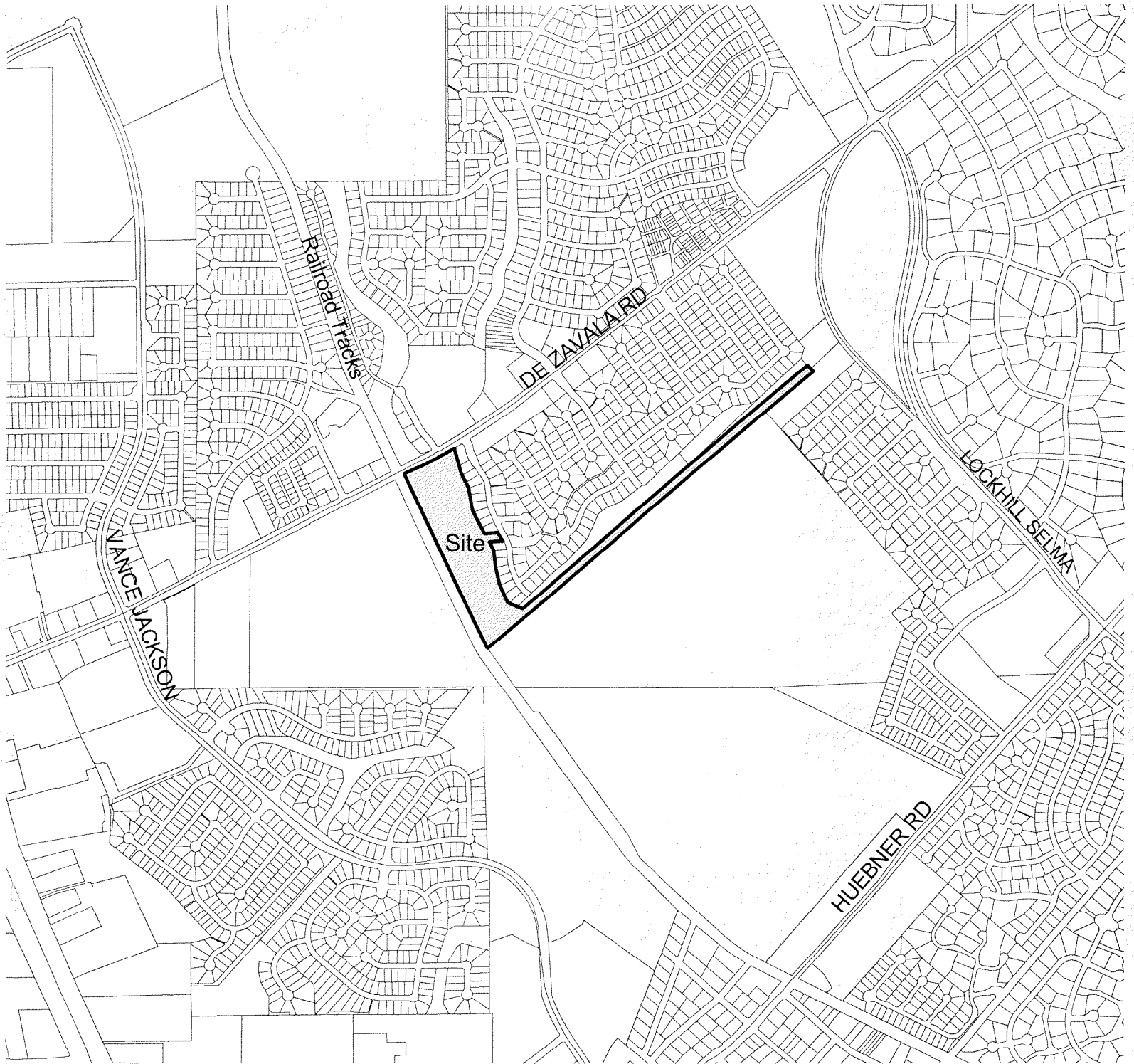
Approved:



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Site Map

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