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SUBJECT: HemisFair Park Area Master Plan (City Council District 1)

DATE: March 25, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The City of San Antonio and its consultants, along with community stakeholders, have developed the HemisFair Park Area Master Plan under the Community Building and Neighborhood Planning (CBNP) Program. The Unified Development Code (Section 34-420) provides for updates to neighborhood and community plans every five years. The action requested is the recommendation of an amendment to adopt the HemisFair Park Area Master Plan as an update to the Downtown Neighborhood Plan, which was adopted as a component of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan on May 13, 1999.

The planning area is bound by Market Street to the north, IH-37 to the east, Durango Boulevard to the south, and Alamo Street to the west. The HemisFair Park Area Master Plan is located in City Council District 1.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the request of Councilman Roger O. Flores, Jr. and with the support of the entire City Council, staff began to develop a Master Plan for the HemisFair site to outline recommendations and strategies for park development, building uses, and linkages within the park and to surrounding areas and neighborhoods.

The Downtown Neighborhood Plan classifies the HemisFair Park Area as a Government/Educational land use and recommends the continuation of this area's use as a Special Events District. However, no further recommendations specific to the HemisFair Park

COORDINATION

The HemisFair Park Area Master Plan concept was approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on January 26, 2004 and the Historic Design Review Commission on February 18, 2004. City Staff briefed City Council on January 29, 2004, regarding the proposed plan.

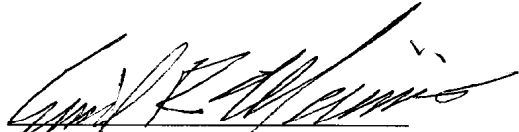
The HemisFair Park Area Master Plan is consistent with the 1978 Major Thoroughfare Plan (as amended), the 1996 Downtown Strategic Plan, the 1997 Master Plan, the 1999 Parks and Recreation System Plan, and the 1999 Downtown Neighborhood Plan. The Downtown Neighborhood Planning Team, all registered neighborhood associations within the planning area, and property owners within 200 ft. of the HemisFair Park area were notified of the Planning Commission public hearing on the proposed amendment. Notice was published in the Commercial Recorder.



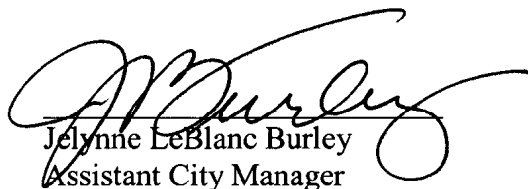
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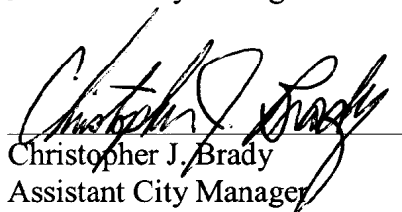
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