

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 11

**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: Christopher J. Brady; Finance; Management and Budget; Legal; File

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase a 0.1856 Acre Lot on Funston Street

DATE: August 26, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the purchase of a 0.1856 acre lot located at 644 Funston Street in City Council District 9 from the Management Trust for Mary Louise Cazares for the amount of \$75,000.00 with the cost to be divided equally between the City and the San Antonio Botanical Society, establishes the project budget, appropriates \$60,000.00 in 1994-1999 Park Bond Funds and encumbers funds for land acquisition and for building demolition.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 1994 Bond Issue approved funding at the Botanical Garden for development of property along Funston. The San Antonio Botanical Society has negotiated a sales agreement for purchase of a lot at 644 Funston, described as LOT 26 NCB 7186. The acquisition of this property will help to meet long term planning goals to utilize the area south of Funston for future development of the Botanical Garden. Since the late 1980's, the City has acquired 25 out of 28 parcels along Funston, from New Braunfels Avenue to Old Austin Road. This property will be the 26th parcel, leaving two other parcels that are pending final negotiations with the property owners.

The Management Trust for Mary Louise Cazares has agreed to sell the property for the price of \$75,000.00. This amount will be divided equally between the City and the Botanical Society. The sale will be made to the Society, which will then assign the sales contract to the City of San Antonio. The property value has been appraised at \$80,500.00. There is a house on the property that will be demolished. The land will be maintained as a vacant lot until future development is completed.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This acquisition is consistent with the approved 1994 Bond Issue and with the San Antonio Botanical Garden Master Plan. The San Antonio Botanical Society and the Planning Commission have endorsed this acquisition.

FISCAL IMPACT

The amount of \$150,000.00 in 1994-1999 Park Bond Funds has been identified for property acquisition along Funston. This ordinance will appropriate \$60,000.00. Funding of \$37,500.00 will be for land acquisition and \$22,500.00 will be for demolition of the building on the site.

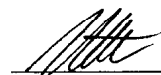
The new park property will require some maintenance and security expenses, estimated at \$750.00, which will be addressed within the Department's current General Fund budget.

COORDINATION

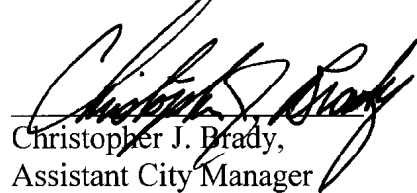
This acquisition has been coordinated with the San Antonio Botanical Society and the Planning Commission.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.



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Director of Parks and Recreation



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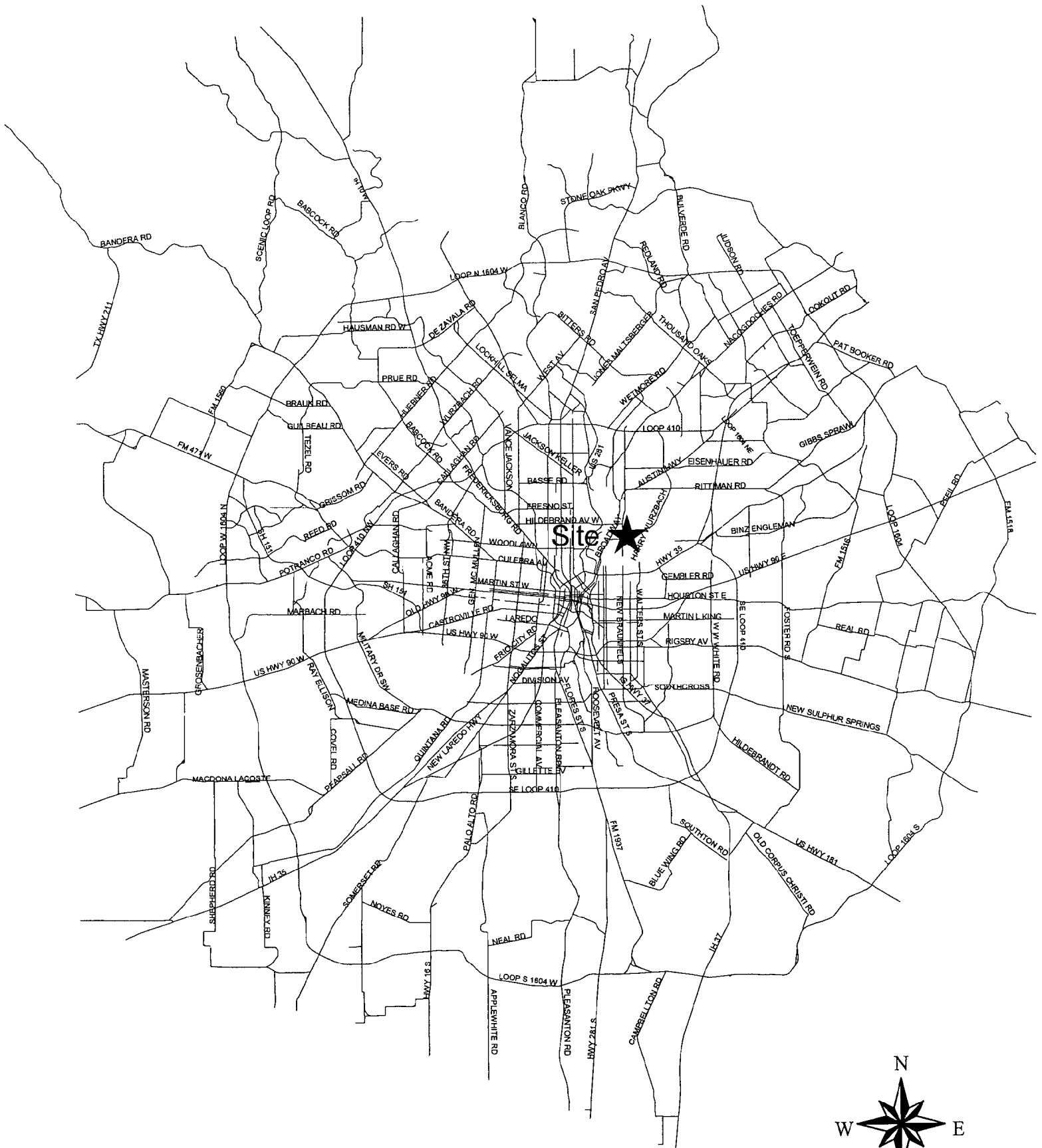
Approved:



Terry M. Brechtel
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Site Map

Botanical Gardens



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