

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM NO. 17

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Emil R. Moncivais, AICP, AIA, Director, Planning Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the San Antonio Conservation Society for funding of internships in the Planning Department for continuing work associated with the 36 Square Mile Survey

DATE: September 8, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the San Antonio Conservation Society to fund internships in the Planning Department for work on the ongoing 36 Square Mile Architectural Survey. The amount of the grant funds may be increased by the San Antonio Conservation Society up to \$32,000 until the completion of the program.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

San Antonio has 22 Historic Districts and over 1100 Landmarks. The majority of these landmarks were designated after a Central City Cultural Resource Inventory was conducted between 1983-87. In 2002 the city began a process of identifying additional landmarks through an inventory of cultural resources within the original 36 square mile city limits. The architectural survey is known as the 36 Square Mile Survey. The city has one full time staff assigned to the survey, and has relied on partnerships with the community to help accomplish the task. A significant amount of the work has been accomplished with volunteers, interns and students. This grant accepts money from the San Antonio Conservation Society to assist in paying for internships with the Planning Department to complete the inventory.

POLICY ANALYSIS

In April 2002, City Council directed staff to begin an architectural survey of the inner city to identify buildings with historic significance that had not been previously identified. The purpose of the survey was to proactively identify historically significant properties and areas, preserve the architectural and cultural heritage of San Antonio and to assist in preventing the demolition of previously uninventoried historic resources.

There are approximately 58,000 buildings within the 36 Square Mile area. Staff estimates by the end of this fiscal year 16,820 building will have been surveyed, which represents almost 30% of

the inventory. The Planning Department has worked closely with volunteers, university students, and neighborhood associations on this monumental undertaking.

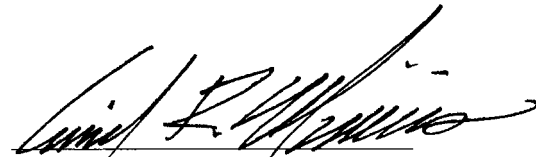
To further assist with the timely completion of the inventory, the San Antonio Conservation Society is providing a grant to the Planning Department to establish a fund to pay for internships associated with the completion of the survey. The interns would be trained and supervised by the Planning Department.

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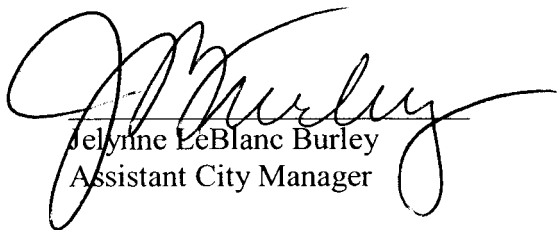
The action will not require expenditure from the general fund. The acceptance of this item will require the establishment of a CS Survey Project fund, to be originally funded at \$15,000. The amount of the grant may be increased by San Antonio Conservation Society during the course of the program until September 2009 up to a total of \$32,000.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Finance Department for the establishment of the fund.



Emil R. Moncivais, AICP, AIA
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Jelynn LeBlanc Burley
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August 25, 2005

Emil Moncivais, Director
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Dear Mr. Moncivais:

The San Antonio Conservation Society is pleased to continue to assist the City of San Antonio with the 36-Square Mile Architectural Survey. Initially, the Conservation Society offered a pledge of \$50,000 to be used for intern salaries and supplies.

As we have discussed with Ann McGlone, we believe that the City should have the opportunity to pay interns doing the survey directly. In order to accomplish this, we intend to offer a grant to the City for \$15,000. These funds are to be used for salaries for interns working on the survey only. Up to \$32,000 remains available to fund additional salaries and supplies.

We look forward to a continuing partnership with the City of San Antonio on the survey project. We believe the results of the survey so far speak for themselves, and we are proud to be a part of the process.

Sincerely,

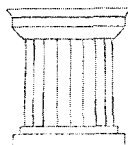
Barbara Johnson
President

c: ✓ Ann McGlone, HPO/COSA
Loretta Huddleston, Chair, Historic Bldg. Survey Comm.

Enclosure

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June 13, 2003

Jelynn Burley
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Re: Funding for Architectural Survey

Dear Ms. Burley:

In recognition of the support of the San Antonio Conservation Society (the "Society") for the Architectural Survey of the 36 square miles of the City of San Antonio (the "Survey") that is being conducted through the Historic Preservation Officer ("HPO") of the City of San Antonio (the "City"), the Society pledges \$50,000 pursuant to the terms and conditions of this letter. The \$50,000 amount is from the Ann Eichenroht Miller bequest received by the Society.

1. Upon written application by the HPO to the Society, and up to the pledge amount of \$50,000, the Society shall pay expenses associated with the Survey requested by the HPO and approved by the Society such as the costs of interns and supplies.
2. All responsibility for the survey shall be with the City and the Society shall not be or become the employer or contractor of any employees or contractors engaged by the City. The Society shall have no liability by reason of this pledge except for making distribution of the pledge amounts to the HPO as provided for herein.
3. The City releases the Society from any liability that may arise by reason of such Survey.

If these conditions are acceptable to the City, please indicate the City's acceptance below. The San Antonio Conservation Society looks forward to working with the City in the Survey.

Sincerely,

Jill Harrison Souter
President

The City of San Antonio hereby accepts the pledge subject to the conditions above set forth.

City of San Antonio

By:
Its Assistant City Manager

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