

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPERTY DONATION FROM THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING AUTHORITY OF 0.728 ACRES OF LAND TO SERVE AS A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK LOCATED AT 723 ARTHUR STREET, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2. FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FOR CLOSING COST IS AVAILABLE IN THE FY 2020 PARKS & RECREATION GENERAL FUND ADOPTED BUDGET.**

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**WHEREAS**, the proposed property donation of Phillis Wheatley Park as approved by the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) Board of Commissioners will serve as a neighborhood park in Council District 2; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of this park is consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the SA Parks System Plan which recommends providing equitable access to parks and recreation activities and addressing a recreational need in an urban environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is accessible to pedestrians and provides additional public park land in an underserved area; and

**WHEREAS**, Phillis Wheatley Park opened in September 2019 and includes a playground, exercise equipment, pavilion, seating, shade canopies, green space and parking; and

**WHEREAS**, a public art component featuring mosaic glass tile memorial walls, statues and benches was included in the development of the park; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the Deed to the property, the San Antonio Housing Authority is requesting that the park be named “Phillis Wheatley Park”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department consistently looks for opportunities to collaborate with potential partners to establish public green space and provide recreational opportunities to meet the needs of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, this project incorporated a robust public engagement effort with multiple public input meetings, and the final design and constructed park is a reflection of the community’s feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, Phillis Wheatley Park hosts recreation opportunities through Fitness in the Park programming and balances active and passive uses; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or designee is hereby authorized to accept a property donation from the San Antonio Housing Authority of 0.728 acres of land to serve as a neighborhood park located at 723 Arthur Street, in Council District 2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to take whatever administrative actions necessary for the completion of this transaction.

**SECTION 2.** Funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 for this Ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 2607010001 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

**SECTION 3.** The acquisition of property must be coordinated through the City's Finance Department to assure the addition of these assets into the City's financial records, and to record the proper accounting transactions.

**SECTION 4.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.**

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Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney