

# City of San Antonio



## **AGENDA** **City Council B Session**

City Hall Complex  
105 Main Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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**Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

**2:00 PM**

**Municipal Plaza Building**

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The City Council of San Antonio will convene in the "B" Room of the Municipal Plaza Building at 2:00 P.M. City Council may consider the following items in any order:

- 1.** A Briefing on the implementation of plans for San Antonio's Tricentennial commemoration within four key initiatives: Arts & Culture, History and Education, Community Service and Commemorative Week. [Edward Benavides, Chief Executive Officer, Tricentennial Office]
- 2.** A Briefing on the capital improvements at the San Antonio Botanical Garden [María Villagómez, Assistant City Manager; Xavier D. Urrutia, Director, Parks and Recreation]

At any time during the meeting, the City Council may recess into executive session to consult with the City Attorney's Office (Texas Government Code Section 551.071) and deliberate or discuss any of the following:

- A.** Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- B.** The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).
- C.** Legal issues related to collective bargaining pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D.** Litigation matters involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- E.** Discuss legal issues relating to grant requirements promulgated by the State of Texas pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

**ADJOURNMENT**

5:00 P.M. – If the Council has not yet adjourned, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to continue the council meeting, postpone the remaining items to the next council meeting date, or recess and reconvene the meeting at a specified time on the following day.

**5:30 PM (may be heard after this time) - Ceremonial Recognitions**

**6:00 PM (may be heard after this time) - Citizens to be Heard**

**DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**

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# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:**17-3026

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**Agenda Item Number:** 1.

**Agenda Date:** 5/3/2017

**In Control:** City Council B Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Tricentennial Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Edward Benavides

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

### **SUBJECT:**

San Antonio Tricentennial Commission Planning Update

### **SUMMARY:**

A briefing and discussion on the implementation of plans for San Antonio's Tricentennial commemoration within the four key initiatives: Arts & Culture, History and Education, Community Service and Commemorative Week.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

San Antonio will celebrate its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. From Yanaguana settlement to the Villa de Bejar to the 7<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States, our remarkable journey tells the story not just of our people and place but of larger forces that shaped the world we live in today. Our Tricentennial year will be an opportunity to discover our roots, commemorate our storied history, recognize our progress and collaborate on our bright future.

The San Antonio Tricentennial Celebration Commission is a joint effort of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, and is a local government corporation that coordinates all commemorative planning, identifies potential partners, approves and disseminates a unique identity for the 300th anniversary. The City of San Antonio Tricentennial Office serves as the lead coordinator of the San Antonio Tricentennial Celebration Local Government Corporation.

**ISSUE:**

The Tricentennial Commission has worked to develop an overall comprehensive plan of activities and public engagement reflected within four key initiatives: Arts & Culture, History and Education, Community Service and Commemorative Week.

The Commission has adopted five guiding principles in the work approach to ensure the commemoration: Creates a positive and/or lasting impact; Showcases our diversity, inclusiveness, and authenticity; Defines the Tricentennial identity; Identifies financial integrity, viability, timeliness, and transparency; Educates and celebrates our shared history and furthers our legacy.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This briefing is for informational purposes only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This briefing is for informational purposes only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This briefing is for informational purposes only.



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## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:** 17-2954

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**Agenda Item Number:** 2.

**Agenda Date:** 5/3/2017

**In Control:** City Council B Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Xavier D. Urrutia

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

### **SUBJECT:**

San Antonio Botanical Garden Capital Improvement Update

### **SUMMARY:**

A briefing on the capital improvements at the San Antonio Botanical Garden

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City-owned San Antonio Botanical Garden (the Garden), located near Mahncke Park, opened to the public on May 3, 1980. Chartered in 1980, the San Antonio Botanical Garden Society (the Society), the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was specifically established in support of the Garden. The Society serves a dual role of aiding in the expansion of the Garden through fundraising and capital improvements and heightening public awareness of the Garden through education and community events.

Some major capital improvements brought to the Garden with the assistance of the Society include: the Lucile Halsell Conservatory, the Sullivan Carriage House, the Auld House, acquisition of Funston Properties, Texas Native Trail Revitalization, upgraded children's facilities, extensive landscape lighting, and the development of a Master Site Plan. Community events and exhibits hosted at the Garden include Shakespeare in the Park, Gardens by Moonlight, Viva Botanica! Fiesta event, BOOtanica and plant sales, among many others.

The San Antonio Botanical Garden Master Site Plan was adopted by City Council in October 2010 and encompasses a total of 37.78 acres and includes the addition of a new welcome center, education and event center, classrooms, various new garden areas and the expansion of the parking lot, as part of a phased approach.

Along with the Master Site Plan, Council also approved a short-term license agreement and long-term lease agreement that facilitates the transition of the operation and management of the Garden to the Society by 2019. Currently, the Society oversees fundraising efforts, educational programming, rental of event space, and daily operations of the restaurant and gift shop, as they move towards full operation and maintenance of the Garden.

The first phase of improvements - an 8-acre expansion - includes the new Garden Gateway entrance, Welcome & Discovery Complex, Culinary Garden, Outdoor Teaching Kitchen and Pavilion, Family Adventure Garden and Halswell Way parking lot expansion and is scheduled to officially open in October 2017. This phase totals \$21.8 million, of which \$1.2 million came from the City's 2012 Bond Program, and the remainder through a variety of funding sources spearheaded by the Society.

The second phase of improvements includes the development of an Education and Event Center, Central Lawn, and Administration Building and Carriage House Restaurant upgrades. This final phase totals \$16.5 million and the City's 2017 Bond Program proposes \$5.05 million to assist in this phase of improvements to the Garden.

#### **ISSUE:**

This informational briefing will provide City Council with an update on the capital improvements projects completed at the San Antonio Botanical Garden and future projects in accordance with the City Council approved Master Site Plan.

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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