

Memorandum

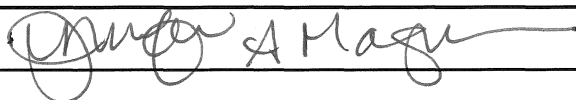
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Aitken, A.A.E.

**SUBJECT: STATUS OF PROPOSED CITY-
INITIATED LAND USE CHANGE
IN GUADALUPE GARDENS**

DATE: November 26, 2018

Approved



Date

11-26-18

INFORMATION

This information memorandum is the update the City Council on the status of the proposed City-initiated land use change in Guadalupe Gardens.

Almost all the City land comprising the Guadalupe Gardens and northern portion of the Guadalupe River Park was originally acquired and cleared with grant funding assistance provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Airport approach protection and noise compatibility purposes. The City Master Plans for the Guadalupe Gardens and Guadalupe River Park designate the land for low density public open space uses and currently have a General Plan land use designation of Open Space, Parklands & Habitat.

In September of this year, the Airport Department drafted a proposal for a City-initiated General Plan Amendment and rezoning, and an amendment to the Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan, to convert approximately 11.6 acres of City property in the Guadalupe Gardens, primarily along Coleman Avenue between Taylor and Hedding streets, for commercial leasehold development. The proposal was conceived in response to informal input from the FAA that the City should be obtaining a high and best use of the property, most notably along the interface with Coleman.

The draft land use change proposal has generated strong concerns from the community, particularly from the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, the City's non-profit partner in the development and operation of the open space reuses. In consideration of community concerns, the Administration has now reached a consensus to temporarily suspend and place a formal hold on moving forward with the draft proposal to amend the General Plan and Guadalupe Gardens Master Plan to allow commercial reuses along Coleman Avenue.

The Administration intends to conduct further advance outreach to community stakeholders and convene stakeholder engagement prior to any further action. In addition, I will be traveling to the FAA Western Pacific Region offices to discuss this property, as well as, the entire Guadalupe Gardens matters with the FAA Regional Director.

/s/

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Please contact John Aitken, Director of Aviation, at 392-3610, with any questions.