

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 13, 2014

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Jose (Joe) R. Ramos, Jr., P.E.
City Engineer

Re: TxDOT Hike & Bike Trail Project
Acceptance of Donation from Guadalupe County

In October 2011, the City was awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) grant for a hike and bike trail (project) along Walnut Branch. The project will consist of a concrete path for pedestrian and bicycle traffic from FM 78 to Convent Street. Along this route it will go through the new park to be located on the former Hoermann property and connect to the Walnut Springs Park at Court and Guadalupe Street.

During the design phase, surveys were performed on properties in which acquisition would be necessary. One property identified is the parcel north of Juan Seguin School at the corner of Dolle and Jones Streets. Although, believed to be owned by Seguin Independence School District (SISD), a title search has revealed the property is actually jointly owned by the Guadalupe County and the City (see map).

Since then, Staff has had the opportunity to discuss the project with Guadalupe County and through a collaborative effort, Guadalupe County Commissioners Court approved at their June 3, 2014, meeting to donate their entire two (2) interests of the tract to the City of Seguin for the Hike & Bike Trail Project. Under the City's agreement with TxDOT, the City can accept a donation of property for use as part of this project.

Therefore, Staff recommends acceptance of the property donation from Guadalupe County for the tracts identified as 0.55 acres and 1.01 acres on Dolle Street.

Cc: Rick Cortes
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