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**Title:** Request for approval of a site Master Plan for Remembrance Park facilities located at the three city blocks from Buffalo Bayou and Congress between Fannin Street and San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002, Precinct 1.

**Sponsors:**

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**Attachments:** 1. Revised\_Remembrance Park Master Plan\_2.19.24

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/27/2024	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** County Engineer

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Milton Rahman, PhD., P.E., PMP, CFM, County Engineer

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Discussion Item

**Project ID (if applicable):**20101MF1DW01

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Studio-Avid, LLC.

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):**N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of a site Master Plan for Remembrance Park facilities located at the three city blocks from Buffalo Bayou and Congress between Fannin Street and San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002, Precinct 1.

**Background and Discussion:**

On September 29, 2020 Commissioners Court approved to redevelop Quebedeaux Park as well as the vacant site of the building located at 1117 Franklin St and the area in front of the Family Law Center and renaming it to Remembrance Park.

On June 29, 2021 Commissioners Court approved a request for discussion and possible action to designate Harris County and Harris County Flood Control District property bounded by Congress, San Jacinto and Fannin streets and Buffalo Bayou to be a public green space.

On September 2, 2022 Commissioners Court approved a request to execute an amendment with Studio Avid, LLC. For Professional On-Call Landscape Architecture and related services as may be needed in connection with various projects, Precinct 1.

**Expected Impact:**

The Master Plan of the park envisions the three blocks from Congress Street to the Buffalo Bayou as a unique park and greenspace that will revitalize part of downtown. This park will serve as a catalyst for redevelopment and create a space for work, live and play. This park is also anticipated to bring tourism to Houston and the downtown area and create thriving economic opportunities such a restaurants, shops, etc. The plan envisions a series of reflected spaces for community gathering and learning. The park will also emphasize space for artistic expression and gathering as well as rejuvenation of the waterfront.

**Alternative Options:**

The alternative would be to continue to maintain the various city blocks without potential improvements as proposed by the site Master Plan and expected impact of servicing community and site rejuvenation.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
9/29/2020	22.b.2	Request for discussion and possible action regarding establishing a budget and proceeding to final design on the reimagining of Quebedeaux Park and the incorporation of the Remembrance Project including the old District Attorney’s Building and the Family Law Center sites.
6/29/2021	425	Request to designate Harris County and Harris County Flood Control District property bounded by Congress, San Jacinto and Fannin streets and Buffalo Bayou, including Block 4,13, and 22 of the Southside of Buffalo Bayou (SBBB) Subdivision, to be a public green space be approved.

8/10/2021	15	Recommendation for approval of an Alternative Delivery Method, Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the Construction of the Harris County Remembrance Park and that the Purchasing Agent be Authorized to Issue a Request for Qualifications, Precinct 1.
10/10/2023	404	Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 2 for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Harris County Commissioner Precincts One and Two to allow the block bounded by San Jacinto Street, Commerce Street, Fannin Street, and Buffalo Bayou to become a part of Remembrance Park.

**Location:** 3 city blocks between Congress Street, Franklin and Commerce Street.

Address (if applicable): n/a

Precinct(s): Precinct 1

<b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>				
Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Current Budget</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)</b>				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Additional Budget Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)</b>				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** February 20, 2024

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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**Attachments** (if applicable): Remembrance Park site Master Plan