



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2008
SUBJECT: Jackie Lee Houston Plaza – Design Scope Discussion and Direction
FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager
BY: City Manager

SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATION:

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STAFF ANALYSIS:

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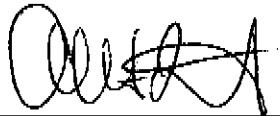
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- 1) Property line fence between condo and parcel.
- 2) Relocate Condo parking lot entrance/security/landscaping.
- 3) Point of entry Plaza/Valet area. (Sense of arrival)
- 4) Sustainable demonstration garden integral to the overall use and landscape.
- 5) Peaceful walking path area for conventioners to get away from crowds.
- 6) Monument signage/Dedication Signage (Houston's)
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- 9) Art in public places.
- 10) Modified street cross-section (To tie existing to new – must deal with drainage issues)
- 11) Lighting/utilities (For 365 day a year operation as well as flexibility for events/exhibits)
- 12) Incorporate existing boulders into design.
- 13) Master planning to ensure what is developed will tie well to both future hotels and pedestrian access to the downtown.
- 14) Inclusion of bicycle parking.
- 15) Provisions for shade.
- 16) Limited VIP and/or parking for disabled
- 17) Must be able to accommodate AOPA parking on Alvarado.
- 18) Small enclosed structure for flexible concession space.



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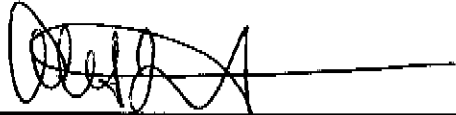
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