



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council Special Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Erik Walsh

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the proposed Sports and Entertainment District in Hemisfair and the surrounding area.

SUMMARY:

This item is a briefing on the conceptual planning and other due diligence underway regarding the opportunity to develop a Sports and Entertainment District in downtown San Antonio. This item is for briefing purposes only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since spring 2023, the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and San Antonio Spurs have had conversations regarding the opportunity to develop a sports and entertainment district in downtown San Antonio. Such a district would be transformational for San Antonio. The proposed Sports and Entertainment District would be anchored by an expansion of the convention center, improvements to the Alamodome, a new event venue for downtown, a convention center hotel, and potentially a new arena for the San Antonio Spurs.

ISSUE:

Staff will brief the Mayor and Council on the conceptual plan, feasibility studies, potential funding sources for the Sports and Entertainment District, and next steps. All of this is necessary to determine the overall feasibility of the proposed Sports and Entertainment District. If the project is deemed feasible or only certain components are deemed feasible, the City will then initiate a community engagement process to include planning and design workshops and public meetings. Additionally, this briefing is the first of many public briefings. As feasibility studies are completed for each project, staff will return to the Mayor and City Council with another public briefing. Staff will return on December 4, 2024, with a briefing on the Convention Center Feasibility.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

To continue ongoing efforts related to the planning and development of a Sports and Entertainment District.