



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1

SUBJECT:

Installation and Donation of Pedestrian Bridges over the San Antonio River in the Pearl District

SUMMARY:

This item will authorize the installation and donation of two pedestrian bridges to provide enhanced public access across the San Antonio River in the Pearl District by Rio Perla Properties, L.P. and Oxbow Real Estate LLC.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Oxbow Real Estate, LLC and Rio Perla Properties L.P. own land adjacent to the San Antonio River Walk in the Pearl District. Oxbow has proposed installing two bridges across the San Antonio River – the Pearl Pedestrian Bridge North and the South Pedestrian Bridge (collectively the “Bridge Project”). The Historic and Design Review Commission of the City of San Antonio has approved the placement and the design of the bridges as an enhancement of the River Walk. The agreement for each bridge would include a temporary right of entry upon public property to accommodate bridge installation and include a pedestrian easement to ensure public access and connections to both sides of the San Antonio River.

After completion, the bridges will become City of San Antonio property. The San Antonio River

Authority is responsible for maintenance with the River Walk Museum reach; however, Oxbow and Rio Perla shall maintain the bridges in good repair for twenty years following completion.

ISSUE:

Rio Perla and Oxbow are seeking to enhance the pedestrian experience in the River Walk Museum Reach by installing two pedestrian bridges and donating the bridges to the City of San Antonio.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may decline to accept the donation of the bridges and direct staff to budget and contract for installation of alternate pedestrian bridges in the River Walk Museum Reach.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As a result of this agreement, the City will receive by donation two pedestrian bridges over the San Antonio River in the River Walk Museum Reach with a collective value of approximately \$2,400,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a donation agreement, pedestrian easement and temporary right of entry for construction with Rio Perla Properties, L.P. and Oxbow Real Estate, LLC to facilitate the installation of pedestrian bridges over the San Antonio River in the Pearl District.