

# City of San Antonio



## AGENDA

### City Council B Session

Council Briefing Room  
100 Military Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**City Hall Complex**

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The City Council will hold its meeting at the above referenced date and time for the following items. Once convened, the City Council will take up the following items in any order during the meeting but no sooner than the designated times.

Once a quorum is established, the City Council shall consider the following

1. Presentation on Arboretum San Antonio including organization profile and mission statement, site selection, master plan overview, tree nursery, and funding. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks and Recreation]

5:00 P.M. – If the Council has not yet adjourned, the presiding officer shall entertain a motion to continue the council meeting, postpone the remaining items to the next council meeting date, or recess and reconvene the meeting at a specified time on the following day.

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## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:**

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**Agenda Item Number:** 1

**Agenda Date:** February 12, 2025

**In Control:** City Council B Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Arboretum San Antonio Briefing and Update

**SUMMARY:**

Arboretum San Antonio staff will provide a briefing and update on the status of the Arboretum San Antonio including organization profile & mission statement, site selection, master plan overview, the tree nursery, and funding.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On September 9, 2021, the founder of Arboretum San Antonio, Henry Cisneros wrote an Op-Ed making a case for an arboretum on the South Side of San Antonio. An arboretum is a specialized park that features trees and other woody plants. It is a living museum for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of all people.

In 2022, Arboretum San Antonio was formed with the vision of a world-class facility housing trees and more for San Antonio and South Texas. This vision is driven by sustainable stewardship; cultural commitment; continuous learning; inclusive community; and engaged partnership. The Arboretum will offer pedestrian and bicycle trails, a nursery to propagate native and climate-

resilient trees, nature-based programming, event spaces, and public art displays. A 188-acre site on the City's southeast side has been identified to serve as the arboretum. The master planning process for Arboretum San Antonio began last year and reflective of community feedback. It is entering its final stages including action plan.

**ISSUE:**

Arboretum San Antonio staff will provide a briefing and update on the status of the Arboretum including organization profile & mission statement, site selection, the master planning process, the tree nursery, and funding.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.