



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2

SUBJECT:

Lease Agreement with Empower House SA for Lockwood-Dignowity Park building in Council District 2

SUMMARY:

Ordinance approving a Lease Agreement with Empower House SA for the Lockwood-Dignowity Park building at 801 N. Olive Street for a term of ten years commencing on May 1, 2024, located in Council District 2.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Empower House SA, formerly Martinez Street Women's Center, has established a community presence over the last 25 years. Since 2013, they have operated successfully and provided community health, educational programming, basic needs services, positive parenting programs, plus nutrition and fitness offerings at Lockwood-Dignowity Park. Empower House's mission is to provide transformative community health services, youth development programs and advocacy opportunities that empower women and girls of color. In 2023, Empower House served approximately 500 youth.

The current agreement expires on April 30, 2024, and a new Lease Agreement is proposed to commence on May 1, 2024, expiring April 30, 2034. In lieu of rent, Empower House will be responsible for the operations, interior maintenance, electrical utilities, and programming inside the Lockwood-Dignowity Park Building.

ISSUE:

Ordinance approving a Lease Agreement with Empower House SA for the Lockwood-Dignowity Park building at 801 N. Olive Street for a term of ten years commencing on May 1, 2024, located in Council District 2. This action is consistent with the adopted SA Parks System Plan by leveraging community partnerships to expand recreational opportunities in the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to approve this action and require the Department to develop and implement the programming, operations, and maintenance inside the Lockwood-Dignowity Park building. This would require the Department to hire additional staff to develop and implement the community programming. Another option would be to issue a solicitation to identify another community partner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. This action results in cost avoidance to the City with the tenant maintaining the building interior and paying utilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to execute a Lease Agreement with Empower House SA located at Lockwood-Dignowity Park in Council District 2.