

ITEM 12



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 15, 2013

Prepared By/Phone Number: Kent Hubbard, 854-6458

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Ron Davis

Agenda Language:

DECLARE CHAIN LINK FENCING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DONATE TO AUSTIN NAACP, A NON-PROFIT CIVIC ORGANIZATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 263.152(A)(4) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Purchasing Recommendation and Comments: Purchasing concurs and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office inmate SWAP program helps to clean up and maintain a historic cemetery in east Austin, Bethany Cemetery. Several areas of the chain link fencing needs to be repaired and replaced. The Sheriff's Office has some surplus chain link fencing at the correctional complex that was to be recycled, but instead it could be used to support this cemetery.

THE AUSTIN TEXAS NAACP

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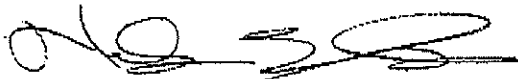
To Whom It May Concern:

There is no higher honor than ensuring that our ancestors are given the proper respect and recognition. Based on that principle and understanding, the Austin NAACP will accept with grace and honor the chain linked fence as a donation from Travis County. We are also committed to working with the City of Austin and County of Travis to ensure that the Bethany Cemetery is kept in a form that treats our ancestors with dignity and respect.

I will be meeting with City of Austin officials as soon as possible to convey our concerns that the proper maintenance and care is given as needed to keep Bethany Cemetery in a humane and respectful condition. We are willing to take the necessary steps as a lead organization in this process.

Please contact me directly at 512-695-6674, if additional information is needed To consummate this agreement.

Sincerely,



Nelson E. Linder
President, Austin NAACP
Chair, African American Resource Advisory Commission

From: Darren Long
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 8:29 AM
To: Cyd Grimes
Subject: Bethany Cemetery donation

Hi Cyd!

I know you are busy, but I have a donation question: Commissioner Ron Davis requested assistance from the Sheriff's Office inmate SWAP program to clean up and maintain a historical cemetery in east Austin. This last weekend we cleaned out debris, mowed, trimmed etc... During the process we noticed several areas of the chain link fencing needs to be repaired and replaced. We have old chain link fencing at our complex that we were going to recycle, but it could be used for this project if we have your permission? Is this something we need to go court on or follow some procedure?

Darren



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