



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Kimberly A. McNeeley, CPRP, Acting Director  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department



**DATE:** January 17, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Update to Council Resolution No. 20171109-046 regarding Major League Soccer Sites

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The purpose of this memo is to provide an update associated with the continued work to explore potential City-owned property options for a Major League Soccer Stadium, potential City-owned property options for Major League Soccer practice/ancillary fields or amenities, and associated community/stakeholder engagement. As you will recall, a preliminary report was provided to the Mayor and City Council on December 14, 2017. This report suggested a total of 8 properties suitable for either a stadium complex or a practice/ancillary field complex. The report also provided a summary of preliminary considerations for each property.

With the release of the report, it is expected that representatives from Precourt Sports Ventures will provide feedback regarding the properties. Once we receive the Precourt Sports Ventures property feedback, City staff will proceed with a more in-depth exploration of consensus properties. *To date, Precourt Sports Ventures has yet provided definitive feedback regarding the viability of any proposed properties named in the December 14, 2017 report.*

City staff want to maintain transparency and efficiency in its property exploration efforts. Without definitive consensus property identification, City staff does not believe it is prudent to launch an in-depth exploration or comprehensive community/stakeholder engagement. In order to adhere to best practices associated with community/stakeholder engagement, City staff require:

- Confirmation of consensus properties from Precourt Sports Ventures
- A minimum of 2 months for engagement activities and analysis

City staff will not produce additional community/stakeholder information or property analysis by the established February 15, 2018 deadline. Upon receipt of the property feedback from Precourt Sports Ventures, City staff will:

- Establish a project completion timeline for community/stakeholder engagement and additional property analysis
- Communicate to the Mayor and City Council the timeline for completing comprehensive community/stakeholder engagement and property analysis
- Produce a final analysis report associated with consensus property

As always, City staff remain available to answer questions or address concerns. Please direct inquiries to me at (512) 974-6722.

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