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San Antonio City Council Approves Historic Guidelines for District on Brooks City-Base

(SAN ANTONIO) – The San Antonio City Council approved an amendment to the Unified Development Code on October 3, 2013 that adds the Brooks City-Base School of Aerospace Medicine (SAM) Historic Guidelines to the existing City of San Antonio Historic Design Guidelines. The district was established in 2002 and consists of 15 buildings that were once home to research, laboratory and administrative functions for the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine. The guidelines detail pre-approved design standards that preserve and enhance the existing style of mid-century modern brick architecture, which will expedite the construction process for future occupants of the buildings. These are the first district-specific guidelines to be presented and approved by the Historic Design Review Commission since adoption of the City’s Historic Design Guidelines in November 2012.

“Brooks City-Base has played an important role in our country’s history. Preserving this rich past while developing a modern mixed-used community is among our top priorities,” said Leo Gomez, president and CEO of Brooks City-Base. “The Brooks City-Base SAM Guidelines will allow us to honor the heritage of the area and continue its rich tradition of offering state-of-the-art facilities.”

The historic area, known as “The Hill,” dates back to 1957 and is one of 27 historic districts currently designated by the City of San Antonio. President John F. Kennedy’s dedication of several of the buildings on November 21, 1963 is widely accepted as his last official act as president, one day before his tragic assassination in Dallas. Brooks City-Base will remember the legacy of President Kennedy at a commemorative event featuring remarks from Mayor Julián Castro and Judge Nelson Wolff on November 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Kennedy Circle.

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About Brooks City-Base

Brooks City-Base is a community of more than 1,200 acres planned for mixed-use development that includes residential, retail, office, and light industrial opportunities. Since its inception, the community has attracted 26 businesses including Nexolon America, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, DPT Laboratories, Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering, Texas A&M-San Antonio Brooks City-Base, VMC, Bridge PTS, Grubb Engineering, the City/County Emergency Operations Center, the Brooks Academy of Science and Engineering Charter School, The Landings at Brooks City-Base apartment community, and a variety of restaurants and retail stores. For more information, visit www.brookscity-base.com.

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