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CITY SELECTS SCOUT PARK FOR BAT TOWER PROJECT

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (8/22/13) – The City Council on Tuesday night selected Scout Park as the future home of a *Temple Terrace Bat Tower*. The vote was unanimous, after council members reviewed three final locations and heard additional public input.

The city will prepare an agreement with the Temple Terrace Preservation Society, which spearheaded the project, to build and maintain the structure. A site plan review and other procedures still must be completed before the tower can be constructed. It is expected to cost about \$65,000, which will be funded through grants and donations.

City Council members completed a review of more than 15 possible locations before narrowing the list to three finalists: Rotary Park, south Riverhills Park, and north Scout Park. Scout Park was selected as the best location because of its distance from homes, proximity to the river and parking availability.

The bat tower has become an enduring symbol of the heritage of Temple Terrace. A bat tower stood on the banks of the Hillsborough River near Florida College from 1924 to 1979, when it burned down. The Temple Terrace Preservation Society has led efforts to replicate the tower with a new structure based on the original design by Dr. Charles Campbell.

(See aerial of Scout Park below.)

