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Memorial City expands north of I 10 with Kirby Ice House, Torchy's Tacos, Mia's Table

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Houston-based real estate development company MetroNational is expanding Memorial City north of Interstate 10 with a mixed-use development on an 18-acre tract at the corner of Gessner and the Katy Freeway, according to a press release.

The new development will feature a number of new restaurant locations, notably a second location for Kirby Ice House. Mia's Table, which already has three locations in Upper Kirby, Shenandoah and Webster, will see its fourth location in the new development, and the explosively popular Austin-based Torchy's Tacos will open its 15th location there.

Kirby Ice House, a patio bar, will span 7,000 square feet and will be designed by Energy Architecture, per the release. It will serve beer, cocktails and wine. With a groundbreaking slated for this summer, it is expected to open in spring 2020. The first Kirby Ice House opened in 2016 at 3333 Eastside St.

Mia's Table — one of Houston restaurateur Johnny Carrabba's concepts — sells burgers, barbecue and "country sides," as well as malts and shakes. It will be 5,830 square feet, while Torchy's Tacos will be 4,550 square feet. Both the restaurants will share a 7,000-square-foot courtyard. The two will break ground this spring and have an expected opening of spring 2020, per the release.

Josh Jacobs and Brooks Shanklin of Dallas-based Edge Realty Partners represented MetroNational in the deal with all three restaurants. Jamie Weaver of the same firm represented Mia's Table and Torchy's Tacos.



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“Our customers have been requesting a Mia’s Table in their Memorial neighborhood for quite some time,” Carrabba said in the release. “We decided on Memorial City because it is such a dynamic location and a natural fit for this family-friendly concept.”

The development will include office buildings and possibly a hotel, as well as the restaurants.

“This master plan exemplifies the health of the West Houston corridor,” Jason Johnson, president of MetroNational, said in the release. “Our company began assembling this 18-acre tract in 2005 as part of our strategic master plan. This major expansion illustrates our continued commitment to developing and redeveloping the 265 acres that comprises Memorial City.”

Cemex SAB de CV, a Mexico-based company, already has a spot at 10100 Katy Freeway. That was the first building on the site, per the release. Other tenants include Chicago Title, David Weekly Homes, Results Physiotherapy and Leibman’s.

Insurance firm McGriff, Seibels & Williams Inc. will move to the 10100 Katy Freeway building this fall from 818 Town & Country Blvd. The firm will occupy 69,448 square feet across two floors. Brad MacDougall of MetroNational represented his firm in that lease, while Lucian Bukowski and William Padon represented the tenant.