

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

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REQUEST: Does the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center recover fees for parking?

RESPONSE:

Parking fees assessed at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center are collected through the pay stations in its parking lot. The Austin Transportation Department services the parking meters and collects the fees on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department. In FY 2016-17, \$185,944 was collected through these parking meters.

As of FY 2018-19, revenue from all Parks and Recreation parking meters will be accounted for in the Parks and Recreation Parking Fund. This fund will provide for operating expenses (ex. meter maintenance) and capital expenses (ex. meter replacement, resurfacing) associated with the department's parking areas. The Parks and Recreation Parking Fund may be found in the FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget on page 443.

Regarding the construction on Rainey Street near the MACC, the property owner of 70 Rainey Street is using 64 Rainey Street for construction staging and will design and construct right-of-way improvements across the northern portion of the land. Once the construction at 70 Rainey Street is complete, 64 Rainey Street will be acquired as parkland. The Office of Real Estate Services is currently managing the lease agreement for 64 Rainey Street, but the fees will be remitted to the Parks and Recreation Department for the development of the park. These fees amounted to \$400,000 for the initial term of the contract (July 20, 2016-July 20, 2018) and \$185,220 for a lease extension (July 21, 2018-April 20, 2019). Construction workers who park in the MACC parking lot pay for parking through the MACC's parking meters, and the MACC has opened overflow parking for its staff during the construction period.