

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

Public Works**Item No. 29****RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase approximately 6.997 acres in fee simple located at 1000 Rundberg Lane from Kenny Dryden, Trustee, using November 2006 Bond Proposition 3 funds in the amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Funding for a North Austin Recreation Center was included in the November 2006 Bond Election. City Council approval is requested to acquire a 6.997 acre tract bounded by Rutland Drive (north), Rundberg Lane (south) and Mearns Meadow Boulevard (west) for the new facility. The land is across Rutland Drive from Quail Creek Neighborhood Park. Although the City already owns the Quail Creek Parkland, it was not selected for the recreation center because it contains a large detention pond and the remaining acreage is insufficient for the new facility.

This property is the site recommended by the North Austin Community Association (NACA) for the new recreation center and is located in a rapidly growing residential area. The site is vacant, undeveloped land, with Little Walnut Creek traversing the northeastern boundary. The land will accommodate an 18,000 square foot recreation center with parking and other amenities. Funding to begin the design of the center is proposed for Fiscal Year 2008.

The purchase price of \$750,000 is the current fair market value as determined by an independent appraisal.