A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA



Thursday, August 23, 2007

Parks and Recreation **Item No. 10**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance rejecting the 1985 proposed dedication of public right-of-way and accepting a dedication of approximately .63 acres of additional parkland easements and alternate right-of-way access and parking facilities for the Walnut Creek Greenbelt located at the mouth of Walnut Creek at the Colorado River adjacent to Delwau Lane approximately ½ mile east of US 183.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

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In 1985 parkland currently known as the Walnut Creek Greenbelt was dedicated to the city by deed and a street deed was executed in favor of the City to provide access to the Greenbelt.

The Walnut Creek Greenbelt tract is located east of Highway 183 at the mouth of the creek on the Colorado River. It is one of many tracts that eventually will provide a continuous public trail between the Colorado River and north Austin. Public access to the Greenbelt is planned to be from Delwau Lane. Today, Delwau Lane does not extend to the Greenbelt but the street right of way provides for a future connection.

Driveway Austin currently proposes to develop the site adjacent to the Greenbelt to provide an automobile track, a meandering off-road track and related facilities in connection with a driving academy. Driveway Austin has approached the City concerning the location of the 1985 dedicated right-of-way access to the Greenbelt. The dedicated street access has not been physically constructed and currently does not provide access to the Greenbelt. The dedicated street access is in a configuration that significantly interferes with the proposed layout of the facilities proposed to be constructed by Driveway Austin.

Driveway Austin is proposing to dedicate a permanent Greenbelt access and parking easement and construct that access and surface parking in a location that is more advantageous both to Driveway Austin's proposed development and to the operation of the Greenbelt by the Parks and Recreation Department. A depiction of the proposed configuration of the new Greenbelt access and parking is attached. The Parks and Recreation Department desires to resolve all access issues to the Greenbelt and recommends the acceptance of dedication of the new right-of-way easement. Driveway Austin is also proposing to dedicate two additional parkland easements totaling approximately .3 acres, which will facilitate better trail access and usage. A depiction of the additional parkland easements is also attached.

In accordance with this recommendation the attached ordinance formally rejects the 1985 offer of dedication and accepts the dedication of the new access easement and the additional parkland easements.