

AGENDA



Thursday, March 5, 2009

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

Subject: Approve a resolution approving the alignment of the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake as a preliminary concept for purposes of beginning the planning and design phase of the project.

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

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Prior Council Action: March 27, 2008 Council approved the professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering (Carter-Burgess) for planning, design, construction administration and warranty period services for the Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake project in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00

The Parks & Recreation Department (PARD) is seeking City Council approval for a preliminary concept for the proposed Boardwalk which will close the 1.2 mile gap in the Trail at Lady Bird Lake along the south shore. Since there is no trail between the American-Statesman tract and Lakeshore Boulevard, trail users detour over to the sidewalk on Riverside Drive. In March 2009, City Council authorized a design contract for a Boardwalk trail near or on the lake. The preliminary concept meets the essential design standards of 14' width to allow for two-way multi-modal use, and a gentle ADA-accessible slope. The alignment has been placed on land wherever the City owns the property, wherever topography allows, or private owners allow a public trail. Otherwise, the trail is to be placed on an above-the-water boardwalk platform set 20-30 feet away from private shorelines.

The Parks Board, on January 27, 2009 recommended to Council that the Boardwalk should be completed, but a specific alignment was not recommended.

On February 12, 2009 Council received a briefing on the proposed Boardwalk.