

AGENDA



Thursday, April 2, 2009

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 61**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution authorizing the permanent use of approximately 6,824 SF (0.157 acre) for right-of-way and approximately 2,832 SF (0.065 acre) for a temporary staging area to allow for the construction of a new bridge over Bull Creek for the Lakewood Drive Low Water Crossing at Bull Creek Project through dedicated parkland known as the Bull Creek Park in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

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.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department is proposing to construct a new bridge over Bull Creek in order to upgrade the existing Lakewood Drive vehicle crossing on the bed of the creek. The project will require the permanent use of 6,824 square feet and 2,832 square feet for a temporary staging area on parkland known as Bull Creek Park. This will make it safer to cross the creek for vehicles, bikes and pedestrians and will also eliminate the existing contamination of the creek water from the vehicles that now drive into the water. The bike and pedestrian walkway will be separated from the vehicle lane by a 9-inch high curb.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation and will be included as part of the site restoration process.