Thursday, April 30, 2009

## Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Austin Independent School District (A.I.S.D) for the use of Butler Softball Fields.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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This Interlocal Agreement will establish a contract between the Austin Independent School District (A.I.S.D.) and the City of Austin for the use of the Butler Softball Fields 1 and 2. This collaboration will provide sports activities for the community and continue cooperative efforts to maintain and enhance the Facility.

In return for the use of the facility A.I.S.D. will agree to provide year round maintenance and payment for all water and electricity use metered and billed to the Facility.

AISD UIL girl's fast pitch teams benefit from regular and scheduled use of Butler Fields. The City shall make the Facility available to the District for girl's fast pitch games and tournaments from February 1st to the last day of May each year according to a mutually agreed upon schedule for the Term of the Agreement.

During 2007 AISD provided financial assistance of over \$500,000 to install irrigation, field lighting and other improvements within the Facility, thereby increasing the Facility's value to both the District and the City.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit in any way the power of the City to use, alter, or improve the Facility pursuant to official action by the City's governing body.

From the date of execution, the Interlocal Agreement with A.I.S.D and the City of Austin will allow for the use of Butler Fields 1 and 2 for a period of ten (10) years renewable for a second ten (10) year period upon consent of staff.