

AGENDA



Thursday, May 14, 2009

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 40**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 30,865 square feet (0.71 acre) for a temporary staging area and material storage site use for construction of a reclaimed water main for the Red River to UT Transmission Main Project through dedicated parkland known as the Hancock Golf Course, 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. (Suggested date and time: June 11, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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 that 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 Austin Water Utility is proposing to use a portion of the Hancock Golf Course for construction staging purposes. The area to be used is a triangular tract of land approximately 30,865 square feet bounded by 38th Street, 38 ½ Street and Red River and does not have improvements currently on it. The park will be used as a staging area for thirteen months.

All disturbed land will be restored and revegetated to existing or better conditions. Mitigation for this staging area will be improvements to the Hancock trail, billing credits for water consumption, and preparation for future reclaimed water service to Hancock Golf Course.

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". Austin Water Utility is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation, will be included as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are May 17, 24 & 31, 2009.