

AGENDA



Thursday, May 21, 2009

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 21**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department's application for up to \$500,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Outdoor Urban Recreation grant to improve facilities and resources at Gustavo (Gus) L. Garcia Park.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The City will match 100 % of all granted funds. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department to meet matching requirements.

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

For More Information: Angela Means, 974-6712

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department(PARD) is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Outdoor Urban Recreation grant program. In order to apply for this grant, TPWD requires that the City Council approve this resolution acknowledging their awareness and approval of PARD's application prior to submittal.

By this action the City Council will authorize PARD to file a grant application for \$500,000 with the TPWD for this Outdoor Urban Recreation Grant. The City will match 100% of all granted funds.

If granted, funding will be used to improve Gustavo (Gus) L. Garcia Park in the City of Austin, Travis County for use as a park. Gustavo (Gus) L. Garcia Park is dedicated for public park and recreation purposes in perpetuity.

The authorized official to represent and act for the City in dealing with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department concerning this program shall be Sara Hensley, Director of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

A copy of the grant application will be submitted to the Capital Area Council of Governments Texas Review and Comments System (TRACS) before submission to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

All Department grant applications requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.