

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Parks and Recreation  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 50**

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**Subject:** Authorize the negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement with C3 Presents L.L.C. to provide for reimbursement of the City's cost of approximately \$2,500,000 to improve Zilker Park, including an improved irrigation system, underground conduit for communication lines, and grass turf.

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

**For More Information:** Stuart Strong, 974-9451

**Prior Council Action:** October 16, 2008- Council approved the contract for the purchase and planting of sod. November 6, 2008 – Council approved a construction contract for the site grading and irrigation system at Zilker Park.

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C3 Presents L.L.C., which conducts the annual Austin City Limits festival in Zilker Park, will reimburse the City for the cost of renovating the irrigation system and grass turf in the 42 acre festival site. In the summer of 2008, C3 Presents L.L.C. requested that the City implement the grounds improvements and committed to paying \$2.5 million for the project costs.

In October 2008, Council approved a contract to purchase grass sod, in November 2008 Council approved a construction contract, and the renovations began in January 2009. Currently, the 42 acre site has been graded to smooth irregularities in the contour, and grass sod has been installed. The irrigation system has been installed and connected to non-potable water drawn from Lady Bird Lake. In several key areas of the 42 acre festival site, the park improvements include four-inch diameter conduit placed underground in order to avoid the aboveground runs of communications lines on the ground and between poles and trees that past events have required.

The new turf will be allowed to grow a healthy root system before the public is invited to use the park again in late August. The 2009 Austin City Limits festival will occur in October.

Authorization is requested to negotiate and execute a Park Improvement Agreement stipulating that C3 Presents L.L.C. will make five annual payments to the City, each in an amount not less than \$500,000, for the irrigation and turf, as well as the possibility of future donations for other park improvements.