Thursday, December 10, 2009

Solid Waste Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 37

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a one year co-sponsorship agreement with Keep Austin Beautiful, Inc. for Educational, Clean-up, and Beautification Services in the amount of \$213,000 with optional annual renewals for up to ten years in the amount specified in the City's annual budget.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$213,000 is available in the Solid Waste Services Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Fund.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission on

December 9, 2009.

Prior Council Action: In 2008, City Council approved negotiation and execution of an agreement with

KAB.

The City of Austin and Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB) have been partners for over 20 years, working to clean, beautify and protect the Austin environment. The City has supported the efforts of KAB by contracting with KAB for little control throughout Austin with their container program and assisting their clean-up campaign through the Solid Waste Services Department, Anti-litter Program.

In 2007, The City identified the arrangement with KAB as one that requires documentation. In 2008, City Council approved negotiation and execution of an agreement with KAB, at the time the agreement under negotiation provided for a partnership with KAB through the funding of two City employees. Negotiations between KAB and the City have continued, and the two parties have agreed that the best course of action is to fund the good works of KAB directly through a co-sponsorship agreement.

The proposed co-sponsorship agreement continues this partnership by delineating the roles and responsibilities of the City and KAB. The total cost to the City for FY 2009-2010 is \$213,000. KAB will implement programs focused on clean-up, recycling and public education regarding waste management, waste reduction, recycling and resource conservation, provide the City with an annual activity report and an annual accounting report.

The agreement becomes effective upon execution by all parties for a term of one year with annual renewal options for up to ten years.