

AGENDA



Thursday, June 10, 2010

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 14**

Subject: Authorize negotiation of a 20 year agreement with Young Men's Christian Association dba YMCA of Austin, a Texas non-profit corporation, for the development and operation of a recreation center located at 1000 West Rundberg Lane, Austin, Texas, for public use in an amount not to exceed \$8,600,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: \$1,794,987 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for future appropriation is contingent upon approval in future budgets and will come from funds approved in Proposition 3 of the 2006 Bond Program.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Prior Council Action: July 26, 2007, Council approved a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of a contract to purchase the property using November 2006 Bond Proposition 3 funds. May 22, 2008, Council approved authorization negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with STUDIO 8 ARCHITECTS, INC. for preliminary, design, construction phase and post-construction phase services of the North Austin Recreation Center building in an amount not to exceed \$680,000

On November 7, 2006, Austin voters approved 7 propositions authorizing \$567.4 million of General Obligation Bond-funded capital improvement projects and programs. Among those propositions, Proposition 3 included \$8.9 million for a north Austin recreation center. Council authorized the purchase of 6.997 acres at 1000 West Rundberg Lane for the project in July 2007.

In March 2009, the YMCA of Austin approached the City of Austin about partnering on this project. After discussions with the neighborhood association, community members, and the 2006 Bond Oversight Committee, staff are prepared to negotiate an agreement based upon the following principles:

The YMCA will construct a recreation center that will be a minimum of 30,000 square feet, and will include an indoor pool. City will contribute approximately \$8.6 million towards construction of the facility. Portions of the building will be open to non-members and can be used for be used for public meetings and other public programming such as senior programs, afterschool, computer classes and game room activities. These programs would be staffed by YMCA staff.

The project must meet City of Austin's requirements for new buildings including LEED, procurement, prevailing wage, and Art in Public Places.

The city will negotiate an agreement that will result in a measureable public benefit including accessible quality programs for all participants regardless of income level or membership status.

The YMCA of Austin responds to critical social needs by drawing on its strength as one of the largest not-for-profit community service organizations in Austin. The YMCA of Austin currently serves nearly 80,000 children and adults of all ages, races, faiths, backgrounds abilities and incomes. This includes more than 40,000 members at eight branches in Travis and Hays Counties. In 2009, the YMCA served an additional 30,000 adults and children through programs such as afterschool child care, summer day camp, youth sports, swim lessons, senior and family enrichment programs. Furthermore, in 2009, the YMCA provided more than \$1.7 million in financial assistance to more than 30,000 deserving individuals so that they could participate in YMCA programs regardless of their financial circumstance.