

AGENDA



Thursday, October 14, 2010

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 20**

Subject: Authorize execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement between the City of Austin and Core Health Foundation, a Texas non-profit corporation ("Core"), under which Core will fund and construct an ADA accessible pier adjacent to Waller Beach at Lady Bird Johnson Lake, and construct related erosion control infrastructure improvements, for a term beginning on October 22, 2010, and terminating on January 31, 2017.

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

For More Information: Chris Yanez, 974-9455; April Thedford 974-6716

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

Core Health Foundation approached the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) about constructing an ADA accessible fishing pier on City park property adjacent to Waller Beach at Lady Bird Lake. Core has retained architect David Bessent, who presented the proposal to the Navigation Committee of the PARD Board in April of 2010. The Navigation Committee recommended the project with additional input. Presentations were also made to the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, the Downtown Commission and the adjacent Holiday Inn, and the PARD Board.

Core will be solely responsible for raising all funds for the project and for paying for the planning, design and construction of: a) the pier; b) related erosion control infrastructure, and c) an extension and re-route of a portion of the Hike and Bike Trail during construction. The City will own the improvements, which will be open to the public. Core must raise all necessary funds and begin construction by July 1, 2016. The project will not require any variances or approvals from Boards or Commissions. City has the right to review and approve the plans, specifications, construction schedule and construction documents prior to the start of construction. City staff shall help Core in coordinating the City permit process.

A copy of the agreement is attached.