

AGENDA



Thursday, December 9, 2010

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement, Maintenance and Amendment to Use Agreement with the Austin Y. M. B. L. Sunshine Camp d/b/a The Young Men's Business League of Austin for the construction, use and operation of the existing facility in Zilker Park which is used to support the Austin Sunshine Camp over-night summer camp and year-round leadership programs for underprivileged children.

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

For More Information: Ricardo Soliz, 974-9452; April Thedford, 974-6716

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

Prior Council Action: May 6, 1971 – Council approved a Use Agreement between Y.M.B.L. and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Agreement will allow the Young Men's Business League (Y.M.B.L.) to increase the square footage of its existing building located at 2225 Andrew Zilker Road by adding a second story. The 7,000 sq. ft. addition will not increase the impervious cover in the park or the area currently used by Y.M.B.L. The City of Austin is obligated under the Agreement to continue to provide free access to several Zilker area facilities, park maintenance in the area and an annual utility allowance. The Agreement continues to require Y.M.B.L. to be responsible for building maintenance.

Established in 1928, the Sunshine Camp has benefited the citizens of Austin for over 80 years. The programs provide enrichment opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth (age 7 through 18) of Central Texas. Organizers work with the children during their signature summer camp programs and year round academic programs to help develop the tools necessary to overcome the variety of difficulties the youth face in their day-to-day lives. The camp serves an average of 1,000 children per year.

The relationship between Y.M.B.L. and the Parks & Recreation Department is unique in that the camp's facilities existed prior to the City of Austin purchasing the 365 acre park in 1932. Therefore, the parkland was acquired subject to this use. The current use agreement between the Y.M.B.L. and the City was entered into on May 6, 1971. This Agreement will modify the term of the current use agreement by allowing an initial 50 year term, and allow Y.M.B.L. one option to extend the initial term for an additional 50 years.