

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 12314 Agenda Number 58.

Meeting Date: 1/26/2012 Department: Office of Real Estate Services

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 2,027 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the existing electric transmission lines for the Seaholm District Redevelopment and the new Central Library Project through dedicated parkland known as Town Lake Shoal Beach and the Shoal Creek Greenbelt, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time, February 9, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by the requester.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

Austin Energy is proposing to relocate the existing electric transmission line located within Seaholm through the parkland to serve the Seaholm District Redevelopment and the new Central Library.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". Austin Energy is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are January 15, 22, and 29, 2012.