

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

16218

Agenda Number

38.

Meeting Date:

6/28/2012

Department:

Parks and Recreation

## Subject

Approve a resolution adopting a revised public process for the review and consideration of new proposed uses for parkland that has no adopted master plan; has no identified use in an adopted park master plan; or for which the proposed uses may be inconsistent with an adopted park master plan.

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

Council approved Resolution No. 20120405-52 on April 5, 2012.

For More Information:

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Boards and  
Commission Action:

To be reviewed by the Parks &amp; Recreation Board on June 26, 2012.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

## Additional Backup Information

The Parks and Recreation Department staff prepared the following recommendations to be considered by the City Council as a response to Resolution # 20120405-052 passed on April 5, 2012. The following recommendations address a public process that would be followed with new amenities added to existing parks that 1) do not have an adopted master plan; 2) that have no identified use in an adopted park master plan; 3) the use may be inconsistent with an adopted park master plan. Furthermore, the recommendations include those improvements that would be considered "Normal Park Operations" and would be under the discretion of the Director or their designee.

The implementation of a park amenity in a park without a park concept or master plan that has no identified use in an adopted park concept or master plan or is inconsistent with an adopted park concept or master plan shall be considered by the Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation for those improvements that meet at least ONE of the following criteria:

- A. Requires a significant amount of added parking to the park;
- B. Requires an adjustment to the existing maintenance plan, operation or program budget for the park; or
- C. Park improvement is greater than \$55,000.

Those improvements considered normal park operations should be under the discretion of the Director or her designee. These include:

1. Maintenance: Required maintenance of park and building facilities for continued park operations.
2. Health and Safety: Temporary or permanent closure of a park, building facilities or trail due to health and safety concerns.  
*A notification Memo will be sent to the Parks and Recreation Board and/ or City Council.*
3. Park Furnishing: Implementation of park furnishings including sidewalks, drinking fountains, benches, picnic facilities.
4. Special Event or Rental: Temporary closure of a park due to a special event or rental of the park.
5. Implementation of park amenities consistent with a park concept or master plan.  
*Park concept plan/ and master plans are developed through a planning process that includes collaboration with neighborhood stakeholders to identify desired park uses. Staff will also review other adopted or recognized plans for consistency with the proposed park amenity.*