

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	20657	Agenda Number	17.
Meeting Date:	12/13/2012	Department:	Parks and Recreation	
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) in which WAYA will improve and maintain City-owned ball field facilities and provide youth recreation programs at Lamar Beach in Town Lake Metropolitan Park, 1200 West Cesar Chavez Street, in exchange for priority use of these City-owned ball fields and utility charges for 25 years.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
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				

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) and the West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) have historically partnered to provide youth sports to Austin residents up to age 19. WAYA has proposed a major field renovation to include three full size Little League baseball fields and one smaller youth field centered around a building that will house a press box overlooking each field and one master concession stand and bathrooms on the ground floor located at Lamar Beach in Town Lake Metropolitan Park, 1200 West Cesar Chavez Street. Additional renovations will include a playscape area, improved parking, batting cages and pitching practice area built into or around the ballfield renovations.

The basic terms and conditions of this 25-year agreement are as follows:

- WAYA will renovate the athletic complex at Lamar Beach, including improvements to the fields, construction of a new press box, and construction of a concession stand. Renovations will be at WAYA's expense and subject to PARD oversight and approval.
- WAYA will comply with the requirements of City Code Section 8-1-83 (Athletic Field Use Agreement on Public Fields), except the term shall be for 25 years.
- WAYA will provide youth sports opportunities to predominantly Austin residents up to age 19 for the term of the agreement.
- WAYA will maintain the fields at Lamar Beach that are part of this agreement.
- The City will allow WAYA priority use of the fields, except Williams Field, at Lamar Beach in order to provide youth recreation programming for the term of the agreement.
- The City will pay utility charges up to a maximum amount per-field, per-year as allowed under City Code Section 8-1-83.

The public purpose and benefits include the offering of youth sports programs that could not otherwise be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, the benefit of newly renovated fields at no cost to the City, the maintenance of fields over the term of the agreement at no cost to the City, and newly-constructed sports complex amenities that will enhance the participant and public experience.

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to work cooperatively with WAYA, the surrounding community, and the Austin Transportation Department to coordinate this effort in conjunction with the proposed extension of Pressler Road.