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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	29126	Agenda Number	33.
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Meeting Date:	12/12/2013	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve the final design of the Auditorium Shores Improvement Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing
Language:Prior Council
Action:

June 6, 2013 – City Council approved Ordinance No. 20130606-025 amending chapter 3-4 of the City Code relating to off-leash dog areas to move the portion available at Auditorium Shores; June 6, 2013 – City Council approved Ordinance No. 20130606-026 authorizing a Parkland Improvement Agreement with the Austin Parks Foundation and C3 Presents, L.L.C. to make Town Lake Metropolitan Park Improvements; and amending the PARD Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) and the PARD Capital Budget (Ordinance No 20120910-002) to accept, transfer and appropriate funds for the Auditorium Shores Improvements project; June 6, 2013 – City Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with The Broussard Group, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the Auditorium Shores Improvement project in an amount of \$400,000.

For More
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Boards and
Commission
Action:

December 10, 2013 – To be considered by the Parks and Recreation Board; November 20, 2013 – Presentation to the Urban Forestry Board; October 15, 2013 - Presentation to the Bicycle Advisory Council.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The Auditorium Shores Improvement Project (“Project”) includes renovations to park space; enhanced recreation opportunities including a newly designed and developed off-leash area; realignment of the trail; an irrigation improvements; and new turfgrass for the lawn and remaining landscape and shoreline areas of Auditorium Shores.

PARD staff held three public meetings about the Project. Much of the feedback received from the public focused primarily on the proposed off-leash area design and designation zones as diagramed in the back-up materials. The

meetings were held on the following dates:

Public Meeting # 1 - 07/10/13

Public Meeting # 2 - 09/28/13

Public Meeting # 3 - 10/08/13

This design presented to City Council includes some modifications to the proposed off-leash area based on feedback received during the public engagement process. The results of this public engagement process can be seen at the project website:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/auditorium-shores-improvements>

The implementation of the Project will be phased. Construction of the Middle Lawn section of the Auditorium Shores Improvement project is currently underway and consists of the initial phase of irrigation improvements. The Event Lawn phase is scheduled to start in January 2014. Construction of remaining portions is pending approval of the final design. To maintain the construction schedule, the City must approve a final design by January 1, 2014.