

CIP BUDGET Expense Detail

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

1/23/14
Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Authorize the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to convert city owned land located at 4700 Winnebago Lane, managed by Austin Resource Recovery, to dedicated parkland. The property is approximately 9.41 acres of land out of Lot 1, Block E of the Missouri-Pacific Industrial Park, Section One, A Subdivision situated in Travis County, Texas from Austin Resource Recovery.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name:	Land Acquisition - Winnebago Lane
Project Authorization:	2013-2014 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	2006 GO Bond
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8603 8607 6568
Current Budget	225,000
Unencumbered Balance	225,000
This Action	(225,000)
Estimated Available	<u>0</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

One of the top priorities identified in the Parks and Recreation Department's (PARC) Long Range Plan is acquiring/developing Dog Parks throughout the City. PARC proposes to develop an Off Leash Park (OLA) on a portion of the 9.4 acre property along Winnebago Road to meet this need. The southeast portion of the city contains one of the highest densities in the city with more multi-family residential developments being planned in the future.

The Winnebago Lane is a 9.4 acre property surrounded by industrial uses and is less than 2 miles from the East Riverside Corridor. The property is under the responsibility of Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) and they no longer see a viable use for the property. ARR has agreed to accept an internal department transfer from PARC for the amount of \$225,000 as compensation.

The closest neighborhood which backs up to the property is the Kensington Neighborhood. PARC has had conversations with the neighborhood and they are supportive of the proposed OLA. The neighborhood representatives would like to be involved in the design of the OLA to ensure that appropriate buffers and fencing are included in the project.

Amenities for the park may include a fenced in off-leash area, parking facility, a perimeter trail, benches, and a pet friendly drinking fountain.

