

Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)

| Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting | Item ID: | 34259 | Agenda Number | 44. |
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Meeting Date: August 7, 2014

Department: Office of Real Estate Services

Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple a tract of land totaling approximately 4.999 acres in Travis County, Texas, located at 500 East Powell Lane, from Federico A. Vierna, for a total amount not to exceed \$800,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Parks & Recreation Department.

| Fiscal Note | | | | |
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| A fiscal note is attached. | | | | |
| Purchasing Language: | | | | |
| Prior Council Action: | November 19, 2009 – Council approved Resolution No. 20091119-068 adopting policy goals for urban parks. | | | |
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| Boards and Commission Action: | | | | |
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| Related Items: | | | | |
| Additional Backup Information | | | | |

In 2009, the Austin City Council passed Resolution No. 20091119-068 with a goal that all residents living in the urban core will live within a one-quarter mile walking distance of a publicly-accessible park. This goal was later adopted in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. In 2012, voters approved \$4 million in parkland acquisition and development to begin to accomplish this goal. The proposed five-acre acquisition will provide public parkland in a park deficient area with a high population density.

The Parks & Recreation Department will fund this proposed acquisition through parkland dedication funds and 2012 Bond Funds. The purchase price of \$800,000 is the current fair market value as determined by an independent third-party appraiser.