

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 37763 Agenda Number 109.

Meeting Date: 11/20/2014 Department: Office of Real Estate Services

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider the permanent use of approximately 17,424 square feet of land and temporary working space use of approximately 17,424 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of a roadway for the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative Project, through dedicated parkland known as Colony Park in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time, December 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration, will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	
Action:	
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For More	Recreation Department, (512) 974-9458; Junie Plummer, Office of Real Estate Services,
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	Glasscock, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-7173.
Boards and	December 9, 2014 – To be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board.
Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Public Works Department is proposing the extension of Colony Loop and Colony Park Drive by approximately 100 linear feet each for the roadway extension. The project provides pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular and transit connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods, including Austin Colony Park neighborhood.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The Public Works Department will require the consultant to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the *Austin American-Statesman* are November 16, 23, and 30, 2014.