

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	39024	Agenda Number	<ITEM_OUTLINE>
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Meeting Date:	2/26/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Authorize execution of an amendment to the August 2013 Parkland Improvement and Use Agreement with the West Austin Youth Association regarding Lamar Beach and Town Lake Metropolitan Park.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	August 7, 2014 – City Council directed the City Manager to negotiate modifications to the existing Agreement with West Austin Youth Association; December 13, 2012 – City Council authorized negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement and Land Use agreement with the West Austin Youth Association (WAYA).
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board on February 24, 2015.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On December 13, 2012, the Austin City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a parkland improvement and use agreement with the West Austin Youth Association (WAYA). The improvements included major field renovations to three full-size Little League baseball fields and one smaller youth sports field. The major terms of the agreement are:

- The term of the agreement is 25 years with one 10-year extension.
- WAYA will complete the renovations and improvements within six years of the effective date of the agreement (August 1, 2013).
- 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 (Williams Field is designated for public use only), 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.

Subsequently, on August 7, 2014, the City Council approved Resolution No. 20140807-114 that directed the City Manager to enter into negotiations with the West Austin Youth Association to modify its existing contract to:

- Extend the agreement to a term of 50 years;
- Provide an extension option of 25 years;
- Allow 10 years to construct improvements after the completion of the Lamar Beach Metro Park master planning process and the opening of the Pressler Road extension; and
- Negotiate a mutual parking and controlled access agreement to provide adequate parking areas during WAYA's scheduled programming to meet the needs of its participants.

Moreover, the City Council directed the City Manager to present the recommended contract amendment to the Parks and Recreation Board and bring the amended agreement to the Council for its consideration.

City staff has developed an amendment to the aforementioned agreement that includes all of the requested changes contained in the resolution, with the exception of the mutual parking and controlled access agreement. Negotiations for a parking agreement to provide adequate parking to WAYA participants, as directed by the August 2014 Resolution, will begin after the master planning is complete. Once negotiations are complete, that agreement will be brought to Council for approval.

The City Council's approval of the proposed contract amendments will allow WAYA to develop its plans for the parkland improvements.