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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

59159

Agenda Number

37.

Meeting Date:

6/23/2016

Department:

Parks and Recreation

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Austin Metro Baseball League for parkland use at Downs-Mabson Fields located at 2816 East 12th Street (District 1).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Council Committee,
Boards and
Commission Action:

May 24, 2016 – Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board 6-0 with Board Member Alter and Cofer off the dais, and Members Donovan, Vane and Wimberly absent.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Austin Metro Baseball League have historically partnered to provide adult baseball to Austin residents age 18 years and older and currently have an agreement that is scheduled to expire on October 30, 2016.

Downs-Mabson Fields have historic significance to both the City of Austin and the African-American Community. As such, there is a community and shared Department desire to provide public access to this space to celebrate its historic and cultural significance.

In order to continue to provide adult baseball to Austin residents while providing community access to the site, the basic terms and conditions of the agreement are as follows:

- Establish an initial three-(3) year contract term with 2 two-year extension options for a total of seven years with both Austin Metro Baseball League
- Establish facility operations and maintenance roles and responsibilities for Austin Metro Baseball

League

- Create an equitable practice and game schedule to appropriately meet the needs of Austin Metro Baseball League
- Establish proportionate utility fees commensurate with usage for Austin Metro Baseball League
- Require Austin Metro Baseball League to set aside dates in the season calendar for scheduled community use of the facility in support of community, historical and cultural activities

The public benefit of the agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Austin Metro Baseball League is to provide adult programming that could not otherwise be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, while maintaining community access.

By requiring public access dates, the public will now have the opportunity to host activities in honor of the fields' historic and cultural significance in a space not previously accessible. All benefits will be provided at no or minimal cost to the public.