



RECOMMENDATION

Bicycle Advisory Council

Recommendation Number 20170321-04A: New Mountain Bike Trails in Central Austin

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) is to advise the City of Austin, and other jurisdictions, on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle;

WHEREAS,

1. there are currently very limited Mountain Bike trails suitable for beginner and intermediate level mountain bikers, both youth and adult, in the core of the City,
2. there is demand from many cycling groups and organizations such as Boneshaker (which works with youth around the city, including in the Montopolis and South Austin Rec Centers), and the City's own mountain bike program at Camacho Recreation Center;
3. Mountain bike trails are low-cost improvements for parks and greenbelts that benefit from a strong group of volunteers to help with building and maintenance;
4. Illicit activity will be discouraged due to increased usage and presence of mountain bikers, hikers, and runners in the areas with new trails;
5. Imagine Austin and the Community Health Improvement Plan encourage healthy built environments by the creation of more opportunities for physical activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council supports the efforts of Austin Ridge Riders and partners to develop more beginner Mountain Bike trails in or near the core/central east Austin (including but not necessarily limited to Country Club Creek greenbelt, Roy Guerrero Park, and along the Southern Walnut Creek trail) and asks the Parks and Recreation Department to expedite such projects in collaboration with any other City department or program.

Date of Approval: March 21, 2017

Record of the vote: Unanimously approved 8-0, with David Orr absent

Attest:

Sophia Benner, Chair of the BAC