

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Parks and Recreation Board

Recommendation Number: (20170523-002) Develop Pocket Park Policies & Guidelines that Support

Neighborhood Uses

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains parks of differing sizes, including Metro Parks, District Parks, Neighborhood Parks and Pocket Parks; and

WHEREAS, Pocket Parks serve and important purpose for neighborhoods and are popular places for neighbors to walk to and to gather at; and

WHEREAS, Pocket Parks, including Sparky Park, may have structures suitable for hosting events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board encourages the Parks and Recreation Department to develop policies and guidelines that support neighborhood uses for and development of new pocket parks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board encourages the Parks and Recreation Department to coordinate pocket park building standards such that permitting and building processes may be more efficient, cost-effective and sensible.

Date of Approval: May 23, 2017

Record of the vote:

Approve by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 7-0 with Chair Rivera absent.

Vera Labriola, Staff Liaison