



BOARD RECOMMENDATION

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Recommendation Number: (20180522-004): Recommending Additional Bond Funding to Preserve and Enhance Austin's Aquatic Facilities

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has adopted an Aquatic Master Plan to preserve and enhance Austin's swimming pools and aquatic facilities;

WHEREAS, the current 2018 City of Austin bond proposal includes \$33 million for Aquatic facilities. The current priorities for this funding are:

- \$13 Million for Colony Park District Park Pool – New Construction
- \$6 Million for Givens – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$4 Million for Mabel Davis – Major Renovation and Upgrade of Existing Pool
- \$10 Million for renovations and upgrades to existing facilities;

WHEREAS, facilities identified on the 2014 Aquatic Assessment Critical Pool list, for which the department cannot properly address renovations and upgrades, are likely have a failure within the expected funding period for the 2018 Bond. In the event of certain pool failures, closures may be required. As there would only be a remainder of \$10 million to allocate, PARD would have to determine the most significant and cost-effective renovations first. The pools that have been determined to be in greatest danger of failing, are as follows:

- \$3.7 Million Civitan – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$3.5 Million Gillis – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$5.2 Million Montopolis – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$8.7 Million Northwest – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool;

WHEREAS, a \$60 million in bond funding would fund replacement of all pools remaining on the Critical Pool list, in addition to Mabel Davis Pool and while still adding a new facility at Colony Park District Park. The following is an outline of a \$60 million proposal:

- \$13 Million for Colony Park District Park Pool – New Construction
- \$6 Million for Givens – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$10 million for Mabel Davis – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$3.7 Million Civitan – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$3.5 Million Gillis – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$5.2 Million Montopolis – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$8.7 Million Northwest – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool

- \$9.7 Million for renovation and upgrades to existing facilities. (The \$9.7 million may include but is not limited to upgrades for pools such as Dick Nichols Pool- District 8, Garrison-District 5, Dove Springs-District 2, Kennemer- District 4, Murchison-District 10. Renovations and upgrades may include items such as shade structure installation, bathroom renovations, decking repair, filtration system upgrades, sanitation upgrades, etc.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD:

THAT the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the Austin City Council adequately fund Aquatic Facilities in the 2018 bond proposal such that no Austin swimming pool is closed or decommissioned;

THAT the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the Austin City Council allocate at least \$60 million in bond funding to Aquatic Facilities to ensure that no critical pool fails and is decommissioned or closed. And that such funding be dedicated to the critical pools identified as:

- \$13 Million for Colony Park District Park Pool – New Construction
- \$6 Million for Givens – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
- \$10 million for Mabel Davis – Complete Replacement of Existing Pool
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Date of Approval:

Record of the vote:

Attest: _____
Vera Labriola, Staff Liaison