

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 13, 2018

Item Number: **097**

Public Hearing and Possible Action

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution for use of dedicated parkland, known as Quail Creek Neighborhood Park, for approximately 69,970 square feet of permanent storm water detention pond and 20,083 square feet for a temporary staging area, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and expand the existing drainage pond for the Little Walnut Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project, in accordance with Section 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

District(s) Affected: District 4

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department
Fiscal Note	All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by the Watershed Protection Department.
For More Information	Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director, 512-974-9455; Thuan Nguyen, Project Manager, Public Works Department, 512-974-3513; David Trujillo, Engineer, Watershed Protection Department, 512-974-3496; Gregory Montes, Park Development Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, 512-974-9458; Vera Labriola, Business Process Specialist, 512-974-6716
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	October 23, 2018 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board 6-0.

Additional Backup Information:

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land and that all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to such land.

The property located at 1101 Mearns Meadow Blvd serves a double function as the Mearns Meadow storm water detention pond and the Quail Creek Neighborhood Park. In order for the Watershed Protection Department to undertake the Little Walnut Creek Flood Risk Reduction project that will reduce flood risk to over 70 homes, the Mearns Meadow storm water detention pond must be expanded.

Approximately 20,083 square feet of parkland will be temporarily used (for 1095 days) for staging and storage of construction materials and approximately 69,970 square feet of additional drainage easement will be used for the pond expansion.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The Watershed Protection Department will provide improvements to the park totaling \$207,962 (including a new concrete trail and ADA sidewalk and a granite hike and bike trail), will pay all costs associated with the restoration, and pay Parks and Recreation Department mitigation in the amount of \$88,188 as part of this project.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are November 18, November 25, and December 2, 2018.