

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 33

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$18,000 in grant funds from the National Recreation and Parks Association; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance 20090914-002 to appropriate \$18,000 for the installation of adaptive equipment for boaters on Lady Bird Lake.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$18,000 is available from the National Recreation and Parks Association. No city match is required. The grant period will be January 1, 2010 through December 1, 2010

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) through a partnership with the United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Division provides funding for this grant. The focus of the grant is to promote physical activity of injured service members in local communities.

The grant of \$18,000 will allow the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) to install two lifts that facilitate the boarding of canoes, kayaks, and other vessels by physically disabled individuals. The installation of these Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) lifts on Lady Bird Lake will increase the accessibility and physical activities for Austins park users with physical disabilities.

All department grant applications are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.