Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 44

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas School of Nursing (UT) under which UT student nurses will offer free health information presentations to the public at certain Parks and Recreation Department facilities, for a one year term beginning on September 1, 2010, with options to renew for up to four additional 12-month terms.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) and the University of Texas School of Nursing wish to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with an initial term of one (1) year with four (4) 12-month renewal options. The agreement will not obligate either City or UT to provide funds.

Student nurses from UT will offer certain health education classes to the public at a PARD facility (Senior Activity Center, Lamar). Students will be supervised during the programs by members of the UT nursing faculty. PARD will appoint a person to serve as a liaison to UT with regard to this program.

The presentations will be part of the students' educational experience. UT will assign only those students who have satisfactorily completed those portions of the University of Texas School of Nursing curriculum that are prerequisite to program participation, and will designate a member of the faculty to coordinate educational experiences of students participating in the program.

The students will lead free classes, at times mutually agreed upon, on various topics including: diabetes education, healthy eating habits, heart disease prevention and fall prevention. In addition to these classes, the students will also administer free blood pressure checks for participants under the supervision of UT nursing faculty.