

AGENDA



Thursday, November 18, 2010

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 26

Subject: Approve a resolution for the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Department's "Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities, and Programs" which is a guide for future growth and development of Austin's parks and recreation system and follows the requirements of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department master plan documents for parks and recreation agencies grant applications.

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

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Prior Council Action: March 12, 1998 – Council approved Long Range Plan for Land and Facilities.

The Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities, and Programs (LRP) was developed by the Parks and Recreation Department staff using demographic information, surveys, trends and standards for parks and in collaboration with multiple neighborhood representatives, non-profit groups, public entities, and interested citizens on the future of the park system. Information was collected from ten public meetings held throughout the city starting in December 2007 through April 2009.

The LRP is a guide for future growth and development of Austin's parks and recreation system and is an update to the 1998 Long Range Plan for Land and Facilities. The LRP responds to citizens needs for parks, park trails, programs, and preservation of environmental and ecologically sensitive areas. The plan also includes departmental park standards, best management practices, and the national standards set by NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association). The recommendation chapter in the LRP (Chapter 10) lists the most significant projects, or initiatives, within the City's planning areas. Please note that there are smaller renovation Capital Improvement Projects that are tied to the 2006 Bond Program that may not be reflected in this document.

The 419 page plan can be found at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/longrangeplan.htm> .