



MEMORANDUM

TO: Waller Creek Local Government Corporation

FROM: Sara L. Hensley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation

DATE: February 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program

Item 6 on the 2/11/2015 meeting agenda of the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation (LGC) seeks authorization from the LGC for the Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) to apply for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program on behalf of the Waller Creek District. If this item is approved by the LGC, PAR will move forward with the attached Request for Council Action (RCA) to seek authorization from City Council and create a formal Resolution speaking to that authority as required by TPWD.

If this item is approved by both the LGC and City Council, PAR will work collaboratively with the Waller Creek Conservancy to complete the grant application and submit to TPWD by the 3/31/2015 due date.

The Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program is available to cities and counties with populations over 500,000 for the acquisition and development of parkland. The typical timeframe of the grant is 3 years with an approximate start date of October 1, 2015 to align with the City's annual budget process, although the actual start date of the grant is contingent upon TPWD review and award. The application would seek the maximum grant funding at \$1,000,000 with a required City match of \$1,000,000. The City match is currently identified as funding from the 2012 G.O. Bond Program under Proposition 14 for Parks and specific to the Waller Creek District.

Leveraging of this \$1,000,000 grant funding from TPWD with other City funding sources and private funding from the Waller Creek Conservancy will help complete an early phase of improvements within the Waller Creek District. The specific set of amenities to be funded under this grant funding will be selected collaboratively with the Waller Creek Conservancy to meet the criteria of the TPWD grant.

As required by TPWD, PAR will administer the grant on behalf of the Waller Creek Conservancy providing all reimbursement requests and quarterly reporting requirements. PAR has been successful in receiving and implementing grant funding from TPWD on past projects

including work at Auditorium Shores Trailhead, Gus Garcia District Park Phase 2 Improvements, and most recently with the grant award for Colony District Park Phase 1 Improvements.

If you have specific questions regarding the grant application process, please contact Elizabeth Richard, Grants Coordinator; (512) 974-6790; elizabeth.richard@austintexas.gov or Terry Jungman, Business Process Consultant; (512) 974-9479; terry.jungman@austintexas.gov.

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