

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 54061 Agenda Number 39.

Meeting Date: 2/4/2016 Department: Parks and Recreation

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider the temporary use of approximately 1,870 square feet of indoor space within the Turner Roberts Recreation Center, located on dedicated parkland known as Colony District Park, 7201 Colony Loop Drive, Austin, Texas 78724, for the purpose of providing temporary health clinic services to the surrounding community, in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time, February 25, 2016, 4:00 pm at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street.)

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	January 26, 2016- Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 10-0 with Board Member Wimberly absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

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 the project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the land.

The Colony Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines document was informed by an exiting condition report, market assessment and analysis, and extensive community stakeholder input. The master plan identified a need for health clinic services in the Colony Park community. City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20141211-120 on December 11, 2014, affirming its commitment to implementing the Colony Park Master Plan.

The Health and Human Services Department, Neighborhood Housing Department, and CommUnity Care propose the temporary usage of 1,870 square feet of indoor facility space at Turner Roberts Recreation Center, located at Colony District Park, 7201 Colony Loop Drive, Austin, Texas 78724, on the first Monday of every month from 8:00am to 5:00pm, for a temporary period to begin March 7, 2016 and end February 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing health clinic services to the Colony Park community. The need and usage of this space will be assessed every five years.

The City will require the temporary health services to be consistent with established healthcare standards recognized by City of Austin Health and Human Services Department, and CommUnity Care will pay all costs associated with the delivery of health services. Community members will receive these services free or at a highly reduced rate based upon federally-established income qualifications.

The Parks and Recreation Department supports the use because there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize impact to existing PARD recreation programs and services. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are January 31, 2016; February 7, 2016; and February 14, 2016.