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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	59160	Agenda Number	38.
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Meeting Date:	6/23/2016	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City and Huston-Tillotson University for parkland use at Downs-Mabson Fields located at 2816 East 12th Street (District 1).

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:	May 24, 2016 – Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on a 6-0 vote with Board Members Alter and Cofer off the dais and Members Donovan, Vane, and Wimberly absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Parks and Recreation Department and Huston-Tillotson University have historically partnered to host National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics baseball games and currently have an agreement that is scheduled to expire on October 30, 2016.

Downs-Mabson Fields have historic significance to both the City of Austin and the African-American Community. As such, there is a community and shared Department desire to provide public access to this space to celebrate its historic and cultural significance.

In order to continue to host collegiate baseball games, while providing community access to the site, the basic terms and conditions of the agreement are as follows:

- Establish a three-(3) year contract term with 2 two-year extension options for a total of seven years with Huston Tillotson University

- Establish facility operations and maintenance roles and responsibilities for Huston-Tillotson University
- Create an equitable practice and game schedule to appropriately meet the needs of Huston-Tillotson University
- Establish proportionate utility fees commensurate with usage for Huston-Tillotson University
- Require Huston-Tillotson University to set aside dates in the season calendar for scheduled community use of the facility in support of community, historical and cultural activities

The public benefit of the agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and Huston-Tillotson University is to honor the historical partnership with the university and provide affordable National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics baseball games for public enjoyment.

By requiring public access dates, the public will now have the opportunity to host activities in honor of the fields' historic and cultural significance in a space not previously accessible. All benefits will be provided at no or minimal cost to the public.