

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 7, 2017

Item Number: 099

Public Hearing and Possible Action

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution for a permanent use of dedicated parkland, known as Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park, for Animal Services to occupy and operate the future Town Lake Animal Center (TLAC) site at 1156 West Cesar Chavez, Austin, Texas, in accordance with Section 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Related to Item #33).

District(s) Affected: District 9

Lead Department	Office of Real Estate Services.
Fiscal Note	There is no fiscal impact.
For More Information	Lauraine Rizer, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-7078; Megan Herron, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-5649; Lee Ann Shenefiel, (512) 978-0521.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	October 24, 2017 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Luca abstaining and Board Member Casias off the dais (Recommendation No. 20171024-004).

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.

On December 8, 2016 the City Council adopted the Lamar Beach Metro Park Master Plan. The planning process began in August 2015 and was completed in March 2016. Focus group meetings and three public workshops were conducted with numerous stakeholders, including Austin Independent School District (AISD), Austin High School, West Austin Youth Association (WAYA), Austin Pets Alive (APA), YMCA, and the Old West Austin Neighborhood to receive feedback. The master plan process determined a mutually agreed location for an animal services center. The proposed location for the animal services center will result in a more efficient use of parkland. The approved master plan will serve as a guide for the future development of Lamar Beach to maximize its benefit for the general public and the organizations that rely on the park.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are November 12, 19 and 26, 2017