



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1846, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

5/20/2021

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a park operations and maintenance agreement with Pease Park Conservancy for the operation, maintenance, and programming for certain portions of the Pease District Park.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$36,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget. Funding for the agreement is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

March 12, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200312-041 on Council Member Tovo's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Harper-Madison was absent.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 27, 2021 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a 9-0 vote with Vice Chair Farasat and Board Member Morgan absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The City and Pease Park Conservancy (Conservancy) have agreed that the public benefits at Pease District Park would be substantially enhanced through the improvements of the Park in accordance with a previously developed Pease District Park Vision Plan approved by City Council on October 16, 2014.

Pease Park Conservancy has led fundraising and development in the park consistent with the vision plan and captured in the May 6, 2019 executed Parkland Improvement Donation Agreement.

Council approved Resolution No. 20200312-041 on March 12, 2020 which directed the City Manager to work with nonprofit partners that have established relationships with the Parks and Recreation Department, including but not limited to The Trail Foundation and the Pease Park Conservancy, to create opportunities for partnership agreements that benefit the community, and to outline roles and responsibilities between those groups and the Department.

Initially, the Conservancy will be responsible for the daily maintenance of seven acres of the 84-acre Pease District Park, including trash pick-up, mowing, and daily servicing of public amenities. The Conservancy will also provide free family activities, nature-based programming for all-ages, and additional recreational opportunities including programming with the Lamar Senior Center as well as managing rentals within Kingsbury Commons such as the picnic tables, Historic Tudor Cottage and the Tree House. The Conservancy

is committed to providing low cost and free programming and events every year. Access to trails and improvement areas will remain open to the public during special events. All earned revenue from special events and rentals will be utilized to directly benefit the park via operations, maintenance, programming or park improvements. The City's responsibilities within the agreement are to provide funding for baseline services provided prior to the redevelopment, trail maintenance and waste/recycling hauling.

Designated City staff will also participate in a joint advisory committee with members of the Conservancy to ensure annual plans and deliverables are being implemented successfully and the agreement terms and deliverables are being met.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Culture and Lifelong Learning; Government that Works for All.