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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

12147

Agenda Number

30.

Meeting Date:

1/12/2012

Department:

Parks and Recreation

Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement between the City of Austin and Zilker Theatre Productions, a Texas non-profit corporation, for the donation of architectural and engineering services to the City and management of the procurement and construction of improvements to the Zilker Hillside Theater in Zilker Park, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$175,000 is available in the Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing
Language:**

**Prior Council
Action:**

**For More
Information:**

Brian Block, 974-6777; Ricardo Soliz, 974-9452; April Thedford 974-6716

**Boards and
Commission
Action:**

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Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

One of the priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department is to make the most efficient use of public funds as possible by leveraging resources for the parks system through the donation of private resources. The non-profit Zilker Theatre Productions proposes to design, engineer and construct an expansion to the stage of the Zilker Hillside Theater. Zilker Theatre Productions will provide design, engineering and construction of the improvement. The Parks and Recreation Department supports this proposal and will contribute \$175,000 towards the project.

The Parks and Recreation Department would be entering into this partnership in order to complete the project which is valued at approximately \$275,000. The project scope will include significantly expanding the stage which will provide back stage space that currently does not exist. Through donated architecture and engineering, and below market value construction costs, Zilker Theatre Productions proposes to bring public benefit to the Zilker Hillside Theater that is significantly greater than the \$175,000 in public funding required for the project. The project will enhance all of the productions that take place at the theater by providing backstage space for stage designs, props and storage, and the improvement lays the groundwork for the future addition of restrooms and indoor storage.

The project implementation requires Zilker Theatre Productions to follow all City of Austin ordinances and other rules and regulations regarding permits, approvals and procurement related to construction of improvements, as well as those of any other governmental entity having jurisdiction, all in the same manner that the City would be required to comply with if the City was carrying out the project.