

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 14019 Agenda Number 93.

Meeting Date: 4/5/2012 Department: Parks and Recreation

Subject

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with Section 26.001 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and consider a resolution permitting the temporary use of the property located at 2200 South Lakeshore Boulevard, which is a part of dedicated parkland known as Town Lake Metropolitan Park, as a youth hostel.

Amount and Source of Funding

All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration, will be paid by Hostelling International – Austin.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing				
Language:				
Prior Council	March 1, 2012 – Council adopted Resolution No. 20120301-050			
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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 March 1, 2012 Council directed staff to proceed with a Chapter 26 hearing to consider the temporary use of parkland located at 2200 South Lakeshore Boulevard for a youth hostel.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland, and all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands has occurred. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are March 11, 18 and 25, 2012.