

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	26281	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	8/22/2013	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Texas Facilities Commission for the City to accept custodial possession of the Juneteenth Memorial Monument to be displayed on the East grounds of the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street, Austin Texas for a term of 99 years. The estimated project budget for construction is \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Juneteenth Memorial Monument is owned by the State of Texas and is currently in the possession and control of the Texas Facilities Commission who, at the request of the Honorable Sylvester Turner, State Representative and director of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC), will cede custodianship of the Monument to the City for a period of 99 years. Upon Council approval and execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Facilities Commission and City, the Juneteenth Monument will be installed on the East (hillside) grounds of the City's George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center as a fitting tribute and proper display of the monuments. Further, at the request of TLBC, the City will share responsibility for the ongoing care and protection of the monuments and memorial grounds with the Austin Chapter of the Links Incorporated, a local non-profit organization through a separate agreement.

The Juneteenth Memorial Monument was created by the former Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and

Historical Commission in 2005. The monument is comprised of five greater than life size bronze statues artistically named the Farmer, the Daughter, the Woman, the Preacher and the Lawmaker, collectively valued at approximately \$1M.

Austin Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City accept custodianship of the Juneteenth Memorial Monument, as they will serve as a proud and valuable addition to the Carver Museum whose signature and permanent exhibit is on the history of Juneteenth. The City fully embraces and actively celebrates the historical significance of Juneteenth, an annual holiday celebration that commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when Texas finally received news from the Union soldiers that the war had ended and news of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation declaring slavery had officially ended in the United States on January 1, 1863.