

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	29739	Agenda Number	31.
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Meeting Date:	1/23/2014	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Authorize the conversion of City-owned land located at 4700 Winnebago Lane, managed by Austin Resource Recovery, to dedicated parkland and the execution of an instrument evidencing the conversion of the property to parkland for recordation in the official public records of Travis County, Texas. The property is approximately 9.41 acres of land out of Lot 1, Block E of the Missouri-Pacific Industrial Park, Section One, a subdivision situated in Travis County, Texas, acquired from Austin Resource Recovery.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

One of the top priorities identified in the Parks and Recreation Department’s (PAR) Long Range Plan is acquiring/developing dog parks throughout the City. PAR proposes to develop an off leash area (OLA) on a portion of the approximately 9.4 acre property along Winnebago Road to meet this need. The southeast portion of the city contains one of the highest densities in the city with more multi-family residential developments being planned in the future.

The Winnebago Lane property is an approximately 9.4 acre property surrounded by industrial uses and is less than 2 miles from the East Riverside Corridor. The property is under the responsibility of Austin Resource Recovery (ARR), which no longer sees a viable use for the property. ARR has agreed to accept an internal department transfer to PAR for the amount of \$225,000 in compensation.

The closest neighborhood which backs up to the property is the Kensington Neighborhood. PARD has had conversations with the neighborhood, and the neighborhood is supportive of the proposed OLA. The neighborhood representatives would like to be involved in the design of the OLA to ensure that appropriate buffers and fencing are included in the project. Amenities for the park may include a fenced in off-leash area, parking facility, a perimeter trail, benches, and a pet friendly drinking fountain.