

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	30861	<b>Agenda Number</b>	73.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	2/27/2014	<b>Department:</b>	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing regarding an agreement with the Radisson Hotel for the construction and operation of a restaurant deck and public terrace on parkland at Butler Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park adjacent to and directly behind the hotel. Related to Item # 15.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
<b>For More Information:</b>	Ricardo Soliz, (512) 974-6765
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	October 22, 2013 – Unanimously recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 5-0.
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

Additional Backup Information

The Radisson Hotel proposes to construct and operate a restaurant deck and public terrace on parkland at Butler Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park adjacent to and directly behind the hotel and adjacent to the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail. The restaurant deck would be used as part of the hotel’s restaurant.

The new deck and public terrace will be located in the same area as the wooden observation deck (1993 – 2013). The wooden deck was approximately 1,125 square feet.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) recommends this proposal because it provides an opportunity for the public to enjoy the deck and dining experience along Lady Bird Lake and provides for maintenance of the parkland. Furthermore, PARD, recommends that the following items, at a minimum, be included in the agreement:

- Radisson Hotel constructs, maintains and operates a deck of approximately 2,720 sq.ft.;
- Radisson Hotel maintains adjacent parkland;
- Radisson Hotel will operate and manage restaurant service in a manner that welcomes and encourages use by park patrons;
- A portion of the deck, approximately 320 sq. ft., would not include commercial activity and would be used solely for public use; and
- Radisson Hotel agrees to pay the current fair market value of the rental compensation (as determined by an independent third party appraiser), which may include revenue sharing.