

CITY OF AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Parks and Recreation Board
Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin Parkland
Improvement and Land Use Agreement and
Recommendation for Fee Waiver**

February 24, 2015



Background

- Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin has worked cooperatively with PARD for over 25 years to offer youth programs at the 7 multipurpose fields at Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park.



Background (cont'd.)

- Lonestar has identified needed improvements to the multipurpose fields that would be funded through donations that the Lonestar Soccer Club has obtained from various individuals;
- Proposed improvements to fields at Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park include, but are not limited to:
 - Installation of a new irrigation system at various fields;
 - Leveling of fields;
 - Installation of limestone boulders along parking lots and roadways to prohibit vehicular access; and
 - Installation of new sod.
- Estimated value of proposed improvements is \$200,000.

Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin Services

In this agreement, Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin shall:

- Be responsible, at its sole cost, for the design, permitting, bidding and construction of the improvements;
- Install and construct all improvements within the park in accordance with a predetermined time line and according to the plans, specifications, site plan and construction documents, which will be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the start of construction;
- Hire licensed and insured construction professionals, including but not limited to designer, architect, contractor, etc. that meet the minimum City standards and that are approved in advance by the City;

Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin Services (cont'd.)

In this agreement, Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin shall:

- Provide year-round maintenance of the fields in accordance with the City fields maintenance standards and shall assume the utility costs (approximately \$75,000 annually);
- Designate Field 1 for public use only at all times; and
- Provide recreational opportunities to Austin's youth.

City of Austin Services

In this agreement, the City to:

- Allow Lonestar priority use of the fields, except Field 1 (designated for public use only), in exchange for its improvements and maintenance of all 7 multipurpose fields.
- Waive the fees (approximately \$97,000 annually) for Lonestar to use multipurpose fields during the season for the term of the agreement;
- Participate in the construction of improvements through reviews, inspections and acceptance of projects;
- Exercise its rights or duties in order to protect persons, property and the public interest in the park; and
- Provide general supervision of fields when the public is utilizing the park for practices, games, tournaments or other sports-related activities.

Agreement Terms and Conditions

Term:



- Initial – 5 Years
- Two additional 5-year terms
- Possible 15-year contract

Monitoring:

- City will conduct random inspections to ensure all provisions of the contract are being met.
- City will appoint a contract manager, who will be serve as single point of contact for the agreement.

Requested Board Action

Recommendation:

Staff requests that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to the City Council the authorization of the negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement and Land Use Agreement between the City of Austin and the Lonestar Soccer Club of Austin and the approval of the associated fee waiver.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

THANK YOU!

