

Committee Agenda Item Referral

Item Description

Council Member or Executive Sponsor:

Mayor and Council

Description:

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 50-year license agreement with DECKER LAKE GOLF, LLC to provide funding, design, development, management, and maintenance services for a golf course at Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park.

Actions taken to date:

Council voted to send this item to the Economic Opportunity and Open Space Committees at the March 5, 2015 meeting.

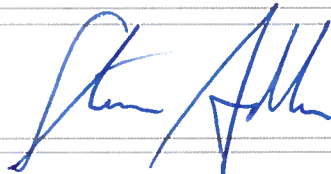
NOTES:

It is encouraged that these committees hear this item so as to inform a Council discussion of the issues before the end of April. Among other identified issues, the Committees should consider the following.

- Economic Opportunity Committee should address:
 - Our economic opportunity policies, and coordinating efforts of multiple development opportunities in this desired development zone of the east Austin area.
 - Consider the appropriate focus to give economic development activity in this part of town, and whether this project is such an activity.
 - Is there a better use of this parkland to spur economic development than this use now, and if so what is it and when?
 - Should there be new master planning of the entire park (and its surroundings) with an eye to economic development?
- Open Space Committee should address:
 - Whether the proposed use is an appropriate use of parkland.
 - Does it run afoul of the legal provisions against alienation?
 - Whether there should be a new master plan for the entire park.
 - Whether the proposed golf course is the best way to leverage this parkland for community development.
- Public Utility Committee should address:
 - Concerns of water and energy as this proposed project relates to Decker Lake as a part of Austin's water supply system.
 - Runoff into that lake from golf course operations.
 - Impact of using Trinity aquifer water.

Council Committee Assigned: **Economic Opportunity, Open Space, Public Utility**

Mayor Signature & Date:



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