

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49454	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	9/17/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to accept grant funds in the amount of \$499,500 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Boating Access Grant Program and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20140908-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$499,500 from the Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for Walsh Boat Landing.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$499,500 is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Funding for the grant match in the amount of \$166,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	October 3, 2013 - Resolution No. 20131003-015 authorized the grant application as required by the Grantor.
For More Information:	Angela Means, 512-974-6712; Marty Stump, 512-974-9460.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In late 2011, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) began the process of assessing the existing conditions of the Walsh Boat Landing park site. Preliminary observations conducted by PARD staff identified numerous opportunities to improve the park site. Assets identified for capital reinvestment include the deteriorating bulkheads and docks, the lack of boating amenities, and the lack of pedestrian circulation or movement associated with accessibility to the boat ramps. PARD recognizes the importance of the unique opportunities this facility provides in serving the community and enhancing PARD's inventory of existing recreational facilities.

The Walsh Boat Landing is an approximately 4-acre park segmented into two areas: 1) a 2.3 acre wooded area along the shore of Lake Austin consisting of two concrete boat ramps, dock structures, concrete and wood bulkhead features, picnic tables, outdoor grills, a restroom facility, and shoreline fishing access; and 2) an associated 1.7 acre parking lot east of Scenic Drive. The parking lot is not part of the currently planned scope of work. The 2.3 acre site is characterized by the topography and extensive shade canopy provided by numerous large oak trees. The surrounding community also utilizes the grounds as a park and there is a parking area for cars and boat trailers located across Scenic Drive, southeast of the park. The proposed improvements to Walsh Boat Landing can be found within the Central West Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan, which was adopted by City Council on September 23, 2010, and included within PARD's long-range goal of providing boating access to Lake Austin for the community.

PARD is proposing improvements to Walsh Boat Landing, a 2.3 acre site that consists of the redevelopment of bulkheads and docks, the installation of fish processing station(s), the resurfacing and slight modification to the boat ramp access road, construction of an accessible parking space, and improvements to sidewalks for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. The proposed improvements will comply with the goals and objectives of the Central West Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan in addition to enhancing the shoreline in accordance with Watershed Protection Department recommendations and best practices for riparian restoration.