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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	54147	Agenda Number	20.
Meeting Date:	2/4/2016			Department:	Parks and Recreation
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District to identify, develop and maintain 5 pocket parks on existing school sites to address current park access service gaps.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	December 3, 2015 - Recommended by the City Council’s Open Space, Environmental and Sustainability Committee				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>In 2009, Council passed Resolution No. 20090514-036 directing the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) to research how publically accessible parks and open space could be provided within a ¼ mile (urban core) and ½ mile (outside urban core) walking distance of all Austin residents. In September 2012, staff reported back to Council with a series of recommendations as to how these goals might be achieved. One strategy included in the staff report was for city staff to work closely with Austin Independent School District (AISD) to leverage opportunities for the development of pocket parks on existing school campuses that provide recreation benefits for children and families during the school day. This strategy is supported by the 2011 Urban Parks Workgroup Report that recommends the city “partner with AISD to transform underutilized public school yards into enhanced, multi-use outdoor resources for the children and community.”</p> <p>Once the five school sites are identified, PARD will return to Council to seek authorization to execute an Inter-local Agreement to facilitate the development, management and maintenance of these new park facilities.</p> <p>Staff made a presentation before the Open Space, Environmental and Sustainability Committee (OSES) on December</p>					

3, 2015 meeting on moving forward with these negotiations with AISD. The committee unanimously supported staff moving forward.