

# Concessions and Contracts Committee Briefing

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**Proposed Maintenance and Facility Use Agreements  
between the City of Austin and  
the Austin Metro Baseball League and  
Huston-Tillotson University**



# Downs Mabson Complex – Downs Field Agreement Presentation Overview

- Purpose of Agreement
- Current Status
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- Major Elements
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# Agreement Purpose and Status

## Mission/Purpose

- Negotiate and execute an agreement with Huston-Tillotson University (HT) for university programming
- Negotiate and execute an agreement with Austin Metro Baseball League (AMBL) to provide adult programs at Downs Field

## Current Status

- Agreement with HT is in its second amendment which expires 10/30/16.
- Agreement with AMBL is in its second amendment which expires 10/30/16.
- Partners are currently in good standing

# Back Ground/History of Field

- **1914** – Field donated to Samuel Huston College named for Rev. Karl Downs, President of Samuel Huston College
- **1920's** - Samuel Huston College began playing baseball at the Rev. Karl Downs site
- **1920's** – Home of the Austin Black Senators, a semi-professional black counterpart to the White Austin Senators Baseball Team
- **1938** – Original site sold to Austin Public Schools and converted into football stadium for Anderson High School
- **1949** – City of Austin built Downs Mabson baseball field on Springdale & 12<sup>th</sup> St.
- **1954** – City of Austin relocated Downs Mabson baseball field to current location
- **1988** – AMLB began playing at Downs Mabson
- **2015** - Recorded as a Historic Texas Landmark



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# Agreement Goals and Objectives

- The City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department seeks to continue its partnership with HT to provide National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Baseball.
- The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department seeks to continue its partnership with AMBL to provide recreational Baseball to the citizens of Austin.
- The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department seeks to provide opportunities for community access.

# Agreement Elements

- Propose a three-year contract term with 2 two-year extension options for a total of seven years with both HT and AMBL
- HT and AMBL Partner Responsibilities:
  - Operations and Maintenance of Facility
  - Creating practice and game schedules and managing the program
  - Utility Costs
- Ensure community access
  - BOTH HT and AMBL will be required to set aside dates in their use calendars that allow for community members to schedule use of the facility to support community activities

# Next Steps

- Finalize draft agreements for HT and AMBL
- Return to Concessions and Contracts Committee (for recommendation) – March 2016
- Parks and Recreation Board (for recommendation) – March 2016
- Austin City Council – April 2016

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