



Recommendation
June 22

PARKLAND EVENTS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation Number: 20160419-E1: Policy changes regarding alternative park use locations, and new public and private venues that may be able to accommodate special events.

WHEREAS, the Parkland Events Task Force (PETF) provided an interim report of its progress, status, and remaining work to the City Council Open Space, Environment and Sustainability Committee on 24 February 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City is beginning work on preparing a budget for Fiscal Year 2017 and has other time-sensitive activities underway; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space, Environment and Sustainability Committee requested that the PETF provide input to the City Council about any interim recommendations that would require funds to be budgeted for Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the PETF includes identifying opportunities for new public and private venues to accommodate events; and

WHEREAS, the PETF also was directed to determine whether fees for park use are covering the cost of services provided for events and wear on the parkland, but the reporting of revenue and expenses within and among the City departments is lacking detail, accuracy, and completeness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PETF interim recommendations suggest the City Council direct the City Manager to:

- In the Request for Proposals for creating a new Master Plan for Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park, include in the scope of work for the Master Plan evaluation of using Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park as an alternative event venue for hosting large special events; and
- Include funds in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for studying the feasibility, requirements, and estimated costs for developing the existing publicly-owned land at Bolm Road and the Johnny Trevino Metropolitan Park as alternative event venues that can accommodate large special events in addition to providing new public park space for the growing Austin population; and
- In Fiscal Year 2017 conduct a thorough financial and operational fee study to determine whether fees charged for hosting special events in public places are appropriate for

covering the cost of city-provided services and short-term and long-term maintenance of the public property and infrastructure used for the event.

Date of Approval: _____April 19, 2016_____

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 14-0 vote


Attest: _____

City Staff Liaison to Task Force