

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	72882	Agenda Number	10.
Meeting Date:	8/10/2017	Department:	Parks and Recreation	
Subject				
Approve adoption of the Aquatic Master Plan as developed by Parks and Recreation Department.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	August 20, 2015 – Council authorized award, negotiation, and execution of contract with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., RFT No. TVN0054, to provide consulting services to develop a master plan for aquatic facilities.			
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	July 25, 2017--Parks and Recreation Board made no recommendation on the substance of the Aquatic Master Plan and recommended creating and Aquatics Master Plan working group. Approved on an 8-0 vote with Board Member Casias and Farasat absent.			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

The construction of aquatic facilities in Austin began in the early 1930s and these facilities were intended to operate for approximately fifty years. Standard operating lifespan of a pool facility is nationally recognized as 25 years. Today, most facilities are either approaching, or have exceeded their forecasted operating life span. A strategic assessment of the aquatic facilities was completed in late 2014 that focused on inspection and evaluation of current conditions and touched upon recommendations for renovation and redevelopment of the aquatic system. One result of the Aquatic Assessment was the identification of seven failing pool facilities. Based on the results of the assessment, it is necessary to expand on the findings by developing a master plan for the aquatic facilities citywide.

The master plan is focused on currently operating aquatic facilities. The master plan recognizes facility management opportunities and develops recommendations on the current, expanded or reduced aquatic facility system. The recommendations are based on developing a sustainable and equitable system. In addition recommendations also consider demographic social needs, infrastructure, accessibility, environmental concerns, operational and regulatory considerations such as aquatic health codes, program fiscal efficiencies, and national best practices.

The development of a Master Plan with the historical and cultural qualities of the existing facilities, providing an opportunity to address the City's aquatic program from a fiscal, geographical, environmental, and recreational perspective has been a priority for Parks and Recreation Department.