

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Joint Sustainability Committee

Recommendation Number: (20180822-04B)

FY2019 Budget Recommendations

Date: August 22, 2018

Subject: Parks recycling recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2019 City of Austin budget

Motioned By: Commissioner Lackey Seconded By: Vice Chair White

Recommendation

The Joint Sustainability Committee (JSC) is charged with helping implement the goals, policies and actions in the Austin Community Climate Plan (ACCP). The annual city budget is an opportunity to invest in these policies and actions. The JSC works with City staff on requesting updates from appropriate City Departments and other Boards/Commissions on the ACCP actions they are pursuing, as well as evaluating new goals and actions for future ACCP updates and budget recommendations.

The Joint Sustainability Committee endorses as a priority in the FY19 budget, such funding as is necessary to ensure that recycling facilities are fully implemented and accessible in all Parks Facilities by the end of FY 2020.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Joint Sustainability Committee understands the Parks Recycling Task Force recommendations are still pending final review by its appointing Boards. The JSC supports any final recommendation that directs funding to ensure appropriate recycling facilities at all City Parks in a timely fashion. We agree with the Parks Recycling Task Force opinion that full implementation of recycling in city parks will have a meaningful impact on waste diversion in support of the city's Zero Waste goal and will also make recycling more visible in the community which will help in demonstrating the City of Austin is committed to meeting the Materials and Waste Management goals in the Austin Community Climate Plan.

Rationale:

The JSC recommends these actions based on their relevance and timeliness to furthering the goals, policies and actions in the ACCP and sustainability in the City of Austin.

Vote: 9-0

For: Chair Jim Walker, Vice Chair Kaiba White, Holt Lackey, Francoise Luca, Nhat Ho, Katie Coyne, Michael Osborne, Fisayo Fadelu, Patricia Seeger

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly Davis, Sabrina Santos Joplin, Joep Meijer, Adrienne Haschke

Attest: [Staff or board member can sign]