



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to increase appropriations by \$2,000,000 for the Alliance Children's Garden project. Related to Item #4.

### **Lead Department**

Parks and Recreation Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 is available in the fiscal year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. A fiscal note is attached.

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Alliance Children's Garden project will be constructed in the Michael Butler Park at Town Lake Metropolitan Park near the Palmer Events Center and visible from the new Central Library. The Alliance Children's Garden is comprised of four garden spaces, each with a unique focus on play that reflects Austin's culture. The goal is to create an inclusive, multigenerational play venue that is comfortable, inviting, imaginative, engaging and visually striking. The project Landscape Architect, The Broussard Group, Inc. /TBG Partners and the Construction Manager-at-Risk, SpawGlass, are currently under contract.

The Construction-Manager-at-Risk alternative delivery method was approved near the end of design development due to the complexity and uniqueness of the garden design, and to assist with constructability and budgeting. SpawGlass has been collaborating with the City and design team through the construction documentation process.

Due to construction cost increases identified during cost estimating, additional funding is needed to construct the entirety of the project. The Construction Cost Limitation funding of \$6,000,000 has been developed using SpawGlass' cost estimate for the entire scope of work.

As required by the Construction-Manager-at-Risk agreement, SpawGlass is obtaining competitive proposals for all construction work. The City will have extensive oversight and approval of the proposals including Small and Minority Business Resources Department approval. SpawGlass will begin construction on a limited scope of work in February 2019 including existing tree relocation, demolition and grading. The largest scope of the project construction will be expected to begin late spring 2019 and will include all grading, sidewalks, play surfacing, play elements and retaining walls.

The Liz Carpenter Fountain will be renovated by the Parks and Recreation Department. The renovations are no longer

within SpawGlass scope of work for project delivery purposes.

The first public engagement meeting was held at the Palmer Events Center in late 2015 where a general overview of the garden was presented. The second public engagement meeting was held a month later and the conceptual design development for the garden was reviewed. A final open house was held in the spring of 2016 where the final design concept was displayed. The public also engaged via online surveys throughout the community engagement process.