



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2593, **Agenda Item #:** 75.

8/22/2019

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code to consider a resolution authorizing a change in use of dedicated parkland known as Dove Springs District Park, for the Austin Public Health Department to construct, occupy, and operate the Dove Springs Public Health Facility at 5801 Ainez Drive. (Suggested date: September 19, 2019 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note

There is no fiscal impact to this item.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 27, 2019 - to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board

Additional Backup Information:

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land and that all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to such land.

Dove Springs District Park is located at 5801 Ainez Drive and provides the community with a variety of recreational improvements such as a swimming pool, recreation center, ball fields, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, trails, soccer fields, picnic areas, and playscapes.

The proposed public health facility will not impact any of the existing recreational improvements, but is a \$16 million project that will include a full-service neighborhood center, WIC clinic, immunizations clinic, a childcare center, multipurpose space, and a commercial kitchen for community use.

To mitigate the use of parkland, the Austin Public Health Department will construct a soccer field, including irrigation, lighting, trails, pervious pavements where possible, and parking.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications." The Austin Public Health Department will pay all costs associated with the restoration and pay the Parks and Recreation Department the mitigation amount of \$31,738 for the permanent taking of parkland.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which, includes all

reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the *Austin American-Statesman* will be August 25, September 1, and September 8, 2019.