



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2830, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

9/19/2019

### Posting Language

Approve an ordinance waiving up to \$5,000 in Parks and Recreation Department Oakwood Cemetery Chapel rental fees for Austin Community College; and authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Community College to provide an occasional meeting space at the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel for educational purposes related to the Great Questions course.

### Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

### Fiscal Note

The waiver of these fees will result in unrealized revenue estimated at \$5,000 for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget. A fiscal note is attached..

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### Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 27, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Parks and Recreation Board

### Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin recognizes the importance of education and is collaborating with Austin Community College (ACC) to establish an interlocal agreement in which the City of Austin provides an occasional meeting space at the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel to facilitate the Great Questions course. This course will be provided by ACC and will serve ACC students and faculty, as well as the general public.

The goal of the Great Questions course is to provide an opportunity for engagement with core texts in a discussion-based course. This discussion model gives students a solid foundation to build their academic careers, meet their professional goals, and become engaged, lifelong, civic leaders. Moreover, the opportunity, to gain an understanding of human nature through this unique course model, is in direct alignment with the Oakwood Chapel's mission, to provide a place to connect, heal and reflect that is open to all.

The roles and responsibilities for each party are as follows:

City of Austin:

- Will provide set-up, break down, and custodial service for the utilized space
- Will provide scheduling services

Austin Community College:

- Will provide instructors to deliver curricula to ACC students and the general public
- Will publicize the course schedule and related events

The initial term for this agreement is October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020, and will be renewed automatically on the anniversary date for five successive 12-month terms, subject to City Council appropriation.