



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3254, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

10/31/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance waiving up to \$6,885 in rental fees for Austin Community College; and authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Community College District to provide classrooms at the Asian American Resource Center for English as a Second Language classes, and potentially other adult education programs, free of charge.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note

The waiver of these fees will result in unrealized revenue estimated at \$6,885 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:

September 24, 2019 - The Parks and Recreation Board approved the item on a vote of 8-0, with Board Members Donovan, Taylor and Morgan absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin recognizes the importance of adult education and is collaborating with Austin Community College (ACC) to establish an interlocal agreement in which the City of Austin provides classrooms at the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) where ACC will offer free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and potentially other adult education programs to the entire Austin community.

ACC's adult education programming provides classes in English as a Second Language, literacy and civics, and GED preparation. The purpose of the ESL Program is to help Austin residents learn basic English in order to succeed. These are survival classes for beginner students, who primarily want to learn English for everyday life, employment skills enhancement, and to assist in situations such as obtaining housing, shopping, and communicating at work. Providing these classes is in direct alignment with the Asian American Resource Center's vision of empowering Austin's diverse communities through life-enhancing opportunities.

The roles and responsibilities for each party are as follows:

City of Austin:

- Will provide access to the AARC facility, classrooms and reasonable assistance with room set-up.
- Will promote the classes at the AARC.

Austin Community College:

- Will offer ESL classes and potentially other adult education programs free of charge.
- Will manage student registrations and provide any necessary class materials and equipment.
- Will secure qualified instructors, as well as any other personnel needed to safely conduct each class.

The term of this agreement is January 1, 2020 through September 20, 2020.