



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2010, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

5/21/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary to acquire in fee simple approximately 6.42 acres out of the Santiago Del Valley Grant, in Travis County, Texas, located at or near 6411 S. Pleasant Valley Road, Austin, Texas from Henry Casillas, for a total amount not to exceed \$175,793.00, including closing costs.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$175,793.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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Additional Backup Information:

This acquisition from Dr. Henry Casillas is for park and recreation purposes. It consists of an approximately 6.42 acre tract located East of S. Pleasant Valley Road and North of William Cannon Drive. In 2019, the Council adopted the Parks and Recreation Department's long range plan for land, facilities and programs, *Our Parks, Our Future*, and one of the recommendations in the Plan was to acquire land for trails along greenways. The site runs along a section of Williamson Creek, and its acquisition will expand the existing Williamson Creek Greenbelt which connects south east Austin to south west Austin from Onion Creek Metropolitan Park to HWY 290/71 in Oak Hill through Districts 2, 5 and 8. This parcel is a critical missing piece along Williamson Creek and will provide opportunities for a nature trail and trail head, pavilions and picnic tables. The land is mostly flat and wooded with native vegetation.

The Parks and Recreation Department will fund this proposed acquisition through 2018 Bond Funds. The purchase price of \$167,793.00 is the current fair market value as determined by an independent third-party appraiser. The amount of the purchase price plus closing costs is not to exceed \$175,793.00.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.