



**WALLER CREEK LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION RECOMMENDATION
20200807- Item 3a**

Date: August 7, 2020

Subject: City of Austin’s determination for the LGC to authorize City contracts.

Motioned By:

Seconded By:

Recommendation

The Waller Creek Local Government Corporation (“LGC”) recommends that Council expressly delegate to the LGC the authority to make procurement determinations and to negotiate, award and execute City contracts necessary for the design and construction of the projects within the Waller Creek District.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The LGC recommends that Council expressly delegate authority to the LGC to:

- make procurement determinations, including alternative project delivery methods such as CMAR, Competitive Sealed Proposals; and
- negotiate, award and execute City contracts necessary for the design and construction of the projects within the Waller Creek District.

Rationale:

The proposed Council action would accomplish the following:

- would leverage the LGC’s ability to support Council by balancing its originally intended management and oversight purpose for each of the parties within the partnership;
- would allow the team to creatively develop the process to deliver innovative world-class projects, while optimizing the strengths of the public-private partnership in order to achieve a nimble workflow, consistent with the spirit of the partnership; and
- would provide a quick and efficient delivery model for the Council-approved design plan, while being responsive to upcoming procurement and contracting needs.

The LGC recommends that Council take this action now because a City-held contracting method is being evaluated for the construction of the Waller Creek District | Creek Delta Project and may be considered for future projects. All previous projects within the District, including Waterloo Park, have been delivered with the Conservancy as contract holder (defined as the “Managing Party” within the Joint Development Agreement) but this option is being explored because of the Watershed Protection Department’s technical expertise and project delivery experience with drainage/watershed projects.

Vote

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest: _____ *[Staff or board member can sign]*