

CM Kitchen MOTION SHEET

Amendment to Item 19

Motion:

I move to amend action to “Authorize negotiation of a park operations and maintenance agreement with the Trail Foundation for the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail at Town Lake Metropolitan Park and return to the Parks and Recreation Board and Council, upon completion of the agreement, for final recommendations and approval.”

Further Direction:

I further offer direction to include language in the final negotiated agreement that provides for annual council review and approval if there are changes to the plan and agreement, additions of more concessions or planned special events.

Rationale:

Town Lake Metropolitan Park is the city’s premier outdoor space. It is truly the People’s Park and the public face of the city. It is of a scale that is beyond the other cited parks such as Republic Square and Pease Park, described in the back up material to encompass 259 acres of land surrounding Lady Bird Lake.

The process around this agreement is also considerable in scale. It is planned to be a phased transition over a ten-year period, transferring responsibilities from our Parks Department to The Trail Foundation.

Because of its prominent location, the varying groups, organizations, and entities that seek access, sometimes in competition with regular public use, a higher bar is warranted.

I see no negative impact to moving this item forward for approval to finalize negotiation with The Trail Foundation and having staff return to council with the negotiated agreement for final approval in the time that is needed to continue to work through the details of this complex transition of responsibilities.