



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20220328-B6

Date: March 28, 2022

Subject: Austin Rowing Center Agreement

Motioned By: Vice-Chair Richard DePalma

Seconded By: Board Member Laura Cottam-Sajbel

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, Austin Rowing Club (ARC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of rowing in Austin; and

WHEREAS, ARC offers a variety of low-cost and no-cost rowing programs for eligible youth and adult rowers; and

WHEREAS, ARC has a contract, No. NR120000004, with the City for the management and operation of the Waller Creek Boathouse; and

WHEREAS, the contract along with all available contract extensions expire on March 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Waller Creek Boathouse may be demolished in the near future to implement the Blue Line light rail identified in Austin Transit Partnership's Project Connect program; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board values, when possible, the continuity of services and programs to the public; and

WHEREAS, the uncertainty of the timing of a future demolition and the current contract may impact rowing concessions available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to either 1) Extend Contract No. NR120000004 until a Demolition Permit application is submitted on the Waller Creek Boathouse located at 74 Trinity Street or a decision is made that the Waller Creek Boathouse located at 74 Trinity Street will not be demolished; and/or 2) enter into a Park Operations, Maintenance and Programming Agreement for the current and future boathouse and related facilities with ARC once an approved Operations & Maintenance Plan is approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Austin City Council.

Vote:

Vice-Chair Richard DePalma motioned to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Department Director to either 1) Extend Contract No. NR120000004 until a Demolition Permit application is submitted on the Waller Creek Boathouse located at 74 Trinity Street or a decision is made that the Waller Creek Boathouse located at 74 Trinity Street will not be demolished; and/or 2) enter into a Park Operations, Maintenance and Programming Agreement for the current and future boathouse and related facilities with ARC once an approved Operations & Maintenance Plan is approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Austin City Council; Board Member Laura Cottam-Sajbel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 with one vacancy.

For: Chair Dawn Lewis, Vice-Chair Richard DePalma, Board Members Nina Rinaldi, Anna Di Carlo, Patrick Moore, Sarah Faust, Lisa Hugman, Nancy Barnard, Kim Taylor and Laura Cottam Sajbel

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

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

Tim Dornbeck
