

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20230227-6

Date: February 27, 2023

Subject: Lady Bird Lake Annual Concession Report

Motioned by: Kim Taylor

Seconded By: Laura Cottam Sajbel

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Board Recommends to Austin City Council for the continuation of Town Lake Metro Park concessions including consideration to recent studies and how that can impact water quality, the environment, safety, wildlife and outdoor recreation. Upon expiration of a contract on Lady Bird Lake that staff consider findings of environmental and capacity studies on Lady Bird Lake and consult experts. Further recommend that staff reevaluate the revenue sharing of that concessions contract and weigh it against recent rates and the public's ability to enjoy the park.

Rationale

This recommendation was referred to the Parks and Recreation Board by the Contracts at Concessions Committee at the February 7, 2023 meeting on Chair Di Carlo's motion, Board Member Taylor's second, on a 3-0 vote. Board Members Barnard and Lewis absent.

Vote The motion to recommend to Austin City Council for the continuation of Town Lake Metro Park concessions including consideration to recent studies and how that can impact water quality, the environment, safety, wildlife and outdoor recreation. Upon expiration of a contract on Lady Bird Lake that staff consider findings of environmental and capacity studies on Lady Bird Lake and consult experts. Further recommend that staff reevaluate the revenue sharing of that concessions contract and weigh it against recent rates and the public's ability to enjoy the park was approved on Board Member Taylor's motion, Chair Cottam Sajbel's second on an 8-0 vote with two vacancies. Board Member Rinaldi absent.

For: Chair Cottam Sajbel, Vice Chair Faust, Board Members Villalobos, Moore, Flowers, Hugman, Barnard and Taylor.

Against:	None
Abstain:	None

Absent: Board Member Rinaldi.

Attest:

Tim Dombeck