



RECOMMENDATION
Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommendation Number 20230310-3b : Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Recommendation to provide funding for a single-stall, gender-neutral, wheelchair-accessible bathroom with adult-sized changing table at Zilker Park.

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) regularly considers significant and diverse issues impacting residents of and visitors to the City of Austin with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities;

WHEREAS, the lack of available bathrooms that have single-stall and are gender-neutral and wheelchair-accessible where children and adults with physical disabilities can enter with an attendant, helper or aide impacts the ability of individuals and their family members and friends and limits their ability to attend recreational events at Zilker Park and other locations and impacts their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, family members of children and adults with physical disabilities, including the elderly, have experienced a lack of available bathrooms for their use when attending publicly-funded events, including at Zilker Park, the City's premier park;

WHEREAS, some individuals, including children and adults with physical disabilities, are not able to use a toilet and need to use a changing table, therefore, the changing table must be able to support adult weight;

WHEREAS, providing a single-stall, gender-neutral, wheelchair-accessible bathroom with adult-sized changing table at Zilker Park would be a benefit to families and caregivers of individuals with disabilities, as well as typical families and individuals that use Austin's premier park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCPD requests that the City prioritize for funding in its Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget funding for a single-stall, gender-neutral, wheelchair-accessible bathroom with adult-sized changing table at Zilker Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities requests that the Austin City Council allocate funds for a single-stall, gender-neutral, wheelchair-accessible bathroom with adult-sized changing table.

Date of Approval: Friday, March 10, 2023

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 6-0 vote

Attest: *Jacquelyn Alexander*

(Staff Liaison, Jacquelyn Alexander)

For: Chair Jonathan Franks, Deborah Trejo, Robin Orlowski, Kathryn Broadwater, Jennifer S. Powell, and Micheal Fetonte.