



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 23-1405, **Agenda Item #:** 30.

4/13/2023

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### **Posting Language**

Approve Pease Park Conservancy's Annual Programming Plan for Kingsbury Commons within the Pease District Park.

### **Lead Department**

Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

March 12, 2020 - Council approved resolution No. 20200312-041 which directed the City Manager to work with parks nonprofit partners that have established relationships with PARD, including but not limited to The Trail Foundation and the Pease Park Conservancy, to create opportunities for partnership agreements that benefit the community, and to outline roles and responsibilities between those groups and PARD. Sponsors: Council Member Leslie Pool, Council Member Alison Alter, Council Member Ann Kitchen, Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, Council Member Kathie Tovo

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### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

April 12, 2021 - Park Operations and Maintenance Agreement approved by the Contracts and Concessions Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board.

April 27, 2021 - Park Operations and Maintenance Agreement approved by Parks and Recreation Board.

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November 30, 2021 - Parks and Recreation Board unanimously recommended City Council approve the 2022 Pease Park Conservancy Programming Plan.

February 28, 2023 - Presenting the 2023 Annual Programming Plan to the Parks and Recreation Board.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The City of Austin (City) and Pease Park Conservancy (PPC) have agreed that the public benefits of Kingsbury Commons at Pease Park District Park would be substantially enhanced through the improvements of the park in accordance with a previously developed Pease District Park Vision Plan for the Park, approved by the City Council on October 16, 2014.

PPC has led fundraising and development in the park consistent with the vision plan for Pease Park District Park and the Parkland Improvement Donation Agreement executed on May 6, 2019.

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PPC is responsible for the daily maintenance of 7 acres of the 84-acre Pease District Park, such as, trash pick-up, mowing, and daily servicing of public amenities. The partner is actively programming the park to provide free family and community-oriented activities, nature-based programming for all-ages, and additional recreational opportunities. Low cost and free programming and events are the basis of the Annual Programming Plan proposed by PPC. PPC is managing rentals within Kingsbury Commons such as the picnic tables, the historic Tudor Cottage, and the Tree House. All earned revenue from events and rentals must be deposited into the Park Operations Fund and used to pay park operating expenses.

Access to trails and areas of Kingsbury Commons will remain accessible and open to the public during all events. Kingsbury Commons will never have a full closure of the site. In the Park Operations and Maintenance Agreement, PPC is permitted to have five Minimally Open days per year, which is defined by the Office of Special Events to mean more than 50% of Kingsbury Commons is only available to ticketed patrons. In 2023, PPC is proposing one minimally open ticketed event. Designated City staff will also participate in a joint management committee with members of PPC ensure annual plans and deliverables are being implemented successfully and the agreement and deliverables are being met. PPC is required to provide annual reporting on the programming event types, number of events, and revenue earned for the operations and maintenance of Kingsbury Commons.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment, Culture and Lifelong Learning, Government that Works for All.