

MOTION SHEET

To adopt item 53 with the following direction:

1. The City Council directs the City Manager to implement the Land Management Strategies and Climate Vulnerability Analysis for Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) natural areas and to provide Council with quarterly reports in the first year of implementation, and a minimum of annual reports thereafter. Updates should, at a minimum, include progress on the City's goals, community involvement, and resource needs.
2. The City Council further directs the City Manager to explore whether and how PARD can collaborate with the City of Austin and the University of Texas at Austin's Climate Collaboration to enhance and implement the recommended strategies.
3. The City Council further directs the City Manager to ensure that, where relevant and appropriate, the Land Management Strategies and Climate Vulnerability Analysis for Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) natural areas informs the development of the Austin/Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).
4. The City Council further directs the City Manager to be inclusive of community groups, especially neighborhood groups, when developing the work plans contemplated by the Land Management Strategies and Climate Vulnerabilities Analysis, and to ensure neighborhood contacts are current and given ample opportunity to provide feedback in a manner that does not hinder implementation of the plan's goals. Additionally, future work plans should include and incorporate:
 - a. additional ways to improve soil health and hydrology;
 - b. measurable monitoring efforts to detect effects of management activities such as prescribed burns and tree thinning and facilitate adaptive management;

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- c. to the extent possible, the exploration of alternatives for pesticide application and the consideration of additions to the 2017 PARD Integrated Pest Management Plan for sensitive karst features;
- d. compliance with the Balcones Canyonlands Habitat Conservation Plan, Balcones Canyonlands Land Management Plan, and William H. Russell Karst Preserve Land Management Plan, particularly with respect to management of endangered species habitat, caves, and other karst areas.