



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20231023-3

Date: October 23, 2023

Subject: Parkland Dedication Ordinance Term Sheet

Motioned By: Stephanie Bazan

Seconded By: Nicole Merritt

Recommendation

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Board recommends to Austin City Council to approve the Parkland Dedication Ordinance term sheet as presented.

Rationale:

Whereas the Parks and Recreation Board (PARB) acknowledges the necessity of modifying the City of Austin's Parkland Dedication Ordinance in order to comply with House Bill 1526 (HB 1526), which was passed during the recent 2023 Legislative Session and is effective state-wide;

Whereas PARB acknowledges and appreciates the time and effort Parks and Recreation Department staff have put into preparing the Parkland Dedication Term Sheet for proposed modifications to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance;

Whereas HB 1526 is anticipated to reduce the City of Austin's funds available for use by up to 40 to 70% of previous multi-family and hotel/motel parkland dedication fees, which will necessitate a reduction in park Key Performance Indicators and overall park quality;

Whereas HB 1526 is further anticipated to reduce the City of Austin's ability to provide new parks and other spaces for public enjoyment, as a result of a reduction of up to 75 to 97% in new parkland that can be dedicated for public recreation;

Whereas PARB wishes to register its strong objections to the changes required by HB 1526, as it will significantly decrease both the funds available for parkland dedication as well as the quality and quantity of parkland available to Austin residents, as described above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Board recommends to Austin City Council to approve the Parkland Dedication Ordinance term sheet as presented.

Vote **The motion to recommend to Austin City Council to approve the Parkland Dedication Ordinance term sheet as presented was approved on Board Member Bazan's motion, Board Member Merritt's second on an 11-0 vote.**

For: Pedro Villalobos, Kathryn Flowers, Stephanie Bazan, Lane Becker, Jennifer Franklin, Julie Hayes, Lisa Hugman, Shelby Orme, Nicole Merritt, Holly Reed, and Kim Taylor.

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: Tim Dombeck, Board and Council Liaison, Parks and Recreation Department

Tim Dombeck _____