



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20231127-3

Date: November 27, 2023

Subject: Parkland Use Agreement with HTU for Downs Field

Motioned By: Pedro Villalobos

Seconded By: Kathryn Flowers

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City of Austin and Huston-Tillotson University and to waive utility and field use fees.

The Board further recommends that the agreement include a designated point of contact for the community to contact regarding community usage of Downs Field and that a specific level of customer service and customer response be addressed in the negotiations.

The Board further recommends that the agreement include the schedule for usage specifically by Huston-Tillotson University, and open Downs Field for community usage at all other times that the field is not being used by Huston-Tillotson University specifically.

The Board further recommends that any sub-contracting agreement by Huston-Tillotson University must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department and Parks and Recreation Board.

Vote **The motion to recommend that the City Council authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City of Austin and Huston-Tillotson University and to waive utility and field use fees; that the agreement include a designated point of contact for the community to contact regarding community usage of Downs Field and that a specific level of customer service and customer response be addressed in the negotiations; that the agreement include the schedule for usage specifically by Huston-Tillotson University, and open Downs Field for community usage at all other times that the field is not being used by Huston-Tillotson University specifically, and; that any sub-contracting agreement by Huston-Tillotson University must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department and Parks and Recreation Board was approved on Chair Villalobos' motion, Vice Chair Flowers second on a 9-0 vote. Board Members Hugman and Taylor absent.**

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

Against: None.

Abstain: None

Absent: Lisa Hugman, Kim Taylor.

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

Tim Dombeck
