




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Kimberly A. McNeeley, M.Ed., CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

DATE: December 27, 2023

SUBJECT: **Staff Update on Parkland Agreements between Nonprofit Organizations and the Parks and Recreation Department (Resolution No. 20200312-041)**

We wanted to provide you with an update to [Resolution No. 20200312-041](#), which directed the City Manager to work with nonprofit partners who have established relationships with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD), including, but not limited to, The Trail Conservancy and Pease Park Conservancy, to create opportunities for partnership agreements that benefit the community, and to outline roles and responsibilities between these groups and PARD.

In collaboration with the City's Law Department, PARD is finalizing the remaining partnership agreements. Agreements in development include: the Zilker Botanical Garden Conservancy, Fruitful Commons, Austin Parks Foundation, and Montopolis Community Development Corporation for Historic Montopolis Negro School Operations.

To ensure equitable outcomes and meet the resolution's intent of furthering public benefit, a multi-year initiative is needed. PARD is currently working to complete draft agreements with multiple partners, including those as noted above, who are at various levels of readiness. A new progress update will be issued in June 2024.

A webpage has been created which provides more information on what we are calling "PARD PARKner" configurations and activities and can be found at [PARD PARKnership](#).

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager