

ORDINANCE NO. 20191205-070

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A BOATING CONCESSION ON LADY BIRD LAKE FOR THE EXPEDITION SCHOOL; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CITY CODE SECTION 8-1-74 (*REVIEW OF A PROPOSAL SEEKING A CONCESSION*); AND AMENDING THE HOLLY SHORES/EDWARD RENDON, SR. PARK MASTER PLAN TO INDICATE THE LOCATION OF THE EXPEDITION SCHOOL'S BOATING CONCESSION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Findings

The City Council finds that:

- (A) Residents of Austin who live east of IH-35 and north of Lady Bird Lake have no opportunity to access rental canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and other watercraft without traveling west of the highway or south of the lake.
- (B) The Expedition School has been providing City-contracted instructor classes on Festival Beach near Camacho Recreation Center since 2006.
- (C) The Expedition School has the capacity to offer a wide range of programs and activities, including team-building exercises, life-saving training, paddling adventures, safety plans and programs, and outdoor education.
- (D) The Expedition School has received awards from the Austin Police Department, Keep Austin Beautiful, the American Red Cross, and Down Home Ranch.
- (E) The Expedition School has removed more than 17 tons of trash and 3 tons of recycling from Lady Bird Lake since its inception.
- (F) The Expedition School works with the visually-impaired, the hearing-impaired, and other residents with special needs.
- (G) Alumni of the Expedition School have saved 92 lives.
- (H) More than 150,000 athletes have been safely supported by Expedition School staff during sporting events.
- (I) Surrounding residents and community groups have written letters of support for a

boating concession operated by the Expedition School, including the Holly Neighborhood Coalition and the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Contact Team.

- (J) Kimery Duda, founder of the Expedition School, is a well-respected member of Austin's adventure sports community and a leader in safety and safety advocacy.
- (K) The continued community services provided by the Expedition School at its current location are at risk due to a lack of operating revenue and due to the fact that the standard recreation instructor contract between the City and the Expedition School does not provide for concession opportunities.
- (L) The Expedition School has the capacity to offer affordable rental equipment to students, but standard recreation instructor contracts do not provide for concessions.
- (M) A concession contract would allow the Expedition School to continue enriching the lives of many Austinites, including the lives of many Austinites with disabilities who have historically lacked equal access to recreational activities.

PART 2. The City Council directs the City Manager to authorize, on an expedited basis, a boating concession on Lady Bird Lake to the Expedition School to rent to the public boats designed for recreational rowing, including canoes, kayaks, racing shells, and rowboats, consistent with City Code Section 8-1-72 (*Boating Concessions*), the applicable rules of the Parks and Recreation Department, and the terms and conditions of other like boating concessions on Lady Bird Lake, and to promptly report back to City Council when the boating concession has been finalized and executed.

PART 3. The City Council waives the requirements of City Code Section 8-1-74 (*Review of a Proposal Seeking a Concession*) in order to expedite the authorization of the Expedition School's boating concession.

PART 4. The City Council further directs the City Manager to endeavor to preserve the current location utilized by the Expedition School for instruction as the location for the boating concession, while also ensuring that the location includes the minimum infrastructure required by City Code to operate a boating concession; however, if factors exist that make a boating concession unworkable at the Expedition School's current location, another suitable location shall be identified for the boating concession.

PART 5. The City Council further directs the City Manager to amend the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon, Sr. Park Master Plan to indicate the location of the Expedition School's boating concession.

PART 6. This ordinance takes effect on December 16, 2019.

PASSED AND APPROVED

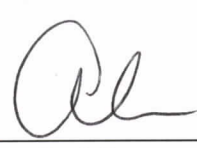
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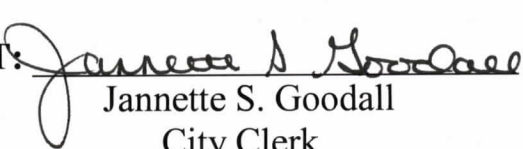
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City Clerk