



RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number 20260310-004: To provide funding to the Mueller Property Owners Association (POA) for summer lifeguards at Mueller pools in the FY 2026-2027 Budget.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC) was established to advise the City Council on redevelopment issues affecting the implementation of Mueller's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, one of Mueller's six 1996 community-forged and City Council-adopted redevelopment goals was for it to enhance, be compatible with, and accessible to its surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2004 the City of Austin and Catellus Austin, LLC (now managed by Banbury Development) entered into a Master Development Agreement for the public-private partnership to redevelop the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, Mueller's 140 acres of parks, green spaces, trails, and two swimming pools were developed with Mueller project funds, and are open to and heavily used by the larger Austin community, leading to the 2024 action by the City Council to approve continued annual payments, as budget allows, to the Mueller Property Owners Association (POA) towards maintaining the now City-owned Perimeter Parks; and

WHEREAS, since each were completed, the public has been welcome to use both Ella Wooten and John Gaines Pools during hours established by the POA from Memorial Day weekend in May to Labor Day weekend in September, paying a per-use fee comparable to City of Austin District Pools, with the POA providing required lifeguard services during those public hours for the benefit of Mueller residents and nonresidents alike; and

WHEREAS, The Mueller POA establishes the budget for all Mueller parks and pools, and the current 2026 cost for lifeguards is budgeted to be \$135,496.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the RMMAPIAC recommends that the City Council includes sufficient funding in Austin Parks & Recreation's FY 2026-2027 and future budgets to cover approved continued annual payments to the Mueller POA towards maintaining the now City-owned Perimeter Parks and the Mueller pool lifeguard costs to maintain public access periods, and for staff to coordinate with the Mueller POA on this funding.

Date of Approval: 3/10/2026

Motioned By: Commissioner Neider

Seconded By: Commissioner Sokolic

Vote: 9 - 0

For: All Commissioners

Against: None

Abstain: None

Off the dais: None

Absent: None

Attest: *Marilyn Archer*

(Staff or Commissioner can sign)