

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life

AGENDA DATE: April 11, 2018

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

DEPARTMENT: Park & Recreation Department

CMO: Willis Winters, 670-4071

MAPSCO: Various

SUBJECT

Authorize a ten-year agreement with Texas Trees Foundation for fundraising and other support activities related to the Dallas Independent School District and City of Dallas shared campus projects - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BACKGROUND

Approximately only half of Dallas residents live within a ten minute walk of a park. Throughout Dallas, there are areas that are highly deficient in open space. A strategy utilized nationally to increase resident access to park and open space is to partner with schools to make their campuses available for resident use after school hours and weekends. By partnering with the Texas Trees Foundation (TTF) to assist with fundraising and other associated efforts and the Dallas Independent School District (DISD), the City will be able to fill many gaps in service without the need to acquire new park land.

The TTF agrees to provide fundraising services and associated grant monitoring for the joint City and DISD projects. Additionally, TTF will assist with overall project implementation and landscape planning for the joint projects. The City agrees to provide any required documentation for fundraising or donor compliance and to implement the projects included in the DISD shared campus agreement subject to funding availability. Additionally, the City agrees to coordinate with TTF on design activities at the DISD project sites.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On March 22, 2018, the Park and Recreation Board authorized a ten-year agreement with Texas Trees Foundation for fundraising and other support activities related to the Dallas Independent School District and City of Dallas shared campus projects.

Information about this item will be provided to the Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee on April 9, 2018.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City.

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WHEREAS, a national best practice is for park systems to partner with school districts to increase the availability of park land and open space to residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas has joined the Trust for Public Land's ten minute walk initiative to ensure as many residents as possible have access to a park or open space within a ten minute or 0.5 mile walk of their home; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2018, City Council authorized a ten-year Interlocal Agreement, with two five-year renewal options, with Dallas Independent School District for shared access of campus grounds after school hours and weekends and to partner on capital improvements subject to funding availability by Resolution No. 18-0377; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas and Texas Trees Foundation desire to partner on the joint DISD and City shared campus projects to assist with fundraising and other associated support activities for the benefit of the projects; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2018 the Park and Recreation Board voted unanimously for approval.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign a ten-year agreement with Texas Trees Foundation, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for fundraising and other support activities related to Dallas Independent School District and City of Dallas shared campus projects.

SECTION 2. That the President of the Park and Recreation Board and the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute a ten-year agreement with Texas Trees Foundation, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That this contract is designated as Contract No. PKR-2018-00005918.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.