



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Xavier Urrutia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 9

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of park land donation for Panther Springs Park in Council District 9

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of approximately 7.25 acres from Sotano Partners for additional park land at Panther Springs Park as part of the FY 2012 Bond Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Dan Parman of Sotano Partners contacted the Parks and Recreation Department to donate 7.25 acres adjacent to Panther Springs Park off Wilderness Oak. The property will provide the necessary acreage to further develop the park as part of the 2012-2017 Bond Program project which will create amenities that may include a dog park, parking, portable toilet enclosure and pavilion. It will also act as the main trailhead for the new trails to be built in 2014. The amenities will complement the new trail to be installed as part of the 2012-2017 Bond Program project improvements at Panther Springs Park. The Wilderness Oak Alliance has been a partner with the City of San Antonio and recommends the improvements.

The Parks and Recreation Board was briefed on the donation of the property on June 24, 2013. The Planning Commission passed a resolution on the acceptance of the donation on October 9, 2013. Environmental assessments and surveys have been performed on the property and no issues have been identified.

ISSUE:

This ordinance will authorize the acceptance of a donation of approximately 7.25 acres from Sotano Partners to be designated for park land. This acquisition is consistent with the FY 2012-2017 Bond Program and recommendations outlined for the Far North Subarea of the Adopted Parks System Strategic Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council decide not to accept the property, Sotano Partners would continue to own the property, and could develop it for commercial use.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The donation of the land is valued at \$68,680.00. Closing costs are estimated to be \$6,400.00 and will be paid from the FY 2012-FY 2017 Panther Springs Park Bond Project budget. Funding for operation and maintenance of park property development is submitted annually as part of the General Fund budget process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.