



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Xavier D. Urrutia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1

SUBJECT:

License Agreement with Higgs-Carter-King Charter School for a School Park (SPARK)

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of a License Agreement on City property with Higgs-Carter-King Charter School for a period of five years for a School Park (SPARK) located in Council District 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio acquired property along the Martinez Creek between West Woodlawn Avenue to south of Cincinnati Avenue through the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) flood buyout program. Higgs-Carter-King (HCK) Charter School approached the City and San Antonio Sports (SAS) about the possibility of a SPARK at this location. FEMA requires the property be maintained as open space, which the SPARK program meets this requirement. SPARK site plans have received the necessary approvals and include a soccer field, walking trail, and related amenities.

The SPARK program combines public resources to develop public school grounds into neighborhood parks through community engagement with the goal of improving local neighborhoods. In May 2011 SAS expressed an interest in collaborating with the City in order to establish a local SPARK program. SAS provides program oversight and serves as the conduit for the reimbursement of school expenses related to the design, construction, and material expenses associated with the development of the SPARK sites.

ISSUE:

This Ordinance will authorize a License Agreement on City property for a period of five years with Higgs-Carter-King Charter School for a School Park.

ALTERNATIVES:

This License Agreement will allow for the activation of public parkland in an area with limited use and purpose. The City could elect not to approve the License Agreement with Higgs-Carter-King Charter School and engage San Antonio Sports to identify an alternate location for the SPARK site as funding was earmarked for this program in the approved FY 2014 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This License Agreement for a SPARK site on City property and related amenities will be maintained by the charter school resulting in no fiscal impact to the City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this License Agreement with Higgs-Carter-King Charter School.

The Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form required by the Ethics ordinance is attached.