



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Planning Commission

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Xavier D. Urrutia

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City-Wide

SUBJECT:

Acquisitions of Property for Linear Creekway Parks Development Program

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes staff to acquire land as required to implement the voter-approved 2015 Linear Creekway Parks Development Program. These properties will be within the San Antonio city limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction, Bexar County, Texas and will be primarily located within the 100 year floodplain. The resolution authorizes staff to acquire the necessary land by donation and/or good faith negotiations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The projects and associated land acquisitions are in support of the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails system, which is funded through sales tax initiatives previously approved by voters in 2000, 2005, and 2010, and most recently approved on May 9, 2015. The objectives of the program are to acquire and preserve open space along San Antonio creekways and to develop multi-use hike and bike trails, trailheads, signage and associated amenities for use by San Antonio residents and visitors.

On May 12, 2016, the City Council approved the 2015 Greenway Trail project plan, which will include approximately 27 miles of greenway trails along Leon Creek, Salado Creek, the Westside Creeks and other tributary creeks in San Antonio. The program will also include neighborhood connections, Low Impact Development (LID) features and system enhancements such as parking areas and landscaping.

These acquisitions will be consistent with policy adopted by the City Council for the acquisition of properties along San Antonio creekways funded by sales tax initiatives and the adopted Parks and Recreation Strategic System Plan. The acquisitions will also be consistent with Natural Resource and Urban Design Goals of the San Antonio Master Plan Policies.

The properties necessary to be acquired will be within the San Antonio city limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction, Bexar County, Texas and will be primarily located within the 100 year floodplain. The land acquisitions will be pursuant to implementation of the Linear Creekway Parks Development Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution to authorize staff to acquire land as required to implement the Linear Creekway Parks Development Program.