



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Homer Garcia III

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 4

SUBJECT:

Amendment No. 2 to the Sports License Agreement with SPORTi Desarrollo Deportivo

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Sports License Agreement with SPORTi Desarrollo Deportivo for operations, maintenance, and programming of the designated sports fields at Pearsall Park in Council District 4.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pearsall Park was dedicated as parkland in 1999 and sits upon a former landfill. Through land acquisitions, the park has grown to 500 acres. The 2012 Bond Program appropriated \$7.5 million for improvements to Pearsall Park which included amenities such as Family Fun and Fitness Challenge Zones, pavilions, playground, splash-pad, and a skate park.

Concurrent to implementation of the Pearsall Park 2012 Bond Project, the City was contacted by the Free Trade Alliance on behalf of a member of their International Business Development Center, SPORTi, a for-profit company. SPORTi has a soccer model whose mission is to educate people in sports as a habit for the integral development of families in a safe, healthy, and fun environment. SPORTi submitted a development concept to the Parks and Recreation Department

focused on the use of existing soccer fields at the park since improvements to these amenities were not included with the 2012 Bond. At no cost to the City, the concept included lighting and irrigation improvements to the soccer fields among other amenities.

In 2015, City Council approved a five (5) year Sports License Agreement with SPORTi for the development, operation, and maintenance of soccer fields at Pearsall Park. In 2017, the Agreement was amended to extend the term for a ten (10) year period expiring on December 31, 2028, with no remaining renewal terms. SPORTi has approached the City and proposed a contract extension. Amendment No. 2 includes an initial term of five (5) years to begin on January 1, 2023 and terminate December 31, 2027. Additionally, the amendment includes three, five (5) year administrative renewal terms.

In lieu of rent, the league shall continue to be responsible for operations and maintenance of the designated sports fields. In addition, the league will be permitted to operate concessions with proceeds benefitting their program and used to offset the cost of operations and maintenance. The league will also be required to maintain a Capital Repair Fund to support capital improvement projects at the licensed premises.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the Parks and Recreation Department to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Sports License Agreement with SPORTi Desarrollo Deportivo for operations, maintenance, and programming of the designated sports fields at Pearsall Park in Council District 4. This action is consistent with the adopted SA Parks System Plan by leveraging community partnerships to expand recreational opportunities in the community.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to approve this action and require the fields be added to the reservation system upon expiration of the current term or leave it open for community use. Both alternatives would require the Department to maintain the field and assume all related costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. This action results in cost avoidance to the City with the league maintaining the licensed premises.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Sports License Agreement with SPORTi Desarrollo Deportivo for operations, maintenance, and programming of the designated sports fields at Pearsall Park in Council District 4.