



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20260323-3

Date: March 23, 2026

Subject: Austin Energy I-35 Cap Ex Relocation

Motioned By: Nicole Merritt

Seconded By: Stephanie Bazan

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Board Recommends to Austin City Council to approve 15,368 sq. ft. of permanent Transmission Line use within parkland at Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park at Festival Beach. Total Mitigation to be paid by Austin Energy is \$2,414,240

We further recommend that PARD and Austin Energy provide financial support and restoration and recovery to the Food Forest and Community Garden and continue to engage them to return the impacted parkland to its use.

We further recommend that PARD and Austin Energy proactively seek out additional community and neighborhood groups representing the area and engage them as key partners to understand impacts to the parkland resulting from this easement.

Vote: The motion to approve this recommendation was approved on Board Member Merritt's motion, Chair Bazan's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Flowers, Board Members Abou-Emara, Orme and Taylor absent.

For: Stephanie Bazan, Lane Becker, Ted Eubanks, Jennifer Franklin, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Nicole Merritt and Pedro Villalobos.

Against: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Kathryn Flowers, Luai Abou-Emara, Shelby Orme and Kim Taylor.

Attest: Tim Dombeck, Board and Council Liaison, Austin Parks and Recreation.

Tim Dombeck
