

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Melissa B. Vossmer; Finance; Management and Budget; Legal; File

SUBJECT: Ordinance Allocating Funds for the Leon Vista Park Improvements Project

DATE: August 28, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance allocates \$80,000.00 in Proposition Three funds to perform construction work in connection with the Leon Vista Park Improvements Project in City Council District 7 and allocates \$80,000.00 for park materials expenses.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Leon Vista Park is located in City Council District 7 at 8561 Rochelle Road. The 6.17 acres parcel was purchased with 1994 Park Bond funds for the specific purpose of providing a neighborhood access point to the Leon Creek Greenway system. There is a building located on the property, which will be renovated so that it can be utilized as a trail head, public restroom and storage/office facility for Parks and Recreation Department Park Police and Park Operations staff who are working in the Leon Creek area. Space will be available for educational programs regarding the Leon Creek Greenway or for other associated community meetings. Councilman Julian Castro requested that Proposition Three funds be made available for this project through a six-signature memo dated May 16, 2003. Proposition Three funds of \$20 million were designated to create linear parks along the Leon and Salado Creeks. This project will assist in making the acquired property a usable park.

Improvements will be made to the building in order to make the facility available to the public and meet City building codes, to include making it accessible in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and fixing structural problems in the building. Work is being performed by the park construction crew or by small outside contractors and includes, but is not limited to, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, waterproofing, painting and ADA path of travel. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2003 and will be completed in January 2004.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Councilman Julian Castro requested that Proposition Three funds be utilized for this project in a six-signature memo dated May 16, 2003. Proposition Three designated \$20 million for land acquisition and development along Leon Creek and Salado Creek. This project and use of Proposition Three funds was reviewed by the Governance Committee on July 2, 2003 and by the Quality of Life Committee on August 7, 2003. Both committees support this action. The Quality of Life Committee requested that, at the time of the Council action on this item, a presentation be made on the overall plan for Proposition Three funds on Leon and Salado Creeks.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds of \$80,000.00 in Proposition Three funds designated for acquisition and development of property along Leon Creek and Salado Creek are available for the improvements to Leon Vista Park. The amount of \$80,000.00 will be allocated into park construction crew expenses.


It is anticipated that operation and maintenance costs for this area will be approximately \$4,800.00 per year.

COORDINATION

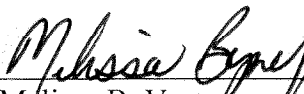
This project has been coordinated with the Public Works Department, Office of Management and Budget, Finance Department, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Development Services Department, Leon Creek Greenbelt Coalition and Proposition Three Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

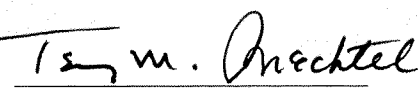


Malcolm Matthews,
Director of Parks and Recreation



Melissa B. Vossmer,
Assistant City Manager

Approved:



Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

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FROM: Councilman Julián Castro, District 7

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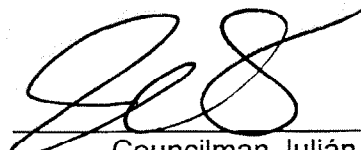
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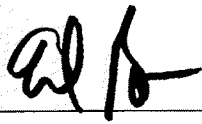
The Leon Vista Park was purchased with 1994 bond money for the specific purpose of providing a neighborhood access point to the envisioned Leon Creek Greenway system. The Leon Creek system is now in progress utilizing a variety of funding sources that will eventually create a continuous hike and bike trail system along Leon Creek from Loop 1604 to the north to IH 35 to the south.

An important factor in creating a linear park system is periodic access points that are easily utilized by the public. One access point that has been identified as the Leon Vista Park. The Proposition Three Greenways program was a voter approved 1/8th cent sales tax to acquire land and develop a greenway system along both the Leon and Salado Creeks. In an effort to open facilities in a timely manner and create an access point to enjoy the Leon Creek Greenway system both north and south of Leon Vista Park a one-time expenditure of Proposition Three Leon Creek Greenway system funds will be allocated in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. This work will be done in-house by Parks and Recreation personnel to ready the facility for opening to the public by Fall 2003.

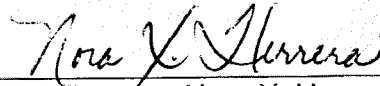
Your favorable consideration is appreciated.



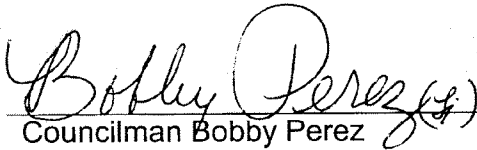
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District 7



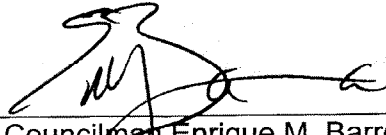
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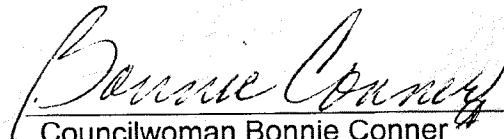
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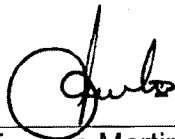
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Councilman David Carpenter
District 10

Attachment I

Leon Vista Park Improvements Project
Fund 40-_____

<u>Index Code:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Current Budget:</u>	<u>Revisions:</u>	<u>Revised Budget:</u>
REVENUES:				
_____	Prop 3 Linear Parks Project Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
	Total:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
new	Park Construction Crew Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
	Total:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>