

FACT SHEET

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINATING</u>
<u>DEPARTMENT</u>		

A RESOLUTION TO NOVEMBER 26, 2013
REPEAL RESOLUTION
NO. 133 OF 2012
WHICH AUTHORIZED
THE EXECUTION OF
A COOPERATIVE
ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
WITH THE RED RIVER
WATERWAY DISTRICT
RELATIVE TO THE
CONSTRUCTION AND
MAINTENANCE OF A DOG
PARK ON LAND OWNED
BY THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT
ADJACENT TO THE RED RIVER
IN SHREVEPORT; DETERMINING
THAT A PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT
AND MAINTAIN A DOG PARK ON
CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT
TO THE RED RIVER TO BE
INFEASIBLE; ENCOURAGING THE
EXPLORATION OF COST-EFFICIENT
OPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND
MAINTENANCE OF A DOG PARK AT
OTHER LOCATIONS WITHIN THE
CITY OF SHREVEPORT; AND TO
OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH
RESPECT THERETO

SPONSOR

PURPOSE

To repeal Resolution No. 133 of 2012; to determine that a project to construct and maintain a dog park on city-owned property adjacent to the Red River to be infeasible and to provide for other matters with respect thereto.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2012, the Red River Waterway District approved \$280,130 in funding for the City of Shreveport for construction of a dog park (the “Project”) on city-owned property adjacent to the Red River. Resolution Number 133 of 2012 was subsequently adopted by the City Council to authorize the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Red River Waterway District relative to receipt of the funds for construction and maintenance of the Project.

The Department of Public Assembly and Recreation (“SPAR”) has performed a study of the site proposed for the Project (in the Marie and Charles Hamel Memorial Park) and determined the site to be infeasible for development as a dog park for reasons which include but are not limited to geometry, topography, the presence of a dredge line easement, the potential for disruption of existing uses within the existing Park, adverse impact of development on a historic site, negative impact on green agendas as identified by the Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Master Plan, the absence of existing amenities including but not limited to lighting, bathroom facilities, water and sewer, and other considerations. Additionally, the cost to design and engineer the dog park at the proposed site is not included in the funding authorized by the Red River Waterway District. SPAR has also determined that the cost to overcome deficiencies with and obstacles to development of the Hamel’s Park site could increase the cost for construction of a dog park at this location to an amount in excess of the funding authorized by the Red River Waterway District. This resolution would repeal Resolution Number 133 of 2012 and provide for other matters in connection with the Project.

TIMETABLE

Introduction and Final Passage - November 26, 2013

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

FINANCES

None

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt the resolution as presented.
2. Amend the resolution.
3. Deny the resolution.

CONCLUSION

Alternative Number 1 is recommended.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: Terri Anderson-Scott
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RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2013

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2012 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE RED RIVER WATERWAY DISTRICT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DOG PARK ON LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ADJACENT TO THE RED RIVER IN SHREVEPORT; DETERMINING THAT A PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A DOG PARK ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE RED RIVER TO BE INFEASIBLE; ENCOURAGING THE EXPLORATION OF COST-EFFICIENT OPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DOG PARK AT OTHER LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Red River Waterway District approved \$280,130 in funding for the City of Shreveport for construction of a dog park (the "Project") on city-owned property adjacent to the Red River; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shreveport adopted Resolution 133 of 2012 which authorized the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Red River Waterway District relative to the construction and maintenance of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Assembly and Recreation ("SPAR") has performed a study of the site proposed for the Project (in Marie and Charles Hamel Memorial Park) and determined the site to be infeasible for development as a dog park for reasons which include but are not limited to geometry, topography, the presence of a dredge line easement, the potential for disruption of existing uses within the existing Park, adverse impact of development on a historic site, negative impact on green agendas as identified by the Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Master Plan, the absence of existing amenities including but not limited to lighting, bathroom facilities, water and sewer, and other considerations; and

WHEREAS, the cost to design and engineer the dog park at the Hamel's Park site is not included in the funding authorized by the Red River Waterway District; and

WHEREAS, SPAR has also determined that the cost to overcome deficiencies with and obstacles to development of the Hamel's Park site could increase the cost for construction of a dog park at this location to an amount in excess of the funding authorized by the Red River Waterway District; and

WHEREAS, development of the Project at the proposed location results in the dog park operating as a stand alone program requiring separate staffing and additional costs for operation and maintenance of the facility; and

WHEREAS, SPAR has studied and continues to study the feasibility of locating a dog park at other locations within the City which are devoid of the development challenges existing at the Hamel's Park site and the operational expense of same; and

WHEREAS, the identification of other park locations that are more readily available for development due to existing infrastructure and/or amenities will yield positive benefits for the citizens of Shreveport which include but are not limited to lower development costs, a faster construction timeline, and, reduced impact on SPAR's current and future budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that development of a dog park on city-owned property adjacent to the Red River in Marie and Charles Hamel Memorial is declared to be infeasible and accordingly Resolution No. 133 of 2013 is hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that development of a dog park in the City of Shreveport will enhance the quality of life for citizens of the City and the Mayor is requested and encouraged to continue to explore options for the cost efficient development of a dog park at other locations within existing city parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office