

FACT SHEET

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINATING EPARTMENT</u>
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; 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	DECEMBER 10, 2013	<u>SPONSOR</u>

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PURPOSE

To repeal Resolution No. 133 of 2012; to encourage the exploration of cost-efficient options for construction and maintenance of a dog park at other locations within the City; and to provide for other matters with respect thereto.

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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 a proposed site for the Project in the Marie and Charles Hamel 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.

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TIMETABLE

Introduction and Final Passage - December 10, 2013

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SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

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FINANCES

None

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ALTERNATIVES

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

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CONCLUSION

Alternative Number 1 is recommended.

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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 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 the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Assembly and Recreation ("SPAR") has performed a study of a proposed site for the Project in the Marie and Charles Hamel 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 undertaken a preliminary review of alternative sites 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 review includes but is not limited to a location east of the Clyde E. Fant Parkway, north of the Stoner Marina, and south of the Stoner Avenue Skate Park (“Stoner location”);

WHEREAS, given the developmental difficulties and cost potential of the Hamel’s Park site, the Shreveport Dog Park Alliance has proposed reconsideration of the Stoner location as an alternative to further consideration of the Hamel’s Park site; and

WHEREAS, on preliminary examination, the Stoner location appears more readily available for development due to existing infrastructure and/or amenities possibly resulting in lower development costs, a faster construction timeline, and, reduced impact on SPAR’s current and future budgets; and

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 at a proposed site 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 the Mayor is encouraged to explore options for development of a dog park at a location east of the Clyde E. Fant Parkway, north of the Stoner Marina, and south of the Stoner Avenue Skate Park or at other locations within the City in the event the Stoner location is determined to be infeasible for development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Red River Waterway District is requested and encouraged to participate with development of a dog park at the Stoner location in a manner consistent with its participation in the Riverview Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shreveport Dog Park Alliance is encouraged to withdraw its application for construction and development of a dog park at the proposed Hamel’s Park site and resubmit same for consideration of construction and development of a dog park at the Stoner location.

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:

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City Attorney's Office