



Parks & Recreation

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Date: August 19, 2014

Subject: **Authorization for the West Side Neighborhood Project/Community Forum group to hold a Barbecue Cook-Off on the newly acquired County open space property on October 4, 2014.**

On June 16, 2014, staff received an email from Michael Barrow from the West Side Neighborhood Project/Community Forum group regarding the possibility of holding a community event for the neighborhood on the newly acquired County open space property. The purpose of the event is to engage the residents living on the west side in improving their neighborhood.

On July 23, staff met with Michael Barrow, Chris Rangel, and Ileen Rangel regarding their request. Since this is a community event on park property, staff determined that City Council action is necessary. The City has officially taken ownership of the County open space area north of the Juan Seguin School located on the southwest corner of Dolle and Jones Avenues.

As proposed, this free community event would be held on Saturday, October 4 from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. The event would include a barbecue cook-off, DJ, food, and kids' activities. The Barbeque Cook-Off is not a fundraiser for any organization. Attendees will have opportunities to learn more about how to improve their neighborhood and increase civic engagement. Some of the booths envisioned are a voter registration drive, Community Forum information, job fair, citizenship drive, Seguin Police and Fire Department involvement, Seguin Parks and Recreation information, LULAC information, rebuilding homes information, etc.

This event would fall under the guidelines as set forth in the attached Special Event Permit Application. If this community event is approved by the City Council, the West Side Neighborhood Project/Community Forum group will be required to submit a completed Special Event Permit Application and follow its guidelines to hold the event on park property.