



Item 4

Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: June 4, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Sherri E. Fleming, County Executive of Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Approve proclamation observing June 7, 2013 as "Let's Play Day" in Travis County.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

More than 200 volunteers from Dr. Pepper - Snapple Group, NYOS Charter School, organizers from the non-profit organization KaBOOM! And residents for the local community will join forces on Friday, June 7th to build a new playground at the NYOS Charter School Kramer Campus (1605 Kramer Lane). The new playground's design is based on drawings created by children who participated in a Design Day even in April.

To learn more about the Let's Play initiative, visit www.letsplay.com

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the proclamation.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Recognizing the importance of accessible playgrounds and parks to neighborhoods is key to promoting healthy development, active families and greater opportunity.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None.

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, We are facing a play time deficit in society and only one out of five children in the United States lives within walking distances of a park or playground.; and

WHEREAS, Play time is critical to the physical, emotional and cognitive development of children; and

WHEREAS, Austin is Playful City USA community and is working to create resources to support healthier lifestyles including parks and playgrounds so our citizen have ample amenities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Currently there are 300 children who attend the NYOS Charter School Kramer Campus, grades PreK-3, who do not have suitable playground equipment to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Let's Play, is a community partnership led by Dr. Pepper - Snapple Group to get kids and families active nationwide and the first Let's Play initiative is a \$15 million, three-year commitment to KaBOOM! to build or fix up 2,000 playgrounds by the end of 2013, benefitting an estimated five million children across North America; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers from Dr. Pepper - Snapple Group, NYOS Charter School and the community have worked with hundreds of volunteers to build a new playground in one day; and

WHEREAS, The youth-inspired playground at NYOS Charter School Kramer Campus will contribute to a stronger community and healthier, happier children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO OBSERVE JUNE 7, 2013 AS

"LET'S PLAY DAY IN TRAVIS COUNTY"

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

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