

Meeting Date (?) 12/15/2015

Subject Matter* (?) BCS Railroad Society Lease Renewal
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Department of Origin* PARKS & RECREATION

Submitted By* M. Darrell Lovelette

Type of Meeting* BCD Special Regular

Classification* Public Hearing Consent Statutory Regular

Ordinance* None First Read Second Read First & Only Read

Strategic Initiative* Public Safety Service
 Economic Development Infrastructure
 Quality of Life

Agenda Item Description* Consider approval for the renewal of a lease agreement between the City of Bryan and the Bryan/College Station Model Railroad Society for the Society's continued use of a building in Bonham Park.

Summary Statement* The Bryan/College Station Model Railroad Society, formally Brazos Valley Model Railroad Society, owns and operates the HO Scale Gulf Texas and Western Railroad. The model railroad is housed in a 20' x 40' building in Bonham Park located on the north side of Bryan, TX at the corner of Russell and Montana Streets. The Society hosts one open house per year in conjunction with the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club Annual Layout Tour of Houston.

The purpose of the lease is to provide space to house and operate a HO scale Gulf Texas and Western Railroad within a building in Bonham Park. The following conditions apply regarding the purpose of the lease:

1. The property is leased solely for activities related to model railroad interest.
2. The Society shall offer its membership to the general public subject to reasonable rules and regulations.
3. The Society shall make reasonable arrangements to enable the general public to see the model train displays on the leased premises without charge.
4. No concession rights are granted to the Society by means of this agreement.

This proposed agreement is for a term of five (5) years, which is the same term as the existing lease. The Society has had an agreement with the City for over 30 years. The Society has abided by conditions of the agreement and have been good tenants in the building. All work inside the building has been done by the Society and at its own expense. They provide an excellent use for the building, make sure it is secure, and cause no expense to the City.

Staff Analysis & Recommendation* The Railroad Society is providing a positive use for the site. The use of the site by the Society provides some level of security, helps keep out negative uses, and provides a wholesome family activity. While there is no cost to the City of Bryan for this agreement, the City does not realize revenue from this lease agreement.

The Parks and Recreation staff recommends approval of the renewal of this lease agreement. The Bryan/College Station Model Railroad Society has been an excellent tenant, has taken good care of the building, provides a wholesome family activity, and provides a historical and educational opportunity for many people.

Options*

(In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)

1. Approve the agreement
2. Approve the agreement with modifications, which may require City Council consideration at a future Council meeting and review by the Bryan/College Station Model Railroad Society
3. Do not approve the agreement

Funding Source*

No funds are needed to approve the renewal.

Attachments

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Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

1. Proposed Lease Agreement

Dept. Head Signature



H. Darnell Lovelette

**Deputy City Manager
Signature**



Hugh R. Walker

City Manager Signature



City Attorney Signature



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