
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director
MEETING: August 1, 2022

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of a 5-year grazing lease with Bryan Voegele at Russell Farm Art Center.
(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

SUMMARY:

Russell Farm Art Center is a 30-acre historic park within the Burleson Parks and Recreation department. The farm features several historic facilities, contemporary art items, a community garden, and a variety of recreation programs. The farm also houses a variety of animals that are used for educational purposes.

Bryan Voegele has requested a grazing lease agreement at Russell Farm Art Center. Staff has worked with the city attorney to develop agreeable terms for the lease agreement. The agreement will allow the lessee (Bryan Voegele) to utilize specified farm property for up to eight cattle. The lessee will be responsible for all livestock needs with the exception of farm donkeys and chickens. This includes veterinary and feed expenses. The lessee has also agreed to allow cattle to be used for Russell Farm educational programming purposes.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve grazing lease agreement.
- 2) Approve with changes.
- 3) Direct staff not to proceed with grazing lease agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve grazing lease agreement

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

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