RESOLUTION NO. 20080110-051

WHEREAS, the Gus Garcia Recreation Center, located on Rundberg Lane between I-35 and Cameron/Dessau Roads, is nearing completion and is scheduled to open in late January or early February, 2008;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's 1998 bond package allocated a total of $6.5 million for the Gus Garcia Park and Recreation Center, though none was allocated for park development;

WHEREAS, the Gus Garcia Park Design Competition has generated several award-winning designs with the community's input at no cost to the City;

WHEREAS, the remaining land in the Gus García Park will not be developed until funds become available;

WHEREAS, the Friends of Gus Garcia Park has established an account with the Austin Parks Foundation, a 401(C) nonprofit entity that has

an existing relationship with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has committed to maintaining the Gus Garcia Park after capital improvements are complete;

WHEREAS, the surrounding communities including the Windsor Hills Neighborhood Association have committed their time, talents, and funds to try to get the park built on their own;

WHEREAS, several private sector entities have expressed an interest in participating in an effort to develop the park;

WHEREAS, researchers at the University of Texas are interested in evaluating the impacts of parks upon community health; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Austin community leaders are currently working with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, the Austin Parks Foundation and several private sector entities to develop a plan to finance the development of the park; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to work with community leaders, private entities, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Austin Parks Foundation and any other interested stakeholders to finalize plans for Gus García Park in accordance with the community plan so that construction and development can occur as funding allows.

ADOPTED: January 10, 2008 **ATTEST:** Shirley A. Gentry

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk