

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the quality of life in Austin is enhanced by parks, trails, and recreational opportunities for children, seniors, and adults, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the YMCA of Austin is to enhance the lives of men, women, boys and girls in the Austin community, regardless of race, creed, age, economic circumstances and physical or mental abilities, and

WHEREAS, since 1953, the volunteer-founded and volunteer-led YMCA of Austin has provided services and facilities that promote their mission of a healthy spirit, mind, and body for more than 80,000 children and adults of all ages, races, faiths, backgrounds, abilities, and income levels throughout the city, and;

WHEREAS, the increased density in our urban core and the planned residential redevelopment of City owned property at Seaholm and Green necessitate providing more recreational facilities in the urban core, and;

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Austin is embarking on a renovation of their TownLake Branch, originally opened in 1970, to meet the growing demand of the over 7,800 members for quality programs, activities and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the park property adjacent to the YMCA TownLake Branch that currently houses the City of Austin animal shelter provides an opportunity to create and expand recreational facilities and create more park space, and;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with the YMCA of Austin and other stakeholders including the West Austin Youth Association in creating a master park plan for the entire park area that includes the property that currently houses the Town Lake Animal Shelter and make a recommendation to the council for further enhancement of the park.

ADOPTED: _____, 2008

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk