

**Resolution of the Joint Sub-Committee
of the Environmental Board
and the
Parks and Recreation Board**

Concerning the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan

WHEREAS, Barton Springs Pool, is a historical landmark considered by many to be the crown jewel of Austin;

WHEREAS, over 409,000 people annually enjoy this spring-fed swimming pool,

WHEREAS, the only known surface habitats of the endangered Barton Springs Salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*) are located in Barton Springs Pool, Eliza Spring, Old Mill Spring (Sunken Garden) and Upper Barton Spring, and

WHEREAS, Barton Springs Pool is in immediate need of improvements to facilities, water quality and salamander habitat conditions, and

WHEREAS, City Council has unanimously supported the improvement of Barton Springs Pool by allocating \$6.2 million in capital improvement funds for short term projects that have received wide support

WHEREAS, City Council authorized securing the services of a professional consultant to work with stakeholders on a plan for Barton Springs Pool (*Resolution No. 20061019-035*) to address improvements to facilities, the grounds, infrastructure, water quality and salamander habitat conditions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Sub-Committee of the Environmental Board and the Parks and Recreation Board recommends to City Council the following:

- City Council accepts the Plan as a resource for short-term projects and concepts for possible future long-term projects, which would require extensive public input from stakeholders, Boards and Commissions and City Council.
- The City Manager should instruct the Parks and Recreation Department and the Watershed Protection Department to work cooperatively to complete the short-term projects with stakeholder participation. The resulting data, analysis and public input will provide information to further evaluate the long term projects.

- The plan, from this time forward, should be referred to as *Barton Springs Pool Master Plan: Concepts for Preservation and Improvement* to acknowledge that additional data and analysis is needed .
- The Joint Sub-Committee of the Environmental Board and Parks and Recreation Board should continue in an oversight capacity, hosting representatives of all stakeholder groups as short term projects are implemented and long-term projects are considered in the future.