

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Waller Creek is a defining feature of Austin's geography and history, and

WHEREAS, efforts to enhance and revitalize the creek and the surrounding area have occurred over the past thirty years but have been unsuccessful due to flooding events; and

WHEREAS, the Waller Creek Tunnel Project and Revitalization effort is a priority of the City and construction of the tunnel flood control project is underway and financing mechanisms are in place by the City of Austin in partnership with Travis County to remove over 28 acres of downtown from the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the Waller Creek Conservancy ("Conservancy"), a non-profit organization dedicated to the implementation of a great urban park design in Austin and the successful revitalization of the district, has incorporated to establish itself as a private partner with the city in the development, operation, and management of the district, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Conservancy approved by the City Council on April 28, 2011 as

amended on May 26, 2011, the Conservancy conducted an international design competition seeking a design team to assist with the revitalization the Waller Creek District, and

WHEREAS, an international design competition began on November 8, 2011 with the objective of creating a connected concept for a great urban public space, and

WHEREAS, a professional jury comprised of technical experts from around the world was established, and

WHEREAS, the jury evaluated thirty-one submissions, selected four finalist teams that were able to consult with a technical advisory group on the preparation of design proposals, and

WHEREAS, extensive public outreach occurred throughout the design competition process in many forms to include city-wide community input and raise public awareness of the design considerations and proposals for Waller Creek, and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2012, the four finalist teams presented designs to the public and the competition jury and a design team was selected by the Waller Creek Design Competition Jury, and

WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding between the City and Conservancy provides that the City approve the selected design team; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council affirms the selection of the design team chosen by the Waller Creek Design Competition Jury relating to the revitalization of the Waller Creek District.

ADOPTED: October 18, 2012

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk