

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) is intended to increase commerce and showcase the best of Asian and Asian American culture, allowing the community to educate, congregate, and celebrate its heritage; and

WHEREAS, current practices for City of Austin recreational facility design standards include a commercial kitchen; and

WHEREAS, the AARC was planned to have a limited, catering kitchen, and design decisions and cost restraints reduced the kitchen space and equipment even further; and

WHEREAS, the AARC has already become a popular venue for community events and programs and a commercial kitchen will enhance its appeal and revenue-generating potential; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved funding in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget to begin a senior congregate meals program at the AARC; and

WHEREAS, serving congregate meals to seniors or participants in other AARC programs will be severely constrained until a commercial kitchen is constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreational Department (PARD) spent \$800,000 less than its estimated spending in Fiscal Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, PARD's preliminary estimate suggests that construction costs will be approximately \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, PARD was able to purchase used commercial kitchen equipment at a substantial discount, and this equipment can be used at the AARC; and

WHEREAS, delaying renovations will increase the eventual construction costs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to review and verify estimated costs of upgrading to a commercial kitchen at the Asian American Resource Center, to identify an appropriate funding source, and to prepare a budget amendment for Council consideration at the budget amendment meeting to be set by council, or March 27, 2014.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk