RESOLUTION NO. 20140626-082

WHEREAS, City Code Section 25-4-61 provides that changes to an approved preliminary plan, other than minor changes, require approval by the Land Use Commission; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 25-4-61 further provides that changes to the basic street layout in an approved preliminary plan is not a minor change and requires approval by the Land Use Commission; and

WHEREAS, City Charter, Article X, Section 1, states that no public or private development shall be permitted, except in conformity with the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 25-4-151 requires that streets in a new subdivision shall be aligned with and connect to existing streets on adjoining property unless the Land Use Commission determines the comprehensive plan, topography, requirements of traffic circulation, or other considerations make it desirable to depart from the alignment or connection; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager makes a recommendation to the Land Use Commission regarding the application for amendment to a preliminary plan with respect to street layout; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan seeks to integrate nature into the City by strengthening our green infrastructure to protect the natural environment, enhance recreational and educational opportunities, and improve the connection between residents and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin land use and transportation policy promotes the integration of citywide and regional green infrastructure to

include such elements as preserves and parks, trails, stream corridors, green streets, greenways, agricultural lands and the trail system into the urban environment and the transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin land use and transportation policy seeks to ensure that redevelopment in the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones maintains the quantity and quality of recharge of the aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin land use and transportation policy seeks to create healthy and family-friendly communities through development that includes a mix of land uses and housing types, affords realistic opportunities for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian travel, and provides community gathering spaces, neighborhood gardens and family farms, parks, and safe outdoor play areas for children; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan land use and transportation policy promotes safer routes to schools for students of all ages; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed, in making any recommendations to the Land Use Commission regarding an application to amend a preliminary plan, to consider all of the provisions of the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan, including creation of green infrastructure, maintenance of the quality of the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones, and the promotion of safer routes to school.

ADOPTED: June 26, 2014 ATTEST: James 2014

Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk