

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative is a project funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is a three year community planning process that will culminate in a master plan for 208 acres of publicly owned land in northeast Austin, in addition to 93 acres of parkland on Loyola Lane between Johnny Morris Road and Decker Lane; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Colony Park/Lakeside neighborhoods and Colony Park Neighborhood Association have been engaged in the planning process but have identified that the project is limited by its focus solely on the 208 acres of publicly owned land; and

WHEREAS, there is potentially a lack of connectivity between the existing neighborhoods and major traffic arterials that can be addressed by working with adjacent private land owners and Austin Resource Recovery, which has land in the area; and

WHEREAS, there are several other development projects in the adjacent areas, including those on city-owned land such as the potential for an Expo Center and Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns that the future residents of the 208 acres could potentially form a homeowners association that would have control, and potentially exclusive operation of, any public amenities; and

WHEREAS, the challenges of the Colony Park and Lakeside communities extend well beyond the 208 acres subject to the grant-funded

planning efforts and the benefits are maximized when they are considered in coordination; and

WHEREAS, the financing plan for development and operating of the 208-acre site has not been set, but may also benefit from consideration of adjacent areas; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to include neighboring connectivity, public amenity maintenance and governance, and financing options within and adjacent to the 208 acre Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative PUD in the scope of the Colony Park planning effort and to report back to Council by December 1, 2014 on progress made in implementing this resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk