

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Austin Rowing Club (ARC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of rowing in Austin; and

WHEREAS, ARC offers a variety of low-cost and no-cost rowing programs for eligible youth and adult rowers; and

WHEREAS, ARC entered into a contract with the City for the management and operation of the boathouse on Lady Bird Lake for the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD); and

WHEREAS, the 5-year revenue concession contract with ARC included one 2-year option for renewal; and

WHEREAS, the contract renewal was granted in February of 2017, and the contract expires in late February of 2019; and

WHEREAS, per the terms of the agreement ARC has provided expanded rowing programs, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, dragon boating, nationally recognized rowing events, and a cafe to park users; and

WHEREAS, the contract stipulated that ARC bring an initial capital investment of \$240,680 and program specific equipment exceeding \$870,000; and

WHEREAS, ARC's contract also includes provisions relating to programs and services that benefit the general public, differently abled individuals, youth, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, ARC has collaborated with the Austin Independent School District, Front Steps, at-risk youth, breast cancer awareness groups, Paralympic athletes, and other non-profits to provide inclusive programming at the boathouse; and

WHEREAS, due to ARC's commitment to the facility and community, ARC is requesting that the non-profit be permitted to operate and manage the boathouse for an additional five years; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 980312-25 states that the City should bid concessions contracts in accordance with the provisions contained within Resolution No. 980312-25; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

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

The requirements regarding concessions on parkland adopted by City Council in Resolution No. 980312-25 are waived for concession agreement extensions with Austin Rowing Club.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to consult the Parks and Recreation Board's Concessions and Contracts Committee to solicit feedback on the appropriate process to use in this circumstance and potential contract terms. Pending those recommendations, the City Manager is directed to negotiate and execute a contract with Austin Rowing Club for the management and operation of the boathouse on Lady Bird Lake for an appropriate period.

ADOPTED: _____, 2018 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk