



ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Date: August 21, 2018

Subject: Construction of Asian American Resource Center Pedestrian Bridge

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WHEREAS, the Asian American Quality of Life (AAQoL) Advisory Commission was formed to advise the Austin City Council on issues related to the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) and provide ongoing guidance and support for Asian American quality of life initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the AARC facility was funded by voter approved bonds in 2006, was constructed in 2013, and has been operated by Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) since opening; and

WHEREAS, the number of visitors to the AARC facility has more than doubled from 22,700 in fiscal year 2014 to 53,650 in fiscal year 2017, and the facility is booked up to one year in advance; and

WHEREAS, the City parking lot at Rutherford Lane and Cameron Road is the designated overflow parking area for numerous AARC events due to high attendance and limited parking at the facility; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian access from the overflow parking area to the AARC is very difficult, especially for children, seniors, and others with mobility issues, with some facility attendees crossing the drainage ditch between the two lots to avoid walking down the street to the lot entrance; and

WHEREAS, the need for a pedestrian bridge between the two lots has been part of PARC's rolling needs assessment for many years with a rough cost estimate of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the **health and safety of individuals** attending AARC events are at risk without safe passage to and from the overflow parking area making the bridge an immediate need; and

WHEREAS, construction of the bridge has been discussed between PARD staff and Watershed Protection Department staff as part of a drainage improvement project and the AARC Master Plan with an estimated timeframe for construction in four to five years from now; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommends that the Austin City Council direct the City Manager to expedite design and completion of a bridge between the AARC and the overflow parking area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED