



**Item From Council  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 38  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 02/26/2004  
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**Posting Language:** Approve a resolution reaffirming Resolution 000113-57 which supports Austin's participation in the creation of the regional Brushy Creek Trail and Greenway.

**Proposed meeting date:** THU 02/26/2004

**Sponsor:** Council Member Brewster McCracken

**Co-sponsor 1:** Council Member Daryl Slusher

**Co-sponsor 2:**

**Date by which the City Manager is requested to report back to Council:**

**Draft Resolution/Ordinance attached:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 000113-57**

**WHEREAS**, Brushy Creek is a significant watershed located in Central Texas, with its headwaters and first 10 or so miles linking the cities of Cedar Park, Austin and Round Rock, and the Municipal Utility Districts of Brushy Creek and Fern Bluff, as its waters flow west to east through Williamson County; and

**WHEREAS**, impending land development conditions present the unique opportunity for these six (6) political jurisdictions to work together to acquire land or easements along South Brushy Creek, and Brushy Creek east from its confluence with South Brushy Creek, within their combined territories of influence, for the purposes of natural resource conservation, and creating a continuous public greenway and trail system; and

**WHEREAS**, there is desire on the part of each of the six (6) political jurisdictions to work together to realize such a project as the Brushy Creek Trail and Greenway for the enjoyment and benefit of the citizens of the greater region; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County has taken the first step by hiring the services of a private contractor for one year ending August 2000 to coordinate the planning effort necessary for creation of the Brushy Creek Trail and Greenway, and the contractor has already begun meeting with staff members of the six (6) jurisdictions to gather hard data and other information; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to fully realize the favorable conditions now evolving for regional cooperation in general, and for acquisition and development of the Brushy Creek Trail of Greenway it is necessary that each of the cities of Austin,

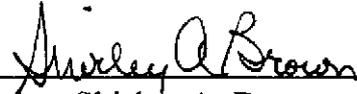
Cedar Park and Round Rock, the Municipal Utility Districts of Fern Bluff and Brushy Creek, and the County of Williamson commit to participate in the project;  
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Instructs the City Manager to assign staff and other available resources appropriate for City's ongoing participation in the creation of a regional Brushy Creek Trail and Greenway, as long as the project remains viable.

**ADOPTED:** January 13, 2000

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk

RECORDING REQUESTED AND  
WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Richman, Luna, Kichaven & Glushon  
1801 Century Park East, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90067  
Attention: James D. Richman, Esq.

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January 27, 2004

Judge John C. Doerfler  
Williamson County  
710 Main Street, Suite 201  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

**SUBJECT: CITY OF AUSTIN OVERALL COMMITMENT TO BRUSHY CREEK  
PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM**

Dear Judge Doerfler:

On January 13, 2000, the City of Austin passed the attached Resolution No. 000113-57, instructing "the City Manager to assign staff and other resources appropriate for the City's ongoing participation in the creation of a regional Brushy Creek Trail and Greenway, as long as the project remains viable."

In order to demonstrate the City of Austin's participation in the regional Brushy Creek Trail and Greenbelt, I am requesting the Austin City Council re-affirm this Resolution on the February 26, 2004 agenda. As you may know, it takes several weeks at a minimum to bring items before the Austin City Council, so I will not have the Resolution available by the application deadline. But I will send you a copy of the action as soon after February 26<sup>th</sup> as a certified copy is available.

The City of Austin definitely supports the Brushy Creek Park and Trail System. Should I be able to provide additional information or assistance on this project, please contact my office at 974-6716.

Sincerely,

Warren Struss, Acting Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

cc: Michael C. McDonald, Acting Assistant City Manager  
Jim Rodgers, Director, Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department

Attachment: Resolution No. 000113-57

January 28, 2004

Judge John C. Doerfler  
Williamson County  
710 Main Street, Suite 201  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

**SUBJECT: City of Austin Commitment OF FUNDS to Phase Two Brushy Creek Trail**

Dear Judge Doerfler:

As you know, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) has been very supportive of the Brushy Creek Regional Park and Trail System since the Avery Ranch PUD began its planning process. Congratulations on what you and your staff have created to date.

I understand Williamson County is going to apply for a second Regional Grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in order to extend the trail from the railroad crossing west to Twin Lakes Park. PARC has up to \$150,000 toward construction of the trail extension should Williamson County be awarded a grant. Be advised however that this appropriation is subject to Council approval.

In addition, a private citizen will donate approximately 44 acres of parkland to the City of Austin for this project upon award of the grant. This land, which is intended to qualify for matching credit, will contain a portion of the new trail.

Should you have any questions or there is anything else needed from us to forward this project, please contact my office at 974-6716.

Sincerely,

Warren Struss, Acting Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

cc: Michael C. McDonald, Acting Assistant City Manager  
Jim Rodgers, Director, Williamson County Parks Department