

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kimberly A. McNeeley, CPRP, Acting Director Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: January 17, 2019

SUBJECT: 2018 Parks and Recreation Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff is excited to share the Department's 2018 Annual Report. The report is available in the 'About' section of the Parks and Recreation Department website at austintexas.gov/parks and a link is also provided <u>here</u>.

PARD's 2018 fiscal year was meaningful in many ways. By closely working with our partners and stakeholders, and with community input from neighborhood and community groups, we were able to improve our green spaces, parks, recreation facilities, and cultural programs to better serve the needs of our vibrant, expanding, and diverse community.

We continue to make our programs more accessible, affordable, and relevant to those who need them the most, and will continue to broaden 2018's fiscal year achievements as we strive to improve and expand our core services. This will be accomplished by careful performance evaluation and building towards the vision laid out in the Austin Strategic Direction 2023.

PARD hopes you enjoy reading our 2018 accomplishments while learning more about the Department as we continue to serve the community. Should you have any questions, please contact the PARD office at (512) 974-6717. Thank you and enjoy!

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager Sara Hensley, Interim Assistant City Manager