

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin, the City of Austin's Comprehensive Plan, identifies the need for creating more compact and connected neighborhoods as a long-term goal of the City's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council has previously allocated funding for acquisition, planning and development of parkland in the Georgian Acres neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a key impediment identified by the Parks & Recreation Department during the recent planning process to connect children and families to nature is physical access to our public parks and other natural spaces; and

WHEREAS, during the public engagement and community planning process in the Georgian Acres neighborhood, the existence of physical and legal barriers on neighboring residential properties was identified by the community as a critical issue for increasing access to the new parkland; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to prepare a report to City Council on how best to increase connectivity and accessibility in the area surrounding the parkland located in the North Lamar and Georgian Acres Planning Area, including:

- 1) identification of any restrictive covenants or other existing contractual agreements on parcels adjacent to new and existing parkland that limit access to parkland, and how best to address any restrictions;
- 2) identification of potential land or easement acquisitions throughout the neighborhood that would increase pedestrian connectivity to parkland; and

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3) estimates of the time and increased funding amounts that would be required to increase connectivity and accessibility in the area.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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