



BOARD RECOMMENDATION

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Recommendation Number: (20180424-005): Recommending City Council Action to Expand Recycling and Waste Diversion to All Austin Parks and City of Austin Recreation Facilities

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has committed to reaching Zero Waste by 2040, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to leading by example in the areas of Zero Waste and waste diversion;

WHEREAS, approximately 4 of 300 City of Austin parks and 14 of 51 City of Austin aquatic facilities currently provide recycling opportunities;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Universal Recycling Ordinance mandates that private businesses in the City of Austin make recycling available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parks and Recreation Board:

THAT the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the Austin City Council consider and take action to expand recycling and waste diversion opportunities to all City of Austin parks and recreational facilities in FY 2019;

THAT the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the Austin City Council direct the Austin City Manager to initiate a formal planning process for the implementation of citywide recycling and waste diversion in City of Austin parks and recreation facilities;

THAT the Parks and Recreation Board recommends that said formal planning process be complete for inclusion in the FY 2019 City of Austin budget;

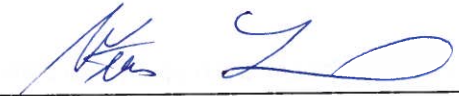
THAT said formal planning process should include leadership from Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, and the Office of Sustainability;

THAT said formal planning process include evaluation and consideration of the appropriate rate of the Clean Community Fee to fund recycling and waste diversion in all City of Austin parks and recreation facilities;

THAT the Austin City Council create a Parks & Recreation Recycling Task Force comprised of representatives from appropriate City of Austin Boards and Commissions, non-profits, and waste diversion business leaders.

Date of Approval: April 24, 2018

Record of the vote: Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Casias off the dais and Board Members Luca and Ward absent.

Attest: 

Vera Labriola, Staff Liaison