

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, House the Homeless was founded in Austin in 1989 with a mission of education and advocacy surrounding all issues of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the House the Homeless Board of Directors voted to donate a sculpture by their Executive Director, Richard Troxell, to the City of Austin to commemorate the condition of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Richard Troxell will create a world class sculpture under the close supervision and guidance of internationally acclaimed Master Sculptor Stephen Dubov, owner and founder of 3-D Atelier Sculpture Studio; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sculpture is estimated to have a fair market value of \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, House the Homeless has committed to maintain the sculpture in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the life size bronze statue will feature an elderly woman, a young girl representing over 1,000,000 homeless children, and a veteran representing 28% of the people that experience homelessness; collectively demonstrating the diversity of those affected by homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has held memorial services with the community and elected officials for over twenty years honoring the memory of homeless Austinites that have passed away; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Memorial is located at Auditorium Shores and features a live oak tree, two memorial plaques, and a bench purchased by

House the Homeless and installed by the City of Austin Parks Department;
and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Memorial sculpture is most appropriately suited for an area with substantial pedestrian activity to maximize the community benefit and to honor the importance of those lost to homelessness;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with House the Homeless, Art in Public Places, Parks and Recreation, and other affected stakeholders to identify several potential sites for the monument in prominent areas within the Parks system including the existing Homeless Memorial at Auditorium Shores.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to present site options to the Arts Commission on September 16, 2013 and to the Parks and Recreation Board on September 24, 2013, and bring back an agenda item for Council consideration with site options and board & commission recommendations on September 26, 2013.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk