

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin's Comprehensive Plan includes as one of the Housing and Neighborhoods Building Blocks to "Increase the availability of affordable housing, including housing for very low-income persons, through new and innovative funding mechanisms, such as public/private partnerships;" and

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin identifies "improving student stability by preserving existing affordable housing and increasing access to new affordable housing" as a key challenge for the future; and

WHEREAS, Austin Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) is a local non-profit partner that serves people of all backgrounds through leveraging community engagement to build affordable communities; and

WHEREAS, Habitat owns a 14.65 acre property at 7051 Meadow Lake, and is planning a project that would include 125 units that target homeownership at income brackets from 60% MFI to 120% MFI; and

WHEREAS, Perez Elementary School, located on South Pleasant Valley Road, is losing students which impacts their funding level, and this reduction in attendance could be offset by promoting new housing for families in the area on properties outside of a floodplain; and

WHEREAS, a road completion is needed, from Misty Slope Lane to Quicksilver Boulevard, for this project to move forward due to current limited access to the property; and

WHEREAS, the cost of transportation infrastructure improvements necessary to access the property would reduce the number of affordable units available on the Meadow Lake property if funded by Habitat; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin could partner with Habitat to conceptualize a complete street that improves safety by providing dedicated facilities for cars, pedestrians and bicyclists and benefits this area and City residents overall by creating north-south connectivity; and

WHEREAS, Council could consider extending the road as part of the next budget process; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to explore the feasibility of the City building and maintaining the extension of Meadow Lake Boulevard, a public road, from Misty Slope Lane to Quicksilver Boulevard, as well as sidewalks and other traffic improvements necessary to support safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to Perez Elementary School, and prepare an item for Council consideration during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget process.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk