

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (Department) owns 147.231 acres of land located at 7501 Longview Road (“Property”) that is not zoned Public (P) district; and

WHEREAS, the Department was granted this property in 1999 by The Estate of T.U. Bryant, Catherine Brownlee, Independent Executrix, by Special Warranty Deed (Nature Preserve Dedication); and

WHEREAS, the deed states that “the [P]roperty shall be identified to the public as the ‘Stephenson Nature Preserve and Outdoor Education Center;’” and

WHEREAS, the deed further states the “purpose of the conveyance is to (a) provide outdoor education for children of the Central Texas area concerning the nature, wildlife and ecosystems of Central Texas; (b) ensure that the Property will be retained forever predominantly in its natural and open space condition; [and]... (f) prevent any use of the Property that will impair or interfere with the conservation values of the Property;” and

WHEREAS, a Public (P) district zoning is the designation for a governmental, civic, public service, or public institution use and is the most appropriate designation for parks and nature preserves; and

WHEREAS, local residents and their elected representatives are committed to maintaining the vision of the original grantors of the Stephenson Nature Preserve and Outdoor Education Center and to honor this special gift; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The Council initiates the rezoning and future land use map amendment of the parcel of land with Travis County Appraisal District Property ID Number 512074, located at 7501 Longview Road, Austin, Texas, identified as the Stephenson Nature Preserve and Outdoor Education Center, and directs the City Manager to process the rezoning and amendment cases so that the parcel is zoned Public (P) district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Council directs the City Manager to process the rezoning and amendment cases so that the parcel is zoned appropriately if a new zoning category is created in the future that specifically applies to nature preserves or parks.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk