

Whereas, It is the Responsibility of ZWAC to review, evaluate and make recommendations to Austin City Council and the City staff regarding City policies concerning solid waste, recycling, organics management and Zero Waste; and

Whereas the City Parks and Recreation Department is currently limited by the availability of containers and staff hours to offering recycling in only 4 of 300 parks, 5 of 6 golf courses, and 14 of 51 pools; and

Whereas it is advisable for the City to model through its facilities and programs the practices required of residential and commercial properties in the City; and

Whereas City parks, golf courses, and pools serve well over 2 million visitors per year; and

Whereas the collective zero waste impact of providing services at pools, parks, and golf courses would divert significant quantities of material from landfill; and

Whereas the Parks and Recreation Department seeks financial support to expand their current recycling efforts to encompass all of their managed facilities;

Therefore it be Resolved that the Zero Waste Advisory Commission advises the Austin City Council to prioritize action on expanding recycling and organics collection in City Parks; and

Be it further resolved that the Zero Waste Advisory Commission advises the Austin City Council to take appropriate and necessary budgetary steps to ensure the same in FY18.