



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: (20170809-003d): Recycling in Parks

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 to expand 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zero Waste Advisory Commission advises the Austin City Council to direct Austin Resource Recovery to identify available assets that could immediately be used to expand recycling and organics collection at City parks, golf courses, and pools.

Date of Approval: August 9, 2017 **Vote: 9-0-0-1**

For: Commissioners Acuna, Masino, Gattuso, Rojo, White, Blaine, Bones, de Orive, Joyce

Against: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Commissioner Hoffman

Attest:

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