

A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RELATED TO AMENDING ITS
BYLAWS TO TERMINATE THE LAND, FACILITIES AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE
AND ESTABLISH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the Bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Board (PARB) mandate creation and composition of the Contracts and Concessions Committee and the Land, Facilities and Program Committee of the PARB (LFP Committee); and

WHEREAS, the PARB has considered the value of the LFP Committee based on the LFP Committee's meeting history, the subjects reviewed by the LFP Committee, and the need for the full board to review and debate subjects already reviewed and recommended by the LFP Committee; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the value of the LFP Committee, the PARB has determined that the PARB Board and PARD staff time could be better utilized than in continuing the LFP Committee and the LFP Committee should be terminated; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the matters considered by the full PARB, the PARB has determined that it would benefit from the education and development of a depth of knowledge of PARD financial matters by a permanent standing committee of PARB members; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, changes to state law regarding property taxes, and other circumstances may cause financial impacts to PARD and PARB considers these circumstances to further justify the need for a permanent standing committee that can assist PARD in determining how to best manage financial matters; and

WHEREAS the PARB would like a Financial Committee to be established as a permanent committee; and

WHEREAS, the PARB intends that this Financial Committee shall consist of members that serve in an advisory committee to the full board on issues of budget, fees, revenue, funding and other financial matters of the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the PARB intends that once established, the Financial Committee would set an annual agenda for itself each year outlining the financial items meriting consideration, including the PARD proposed budget prior to presentation and consideration of the budget by the PARB, a review of fees charged by PARD, and research, review and recommendation of funding mechanisms for the acquisition and development of parkland and operations and management of Parks and Recreation facilities and programs; and

THEREFORE, the PARB recommends to the Council Audit and Finance Committee to consider and approve the bylaw amendment attached as Attachment 1 to this Resolution, that would terminate the PARB LFP Committee and replace it with the PARB Finance Committee.