



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION YYYYMMDD-XXX

Date:

Subject: Establish Austin as a Recognized Soccer City

Motioned By:

Seconded By:

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Board Recommends that the Austin City Council approve a resolution to establish Austin as a recognized soccer city and direct the City Manager to analyze challenges and needs in soccer field development and soccer programming and to provide recommendations.

Rationale:

Whereas, the city of Austin has demonstrated a growing interest and participation in the sport of soccer, with a vibrant community of players, fans, and organizations dedicated to its promotion and development;

Whereas, Austin's diverse population embraces soccer as a unifying force, bringing together people of various backgrounds, cultures, and ages in the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie;

Whereas, soccer serves as a catalyst for promoting equity and community health, offering opportunities for social inclusion, physical activity, and youth development across all neighborhoods and demographics in Austin;

Whereas, ensuring equitable access to soccer fields and programming is integral to addressing disparities and promoting wellness among underserved communities in Austin;

Whereas, the emergence of professional soccer teams, such as Austin FC, has captured the enthusiasm and support of residents, contributing to the city's identity as a dynamic and inclusive soccer city;

Whereas, the availability and accessibility of quality soccer facilities and programming are essential to nurturing talent, fostering youth development, and promoting healthy lifestyles among Austin's residents;

Whereas, there exists a need to assess and address the challenges and requirements associated with soccer field development, maintenance, and programming to ensure equitable access and utilization across Austin's communities;

Whereas, recognizing the importance of strategic planning and resource allocation in advancing soccer initiatives, it is imperative to empower the City Manager to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the current landscape of soccer facilities, programming, and associated needs within Austin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Board:

1. Recommends that the Austin City Council approve a resolution to establish Austin as a recognized soccer city and direct the City Manager to analyze challenges and needs in soccer field development and soccer programming and to provide recommendations.

Vote

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*

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