

**RESOLUTION
BY THE HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Whereas, the Hancock Golf Course was established in 1899 by Austin Mayor Lewis Hancock and is reputed to be the oldest continuously operated golf course west of the Mississippi; and

Whereas, the Hancock Golf Course is dedicated parkland; and

Whereas, the Hancock Golf Course is valued for the recreational, community service, and environmental benefits it provides to the Austin community, as well as its historic significance; and

Whereas, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) conducted a public engagement meeting on March 24, 2012, on the future of the Hancock Golf Course with the neighborhoods of Hancock, Eastwoods, Hyde Park, Cherrywood, and North University which solidly endorsed the preservation and improved maintenance of the Hancock Golf Course; and

Whereas, PARC is in the process of implementing the action plan derived from the public engagement meeting with installation of the reclaimed water irrigation system completed in spring 2013, and research conducted to place the Hancock Golf Course National Register District nomination on the October 2013 agenda of the State Board of Review; and

Whereas, the Hancock Neighborhood Association is investing funds under its stewardship to enhance the recreational use of the Hancock Golf Course in collaboration with PARC and its staff; and

Whereas, the Imagine Austin Priority Program 4: Use Green Infrastructure to Protect Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Integrate Nature Into the City seeks to improve environmental, recreational, and transportation functions and improve the connection between people and the environment; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL:

To protect and maintain Austin's green infrastructure within the Central Austin neighborhoods and extending neighborhoods;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

To recognize the value of our parks and green spaces, and the benefits they accrue to the citizens of Austin;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

To direct the City Manager to initiate a plan for park and green space development and maintenance for balanced urban infrastructure that supports the health and wellbeing of diverse communities in Austin's rapidly growing urban environment and allows for informed budgetary allocations for long-term sustainability.

ADOPTED BY THE HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Sep. 18, 2013

ATTEST:



**Carolyn Palaima
President, Hancock Neighborhood Association**