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Resolution of the Austin Neighborhoods Council Regarding the Montopolis Recreation Center

WHEREAS the Montopolis Recreation Center was originally built by Dolores Church in 1964 to serve as the Montopolis Community Center to address the highest poverty and crime rates in the city, low education attainment levels, poor and inadequate housing, unpaved streets, few streetlights and even fewer job opportunities;

WHEREAS the Montopolis Community Center incorporated itself in 1965 as a non-profit corporation dedicated to the development of the Montopolis community and to the welfare of impoverished youth and adults;

WHEREAS in June 1971 the Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the Austin Model Cities Program entered into an agreement whereby the Montopolis Community Center was to be operated as an extension of the Parks and Recreation Department. In 1973 the Parks and Recreation Department purchased the Montopolis Community Center and renamed it the Montopolis Recreation Center;

WHEREAS the Montopolis Recreation Center is an outdated facility. The recreation center's foundation is shifting; it lacks the infrastructure to serve people with disabilities and seniors, and the shortage of space to serve more people. The building has only one elevator, bathrooms only on the first floor, and it has inadequate electrical outlets in the classrooms. This forty-seven year old center currently looks like a warehouse rather than the modern recreation centers that exist in Austin today;

WHEREAS the Montopolis Recreation Center is beyond rehabilitation;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council recommends that the Austin City Council place on its Bond Initiative for the 2012 Elections the inclusion of a Bond to construct a new Montopolis Recreation Center.

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