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Carter P. Smith Executive Director Mr. Scott Crosby, President River Place Limited District 14050 Summit Dr. Austin, Texas 78728

Re: River Place Woodlands Park

TPWD Project Number 50-000274

Dear Mr. Crosby:

On August 30, 2001, River Place MUD was awarded a \$500,000 Local Park grant for the partial acquisition and full development of Woodlands Park. The Project Agreement for which fund assistance is provided states that the Sponsor is obligated to adhere to all requirements established for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account program. Chapter 675.9, Section 2(B) of the Texas Local Park Grants Program Manual, Post-Completion Responsibilities/Conversion Guidelines, states:

"Discrimination on the basis of residence, including preferential reservation, membership or annual permit systems is prohibited with respect to program assisted property, except to the extent that reasonable differences in admission and other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence.

Fees charged to nonresidents cannot exceed twice that charged to residents. Where there is no charge for residents, but a fee is charged to nonresidents, nonresident fees cannot exceed fees charged for residents at comparable state or local public facilities. Reservation, membership or annual permit systems available to residents must also be available to nonresidents and the period of availability must be the same for both residents and nonresidents."

It has come to our attention, through many citizen complaints, that a \$10 non-resident pedestrian and pet fee is being imposed for the usage of the Woodlands Park Nature Trail. TPWD does not find this fee reasonable nor is it comparable with other state or local public facilities; therefore, this fee is prohibited by the terms of the grant agreement and must be

terminated immediately.

We understand that fees are sometimes required in order to maintain a quality recreation facility. To establish a fee that is acceptable under the terms of the grant agreement, please contact Dan Reece, Local Park Program Manager, at (512)389-4656 dan.reece@tpwd.texas.gov, to discuss your options.

Sincerely,

Dana Lagarde

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Cc: Rodney Franklin, TPWD State Parks Division Director

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