

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN:** Montopolis Neighborhood Plan

**CASE#:** NPA-2010-0005.01

**PC DATE:** November 9, 2010

**SITE AREA:** The Montopolis Planning Area is located in the southeast part of Austin's Urban Core. The boundaries for the planning area are Grove on the north and west, Bastrop Highway on the east, and Ben White on the south.

**APPLICANT:** Montopolis Planning Contact Team

**TYPE OF AMENDMENT:** To amend the plan document to add a map "Montopolis Tributary Trail Network", to amend text in the plan document to add a goal with objectives and action items intended to expand the opportunities for the public enjoyment of parks, trails, and open space, and to renumber the plan goals, objectives, and actions items as necessary.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ADOPTION DATE:** September 27, 2001

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Recommended

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:** When the plan was adopted by City Council in September 2001, there was little information in the document related to the stakeholders' desire for parks, trails, and open space. The Montopolis Planning Contact Team, with input from the members of the planning area, created a list of goals, objectives, and actions, in addition to a map that shows possible areas for a trail network to help guide the development of these recreational facilities in the neighborhood planning area.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** (pending)

**BACKGROUND:** The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan was completed under the City of Austin's Neighborhood Planning Program and was adopted as part of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan on September 27, 2001. The boundaries of the planning area are Grove on the north and west, Bastrop Highway on the east, and Ben White on the south.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Approximately 5,593 plan amendment meeting notices were mailed to people who live and own property within the Montopolis planning area notifying them of the plan amendment meeting held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. Twenty-five people attended the meeting.

The following City staff attended the meeting to answer questions: Jose Guerrero, Consulting Engineer, Watershed Protection; Eduardo Acosta, Engineer, Watershed Protection; Bond Harper GIS Analysis, Watershed Protection; Chris Yanez, Principal Planner, Parks and Recreation;

Sylvia Benavidez, Planner III, Spanish Language Translator, and Maureen Meredith, Senior Planner, plan amendment planner.

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At the meeting the attendees voted on each of the proposed text additions to the plan document with minor revisions to the wording, which is reflected in the attached document.

Instead of a map showing a proposed trail route, the attendees supported a general map that shows properties upon which a trail could be provided because this will allow for flexibility in design and construction of the trail.

Public Hearing Comment Form(s) are provided at the back of this report.

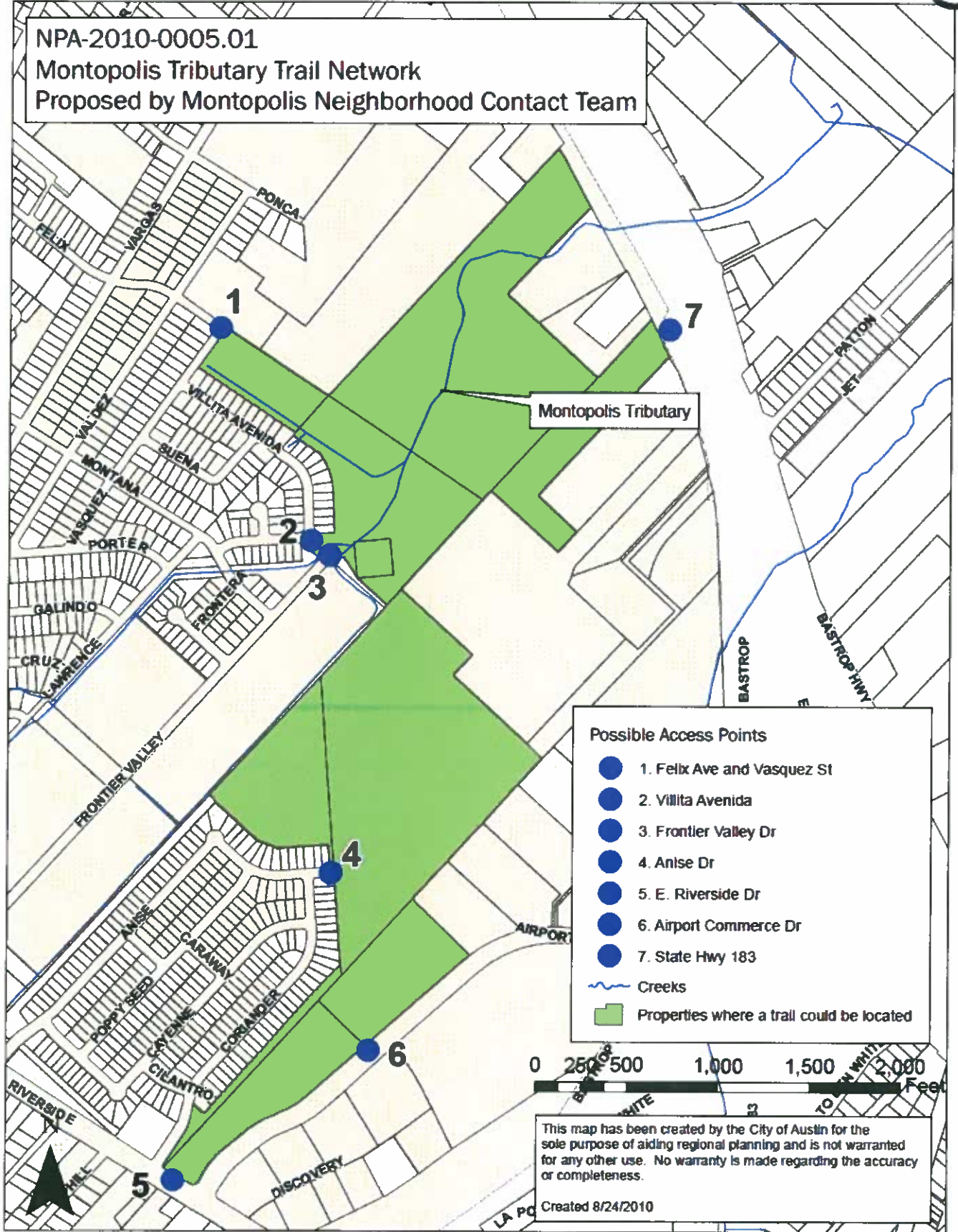
**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** December 9, 2010      **ACTION:** (pending)

**CASE MANAGER:** Maureen Meredith      **PHONE:** 974-2695

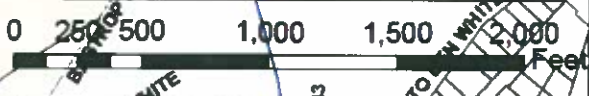
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Montopolis Tributary Trail Network  
Proposed by Montopolis Neighborhood Contact Team



- Possible Access Points**
- 1. Felix Ave and Vasquez St
  - 2. Villita Avenida
  - 3. Frontier Valley Dr
  - 4. Anise Dr
  - 5. E. Riverside Dr
  - 6. Airport Commerce Dr
  - 7. State Hwy 183
- ~ Creeks
- Properties where a trail could be located



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**MONTOPOLIS PLANNING CONTACT TEAM – PROPOSED PLAN TEXT REVISIONS**

**Goal 3: Expand opportunities for the public enjoyment of Parks, Trails, and Open Space.**

**Objective 7: Provide additional Open Space in Montopolis for public use and ensure that residents live in a clean and healthy environment.**

Action 28: Develop low impact public use features, such as recreational nature trails, on the 13-acre Watershed Protection Department property adjacent to the Frontier at Montana subdivision.

Action 29: Mitigate solid waste, sewage, and soluble pollutant problems that impact our waterways, especially in the Montopolis Tributary of the Carson Creek Watershed.

Action 30: Create an inventory of trees that are subject to restrictions on removal and cutting based on City ordinance guidelines.

**Objective 8: Increase the availability of Park land and diversify the ways in which Parks are used.**

Action 31: Designate more existing City of Austin property within the MNP boundaries for potential use as Park land or for low impact recreational purposes.

Action 32: When feasible acquire additional land for the City of Austin to be managed by the Parks Department or another City department for low impact recreational purposes.

Action 33: Create smaller "pocket" parks that serve localized neighborhood needs.

Action 34: Establish and maintain equity in the distribution of funds for parks and public facilities.

**Objective 9: Establish hike and bike trails that provide connectivity within Montopolis and to adjacent neighborhoods.**

Action 35: Develop the Montopolis Tributary Trail Network, a multimodal hike and bike trail system that has a main route from the PARD Practice Field at Felix and Vasquez, to East Riverside Drive near the site of the proposed East Riverside Gateway Transit Plaza.

Action 36: Develop a secondary route of the Montopolis Tributary Trail Network from the main route near the Frontier at Montana subdivision to St Hwy 183.

Action 37: Where feasible, ensure that the Montopolis Tributary Trail Network has multiple access points all along its routes.

Action 38: Designate on-street routes connecting the Montopolis Tributary Trail Network to other City of Austin Parks and trail systems within and adjacent to the MNP including, but not limited to, Civitan Park, Montopolis Park, Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park, Dan Ruiz Library and the Lance Armstrong Bikeway/Trail.

## PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

The proposed amendment will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: first, before the Planning Commission and then before the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed amendment. You may also contact a registered neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff's recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a plan amendment request, or approve an alternative to the amendment requested.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department at the number shown on the first page. If you would like to express your support or opposition to this request, you may do so in several ways:

- by attending the Public Hearing and conveying your concerns at that meeting
- by submitting the Public Hearing Comment Form
- by writing to the city contact listed on the previous page

For additional information on Neighborhood Plans, visit the website: [www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/).

## PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM

If you use this form to comment, it may be submitted to:

City of Austin  
Planning and Development Review Department  
Maureen Meredith  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767-8810

If you do not use this form to submit your comments, you must include the name of the body conducting the public hearing, its scheduled date, the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice in your submission.

Case Number: NPA-2010-0005.01

Contact: Maureen Meredith

Public Hearings-

Planning Commission: Nov. 09, 2010

City Council: Dec. 09, 2010

<input type="checkbox"/> I am in favor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I object

Julia C. Maloukes

Your Name (please print)

1428 Anise Drive

Your address(es) affected by this application

Maureen Meredith

Signature

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Date

Comments: Riverside Meadows is a very high crime area with home & vehicle break-ins. I believe a trail opening on Anise Dr. will add to the problem. In addition, there is barely room for resident parking and no room for trail use parking.

And finally, the trail is not going to be ADA accessible.