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Planning Commission 01/08/13

NEW BUSINESS: Initiate a Code Amendment - Barton Springs Pool, General Grounds Improvements

Background

Discussion and possible action to initiate an ordinance to allow site specific amendments and variances, as related to Barton Springs Pool general grounds improvements (see attached backup).

The request was made by the City of Austin, Planning and Development Review Department.

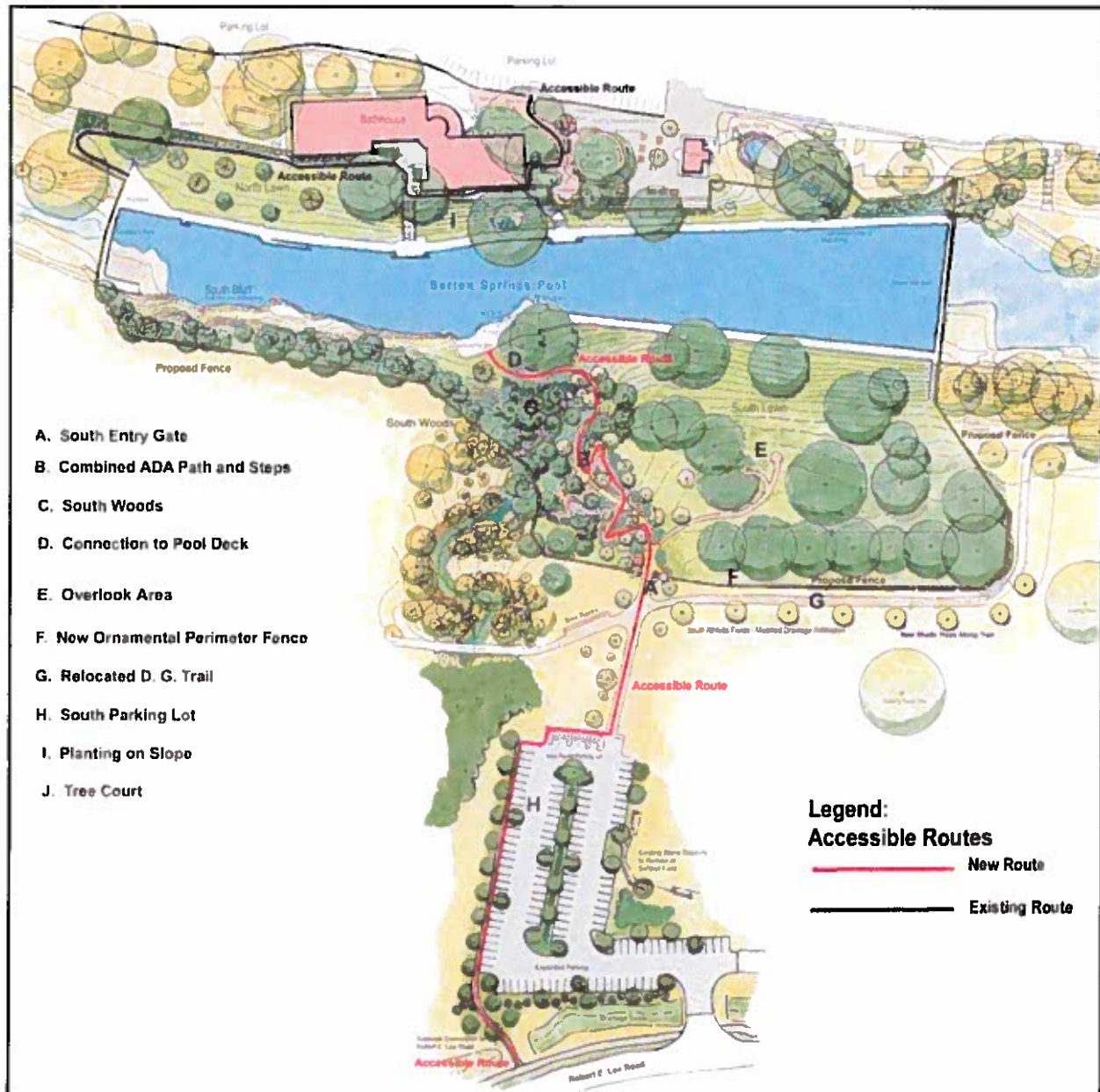
On December 18, 2012, the Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee recommended initiation of this code amendment, vote: 5-0.

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Exhibit A

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North and South Sidewalk Improvements



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Plan of Sidewalk Improvements and Accessible Route

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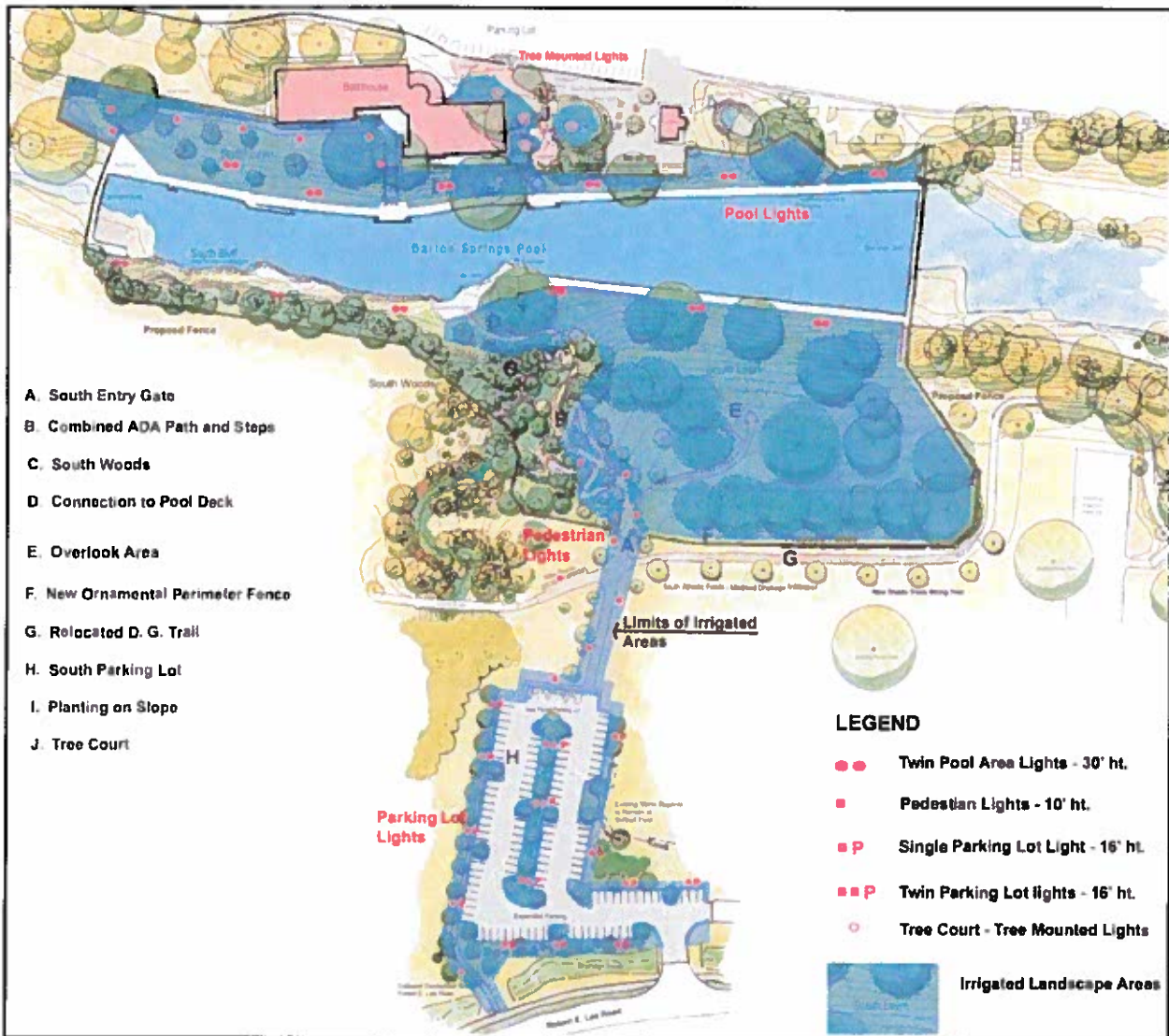
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Exhibit B

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Irrigation and Electrical Improvements



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Plan of Irrigated Area and Lighting Layout

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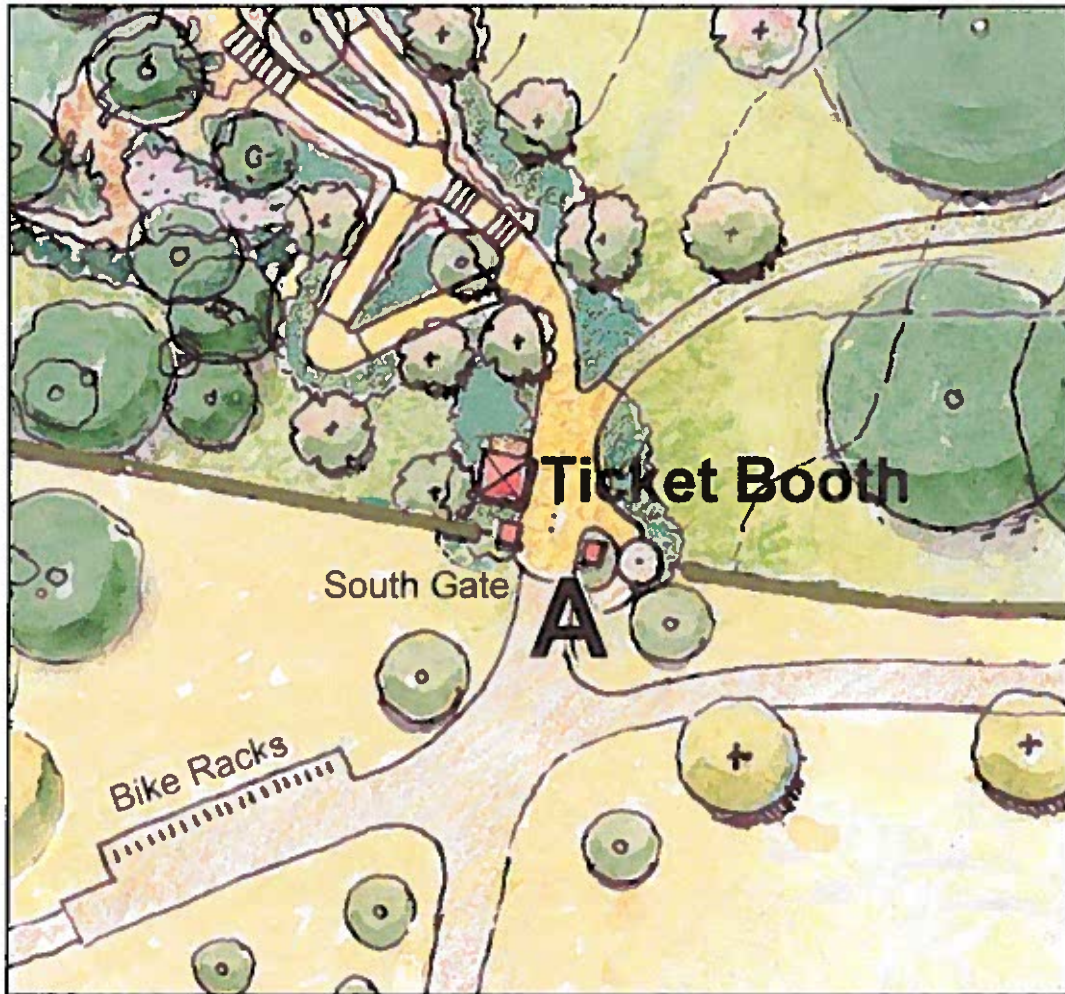
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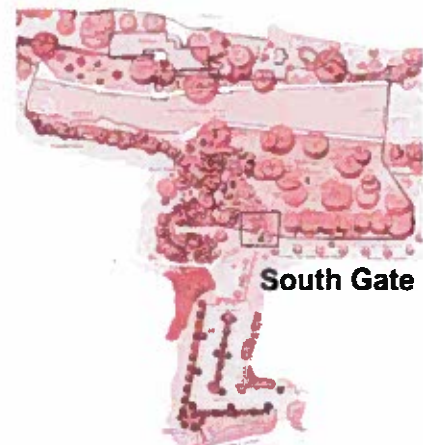
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South Gate Ticket Booth Improvements



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Plan of Ticket Booth at South Entry Gate



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Ordinance Amendment Request

Site Specific Amendment to Section 25-8-514 (*Pollution Prevention Required*) to allow construction in the critical water quality zone of:

- A. Sidewalks located along the eastern edge of the south lawn of the pool to provide an accessible route to the pool. Reference EXHIBIT A.
- B. Construction of underground irrigation and electrical utilities. Reference EXHIBIT B.
- C. A ticket booth at the south entry gate. Reference EXHIBIT C.
- D. An overlook deck, new sidewalk and hardscape within the "tree court" area adjacent to the existing bathhouse to improve the soil conditions for the health of the heritage pecan trees. Reference EXHIBIT D.
- E. A portion of a vegetated filter strip located east of the existing gravel parking lot on the south side of the pool providing water quality for the expanded parking lot. Reference EXHIBIT E.

Site specific amendment to Section 25-8-514 (*Pollution Prevention Required*) to allow impervious cover in excess of 15 percent.

- A. The existing impervious cover within the Barton Creek watershed of Zilker Park is 44.42 percent which exceeds the maximum allowed of 15 percent. The proposed improvements described above will increase the impervious cover by 0.91 percent creating a total impervious cover of 45.33 percent.

Variance Request (The following items require a variance and are listed for reference only.)

Variance from Section 25-8-482 (*Critical Water Quality Zone*) to allow construction in the critical water quality zone of:

- A. Sidewalks located along the eastern edge of the south lawn of the pool to provide an accessible route to the pool. Reference EXHIBIT A.
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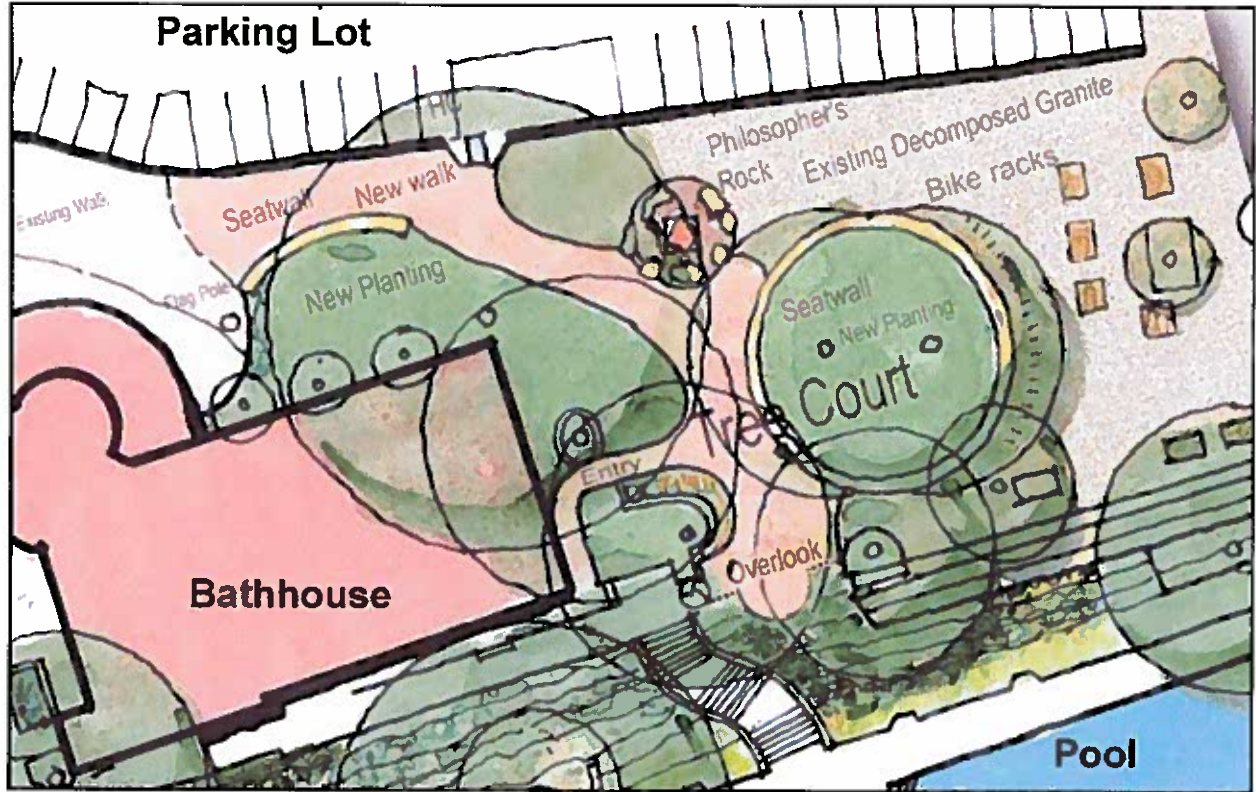
Variance from Section 25-8-483 (*Water Quality Transition Zone*) to allow construction in the water quality transition zone of:

- A. Concrete parking facility to improve and expand the existing gravel parking lot located on the south side of Barton Springs pool. Reference EXHIBIT E.
- B. Sidewalk providing an accessible route from the Robert E. Lee Right of Way and the parking lot on the south side of Barton Springs pool to the south entry to the pool. Reference EXHIBIT E.

Exhibit D

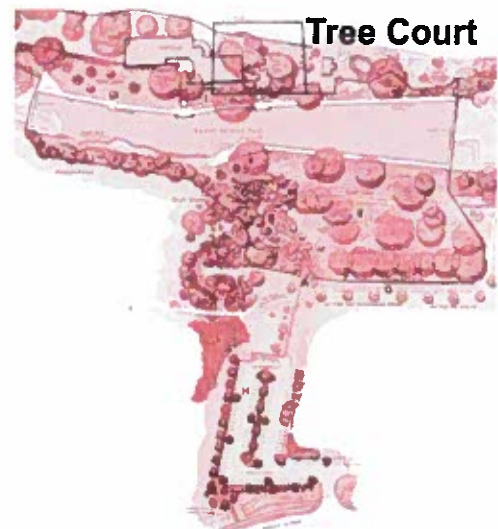
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Tree Court Improvements



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Tree Court Plan



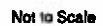
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Vegetated Filter Strip Area



Plan of Vegetated Filter Strip Area

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