



Mt. Bonnell at Covert Park Improvements

Land, Facilities and Programs Committee

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History of Mt. Bonnell at Covert Park



- Property donated to Travis County in 1938 by Covert Family
- Maintained by Travis County
- City of Austin acquires property, 1972
- Trellis and hardscape improvements installed, 1983
- Designated as City of Austin Historic Landmark, 1990
- West Point Society of Central Texas (WPSCT) adopts park, 2010
- Presented to Certificate of Appropriateness Committee, July 2012
- Community Meeting held on February 20, 2013 to present proposed improvements



Existing summit conditions



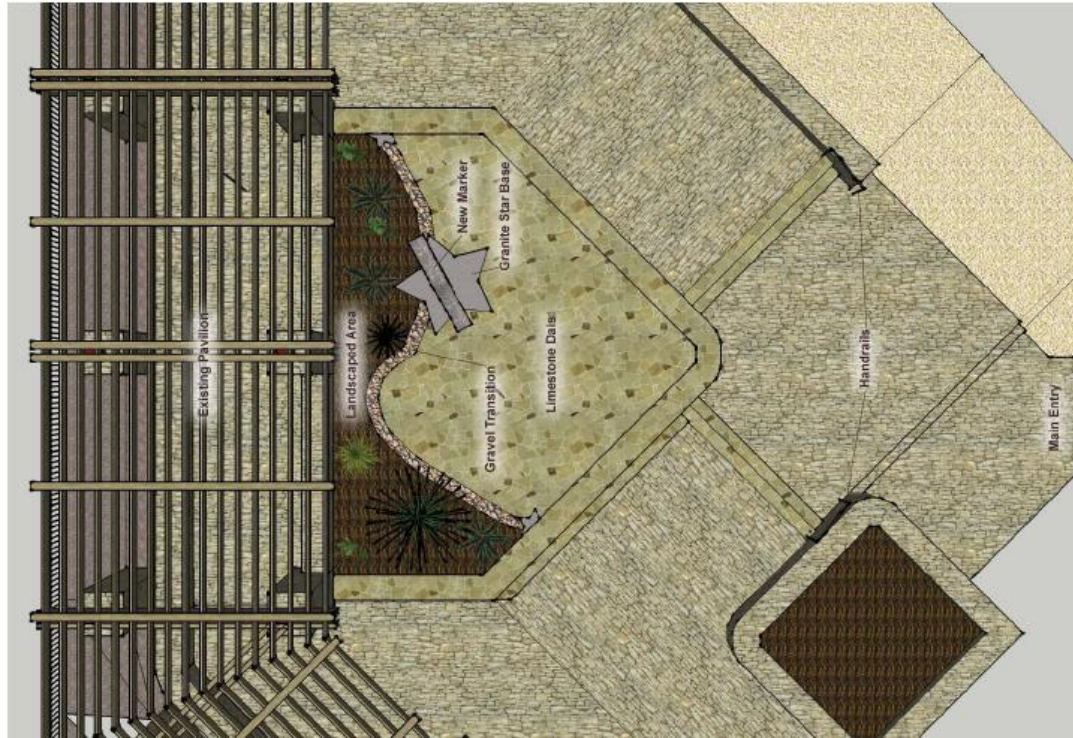
View of existing improvements including existing historic monument

Perspective view with proposed changes



View of proposed improvements and new monument

Proposed plan view of improvements

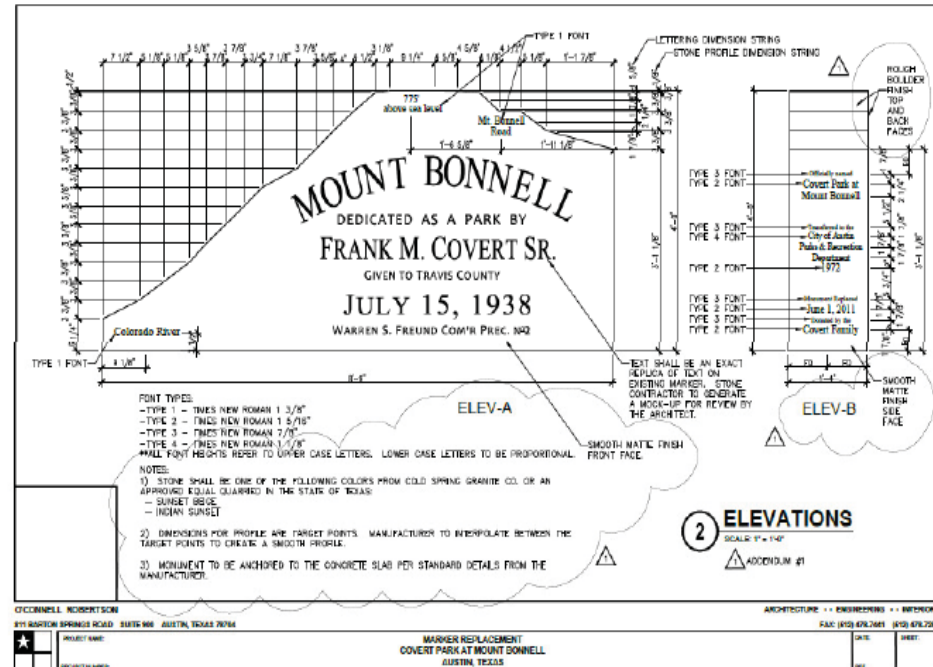


Plan view of improvements



Original photo of historic monument

Existing monument



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Proposed monument replacement

Existing condition of
historic monument

PARD Considerations



- The mission of the department is to “provide, protect and preserve” our park system. Mt. Bonnell at Covert Park is one of 33 City of Austin Historic Landmarks entrusted to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Per Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between US Fish and Wildlife and the City of Austin, Covert Park is co-managed with the Balcones Canyon Land Preserve since 2004
- Mt. Bonnell at Covert Park is a designated City of Austin Historic Landmark and all changes are subject to review by the Historic Landmark Commission of the City of Austin.
- The Historic Landmark Commission makes determinations of appropriateness of changes using the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation.
- Officially presented to the Certificate of Appropriateness Committee July 2012



Next Steps



- Recommendation by Land Facilities and Programming Committee to approve or disapprove proposed landscape improvements including the monument replacement
- Present recommendations to Parks Board on March 26, 2013

