

# **Accumulation of Committees, Boards and Commissions Barton Springs Pool- General Grounds Improvements**

*(Parks & Recreation Department responses to recommendations in italics and green)*

## **DESIGN COMMISSION MEETING - FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

The motion to support both items of Alternative Equivalent Compliance as requested and send a message to the public of the importance of preserving our natural springs was approved.

February 27, 2012 – Approved by the Design Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner's Almy and Whatley absent.

## **JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING - JUNE 28, 2012**

All aspects of the design were approved by the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board and Parks & Recreation Board over a two-year public engagement process.

June 28, 2012 – Unanimously approved by the Joint Committee of the Environmental Board on a 5-0 vote.

## **LAND, FACILITIES AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING - AUGUST 13, 2012**

August 13, 2012 – Approved by the Land, Facilities and Program Committee on a 2-0 vote with Commissioner Perales absent.

## **HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING - AUGUST 27, 2012**

August 27, 2012 – Approved by the Historic Landmark Commission on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Wolfenden-Guidry abstaining from the vote.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 28, 2012**

August 28, 2012 – Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a 5-1 vote with recommendations and with Commissioner Osgood voting against the item.

1. ADA Trail through the grass of the South Lawn and request planner and Parks Department staff look closer at a place for that overlook away from the South Lawn.

*Recommendation considered. Refer to Planning Commission item 1 response below.*

## **URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 19, 2012**

December 19, 2012 – Unanimously approved by the Urban Forestry Board on a 6-0 vote with recommendations.

1. Tree Court Area: The entire tree court area is treated as a CRZ.

*Recommendation accepted. No construction unrelated to Tree Court improvements within area.*

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2. Remove the south overlook and pathway to the overlook from the plan.

*Refer to Planning Commission item 1 response below.*

3. Increase size of planting median in south parking lot area to 4000 SF and reduce the large maturing trees in the planting to two trees.

*Recommendation partially accepted.*

- *Median is 4,500 SF.*
- *Ten hard wood trees proposed in the median with appropriate spacing in order to meet code requirements.*

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2013**

Initiation of SOS Ordinance Amendment.

## **WATERFRONT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

February 11, 2013 – Approved by the Waterfront Planning Advisory on a 6-1 vote with Vice-Chair Pilgrim abstaining from the vote and off the dais.

## **CODES AND ORDINANCES SUBCOMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

Motion to recommend approval of the plan was approved with the following conditions:

1. Remove the south lawn overlook

*Refer to Planning Commission item 1 response below.*

2. Review the feasibility of moving parking out of the water quality transition zone with the intent of not increasing the existing impervious cover.

*Refer to Planning Commission item 5 response below.*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

February 20, 2013 - Approved by the Environmental Board on a 6-1 vote with conditions and with Commissioner Walker absent.

1. Removal of walkway to the “overlook” on the south lawn.

*Refer to Planning Commission item 1 response below.*

2. Removal of existing impervious cover in another area of Barton Springs site as mitigation for the construction of the concrete parking lot in the Water Quality Transition Zone (WQTZ) of Barton Creek, with the goal of no increase in the percentage of impervious cover in the Barton Springs Zone.

*Refer to Planning Commission item 1 response below.*

3. Recommend the use of rain gardens, bioswales and other storm water controls on the site in order to enhance water quality at Barton Springs and Barton Creek.

*Recommendation considered.*

- *Rain Gardens originally proposed in design phase.*
- *Vegetated Filter chosen as enhanced and maintained water quality design.*

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- *Vegetated Filter reviewed by both the Watershed Protection Department and Planning and Development Review Department.*

### PLANNING COMMISSION – FEBRUARY 26, 2013

February 26, 2013 - Not approved by the Planning Commission, denied staff recommendations with conditions on a 5-2 vote with Commissioners Smith and Anderson voting against the item.

#### 1. Recommend removal the South Overlook Trail

*At this time, the Department is not considering this recommendation for the following reasons:*

- *While the Master Plan comments the Department should “avoid temptation...to use [the South Lawn] to solve functional problems” such as “maintenance” and ADA “accessibility”, the Department’s position is ADA accessibility is a civil rights issue, not a functional issue.*
- *The overlook is a sense of place that individuals without disabilities can experience only on the “South side”. It has been described as unique as compared to the “North side”.*
- *Trail provides accessibility to an “experience” - historical marker and view of pool from south side.*
- *Individuals who have a disability have voiced support for the path.*
- *The legal responsibility to provide an accessible path is inconclusive.*
- *Provides controlled path to direct users to south lawn important to prevent erosion and tree root compaction.*
- *Decomposed granite – pervious. (Ordinance amendment or variance not required)*

#### 2. Recommend installation of pervious/porous main ADA path

*Recommendation partially accepted.*

- *Pervious paving considered during initial design phase.*
- *Not appropriate for walkways with structural requirements or maintenance vehicle use (sidewalk from parking lot to pool deck).*
- *Can use pervious paving for section of sidewalk from Robert E. Lee to parking lot.*

#### 3. Increasing bicycle parking by a minimum of 50% on the south side

*Recommendation accepted. Increase in bicycle parking to be provided at Council briefing. (Ordinance amendment or variance not required)*

- *Plan will increase proposed bicycle parking 100% on south side (80 spaces).*
- *120 total bicycle spaces proposed and currently reviewing additional opportunities.*

#### 4. Evaluate shuttle system and other multi-modal alternatives to onsite vehicular parking.

*Recommendation under consideration. Additional funds appropriation required.*

- *Outside the scope of this project and considered an operational component.*
- *PARD has used shuttles in the past for special events.*
- *Cost is generally \$65 per hour per shuttle.*
- *Estimated summer total \$35,000.*

#### 5. Prepare a cost-benefit analysis of re-arranging/offsetting parking on the South side to minimize impervious cover in the Water Quality Transition Zone (“WQTZ”).

*Recommendation considered. Alternate parking options to be provided at Council briefing.*

- *Shifting parking close to Robert E Lee requires converting bypass channel to a culvert*
- *Increased project costs for storm water infrastructure +/- \$200,000.*
- *Multiple options considered during stakeholder process in 2011, 80 and 124 space layouts.*

#### 6. Reconfigure the pedestrian path that runs perpendicular to Robert E. Lee Road to avoid routing pedestrians through the middle of the South parking lot.

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*Recommendation not applicable.*

- *This item is related to item 5.*
- *Current layout routes pedestrians along the west side of parking lot.*
- *Parking will maintain multi-modal traffic continuity.*

#### **7. Reduce total impervious cover:**

*Recommendation accepted. Reductions in impervious cover to be provided at Council briefing which may include:*

- *Converting unused drive aisles to bicycle parking.*
- *Uncompacting unpaved parking areas and plant trees and/or wildflowers.*
- *Creating tree islands within existing parking lots.*
- *Decrease parking spaces from 124 to 80 or less.*

### **MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES- MARCH 8, 2013**

Motion to support an accessible path of travel for the South Lawn to include the overlook and historical monument was approved. The committee calls on City staff to continue to work with stakeholders to identify the best solution for an accessible travel path that best preserves the natural features of Barton Springs.