

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	25286	Agenda Number	23.
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Meeting Date:	6/20/2013	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Approve the Waller Creek Design Plan as developed by Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates/Thomas Phifer & Partners. Related to Item # 21.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

September 23, 2010: Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to explore a public-private partnership with the Waller Creek Conservancy for the development, management, and operation of the Waller Creek District.
 April 28, 2011: Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Waller Creek Conservancy and created the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation.
 October 18, 2012: Council approved a resolution affirming the selection of Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates/Thomas Phifer & Partners as chosen by Waller Creek Design Competition Jury relating to the revitalization of the Waller Creek District.
 December 6, 2012: Council approved a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Conservancy for the City to contribute an amount not to exceed \$75,000 toward the Conservancy's hiring of a Project Coordinator and to acknowledge the Conservancy's and City's agreement to retain the selected design team.
 February 14, 2013: Council authorized an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding to authorize the City's contribution of \$270,000 toward the Conservancy's hiring of Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates/Thomas Phifer & Partners for design services related to coordination of the Waller Creek Tunnel Program with the Waller Creek Design.

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

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Related Items:	
<i>Additional Backup Information</i>	
<p>Council adopted Resolution No. 20100923-090 on September 23, 2010, directing the city manager to explore a public-private partnership with the Waller Creek Conservancy for the development, management, and operation of the Waller Creek District. In April, 2011, Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Conservancy laying the foundation for a cooperative working relationship between the City and the Conservancy. The MOU described the international design competition process funded by both the City and the Conservancy.</p> <p>The MOU contemplated that once the design competition was completed, a firm was selected, and the Design Plan was approved the City, the Conservancy and the Local Government Corporation would execute a joint development agreement to move the project of revitalizing the District forward.</p> <p>On October 18, 2012, Council approved Resolution No. 20121018-068 affirming the selection of Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates/Thomas Phifer & Partners as chosen by Waller Creek design competition jury.</p> <p>On June 6, 2013, Michael Van Valkenburgh presented the Waller Creek Design Plan to the City Council and City staff provided an overview of the Joint Development Agreement.</p> <p>Staff is requesting Council approval of the Waller Creek Design Plan as contemplated by the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Waller Creek Conservancy.</p>	