



MEMORANDUM

To: Navigation Committee
Parks and Recreation Board

From: Chris Yanez
Principal Planner, Parks and Recreation Department

Date: August 12, 2013

Subject: 1304 ½ W Riverside Drive
Case # SP-2013-0251DS

A request has been received from Women and Their Work to erect a temporary art installation approximately 31-feet east of the Lamar Bridge at a location 183-feet from the south shoreline of Lake Bird Lake. The Parks and Recreation Department staff has reviewed plans for the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 25-2, Article 13, and finds:

Review and comment of the Parks and Recreation Board is required for an application that extends more than 30 feet from the shoreline and the distance that a proposed dock may extend into a body of water without constituting a hazard. [Section 25-2-1176, (B) (1) and (2)].

Staff recommends the extension of more than 30 feet, only because the structure is temporary. The structure will be lighted with solar-powered lighting in the form of lighted buoys at each pile corner connected by lighted swimming pool lane lines located at an interval of 5-feet around the perimeter of the tree “sculpture.” The Parks and Recreation Board on July 23 recommended the project to the Arts Commission with the stipulation that the safety of navigation be re-evaluated six weeks from its installation. The City of Austin legal department is working with the applicant on a license agreement related to the City’s release of liability during the duration of the project.