

Parks & Recreation Board  
200 S. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Parks Board Members,

I am writing this letter to explain the reasoning behind the design for a swimming dock currently proposed for the property located at 3331 Westlake Drive in Austin.

A small portion of the proposed dock is located within 5 feet of the southern property line. There are several reasons driving this location. The property line intersects the shoreline and 30 foot maximum projection into Lake Austin at an acute angle. This geometry creates a triangular zone to work within and leads to a staggered arrangement of the dock in order to build something of useful size. The architectural character of the dock bears a direct relationship to that of the house including important alignments to maintain ease of access, important sightlines and architectural integrity. This location for the dock is by far the most desirable of all options. The shoreline of this property is characterized by a sweeping arc that leads into a canal along the north edge. The further one moves away from the southern property line in question, the further one moves into the canal, devaluing the owner's investment.

Finally and most importantly, the southern abutting neighbor has carefully reviewed the proposed dock location and has written a letter consenting to the dock's encroachment within 5 feet of the property line. This owner is currently undertaking their own construction project on this property which I believe speaks to their long term interest in their property and therefore long term approval of the dock's placement.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Plumb', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Plumb, AIA