

Downtown Commission Project Review Sheet

Project Name: Parkland Improvement Agreement: Republic Square Park

Case Number(s), if available: NA

Project Location/Address: 400 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Applicant/Developer: City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Mailing Address: 919 West 28 ½ Street, Austin, Texas 78705

Phone Number: 512-974-9464

Property Owner: State of Texas, Leased by City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Please include a description of your proposed project:

Pursuant to the completion of the Republic Square Master Plan, PARD met with the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) and the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA) to discuss the implementation of site improvements consistent with the recently completed Master Plan. APF and the DAA as stakeholders and partners in the development of the Master Plan would like to enter into a Park Land Improvement Agreement with COA PARD in the final re-development process for the square. This includes participation\ownership of the Design Development (DD), Construction Documents (CD's), Construction Administration and daily operation and maintenance of Republic Square. The Park Land Improvement Agreement shall indicate that PARD will terminate current contractual agreement with Design Workshop (DW) and transfer development of DD, CD, CA. and daily operation and maintenance of Republic Square to APF.

List or discuss the ways and to what extent your project furthers or conflicts with the goals and recommendations of the Downtown Austin Plan, including but not limited to:

- Preserve and enhance the unique historical and cultural heritage of Downtown
- Support a vibrant, diverse and pedestrian-friendly urban district
- Promote Downtown's evolution into a compact, dense urban district
- Contribute to sustainability, quality of life and the Downtown experience
- Interconnect and enhance Downtown's network of public parks, open spaces and streets
- Improve access to mobility and public transportation within Downtown
- Expansion of Great Streets improvements

The implementation of the Park Land Agreement will seek to implement the recommendations made forth in the 'Downtown Parks and Open Space Master Plan' by supporting the following recommendations:

- New vending 'Pad\space' for permanent or mobile food and drink sales
- Long term agreement for Operations and Management (O&M) of the square

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- Allows \ permits for future allocation of O& M funds specifically for expenditures revolving around O&M for Republic Square.
- Utilizes Park Land Development monies as part of improvement budget resource.
- Enhances partnerships with a non-profit interested in improving the quality and activation of downtown parks
- Creates and establishes a special purpose entity responsible in the creation and sustainability of funding sources and long term management capacity.
- Subsequent phases allocate for creation of great Street improvements along 5th, Guadalupe and 4th streets. The 4th street frontage may be altered to accommodate the potential mass transit stop.
- Provides for food vending opportunities and the establishment public restrooms

Please include a map and/or aerial that shows how your project relates to other developments and the urban context in the vicinity of the project.

Current Project Status: Management Structure Roles and Responsibilities
(e.g., concept only, schematic design, final design)

Project Start Date: 3rd QTR

Project End Date: 4th QTR

Type of Project: PARK Improvement
(Residential, mixed use, office, commercial)

Primary Use and SF: Park, 77,341 Sq. Ft.

Ancillary Uses and SF: N\A

Total SF: 77,341 Sq. Ft.

Stories N\A **FAR** N\A **Height** N\A

Parking spaces N\A **Available for public use?** Yes

Type of parking: On-Street

Specify type of bike parking being provided: Existing bike racks

Is the project located within 600 feet of any live music venue? N\A
If so, are considerations being made regarding sound mitigation?

Are you seeking zoning changes or variances? N\A
If yes, please describe and indicate anticipated dates of Planning Commission and City Council action.

Is your project seeking density bonuses and, if so, please specify any community benefits you are offering for the project? N\A

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Have other boards/commissions or city staff yet made recommendations on this project? If so, please describe.

- Dec. 3, 2012 - Certificate of Appropriateness, COA Historic landmark Commission (Briefing)
- Dec. 3, 2012 - Art in Public Places (AIPP), COA ERGSO (Briefing)
- Dec. 5, 2012 - Heritage Society of Austin (Courtesy Briefing)
- Dec. 19, 2012 - PARD Urban Forestry Board, COA PARD (Briefing)
- Jan. 16, 2013 – Design Commission, COA PDR (Briefing)
- Jan. 16, 2013 - Downtown Commission, COA PDR (Briefing)
- Feb. 11, 2013 - PARB Land Facilities and Programs Committee, COA PARD (Recommendation to full Board for approval of Master Plan)
- Feb. 26, 2013 - Parks and Recreation Board, COA PARD (Recommendation for Council approval of Master Plan)
- April 22, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board, COA PARD (Recommendation to Council for adoption of Master Plan and Recommendation to Council to approve negotiations and execution of a PIA between APF and PARD)

Attach available images, site plans, elevations and renderings for the project.

Deadline: This form and attachments should be submitted to the City Staff Liaison for the Commission at least five business days prior to the Commissioner's meeting where the project will be presented.