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**Subject:** Please approve the Pease Park Master Plan

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to encourage you to approve the Pease Park Master Plan as it is presented to you this evening. I have been involved with the recovery efforts at Pease Park since 2006, when I organized support to fund the assessment report prepared by the Wildflower Center. At that time, Pease Park was on a rapid and nearly irretrievable decline, and the Wildflower Center report confirmed our concerns that the park would collapse ecologically if immediate intervention did not take place. That's when Trees for Pease (now Pease Park Conservancy) was formed and began to address the many issues challenging the health of the park. These accomplishments are listed in your

Everything that can happen in a park seems to happen ten-fold in Pease: It is under pressure from droughts, floods, overuse, and the unintended consequences of initiating an activity such as disc golf for which there was no accompanying management plan or resources allocated for maintenance. Likewise, the emergence of public private partnerships that are now the norm as a fundamental strategy for preserving open spaces, has also occurred and flourished under the leadership of the Pease Park Conservancy. This organization's commitment to park stewardship is an inspiration and model for other park adopters, and without help from groups like this stepping in to fill the gap, all our public spaces are at risk.

I urge you to recognize this extraordinary achievement of citizens and neighbors joining together to protect and enhance this special asset of the City of Austin. It's very rare for groups to step up this quickly and effectively to serve the city. The Parks and Recreation Department requested that PPC commission this plan, and they have faithfully fulfilled the task. We need this plan to expand the protection and enhancement of this central green space in the heart of Austin.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jill Nokes  
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