



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20160203 008c**

**Date:** February 3, 2016

**Subject:** Bowie High School Practice Fields (SP-2014-0465DX) (D-8)

**Motion By:** Hank Smith

**Second By:** Mary Ann Neely

**RATIONALE:**

**Whereas**, City staff recommends approval even though the findings of fact have not been met, however, the proposed location of the field reduces the magnitude of the variance needed, eliminates any encroachment into adjacent water quality controls, and is consistent with the agreement between AISD and the City of Austin; and

**Whereas**, in 2012, the City of Austin and AISD entered into an agreement to allow construction of up to two practice fields for Bowie High School on this tract with certain environmental and neighborhood protections and this variance will allow the construction of those fields in a location that has less environmental impact than originally planned.

**Therefore**, the Environmental Commission recommends support of a variance to allow a development other than described in Article 7, Division 1, Section 25-8-261 (Critical Water Quality Zone Restrictions). LDC Section 25-8-482(A)(1), with the following conditions:

Environmental Commission conditions: the portion of the agreement referring to low water crossing and location of the fields shall be modified by this site plan; and  
-AISD students shall be encouraged to work with City of Austin staff to develop signage regarding the environmental features in the agreement.

**VOTE 10-0-0-1**

Recuse: None  
For: Creel, Thompson, Gooch, Neely, Maxwell, H. Smith, B. Smith, Grayum, Maceo, Perales  
Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Moya

Approved By:

Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Commission Chair