

Austin Oaks Preferred Plan

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Richard Grayum on behalf of the BCA Board

The Austin Oaks Redevelopment recently concluded their Charrette that many of you participated in or have followed in the news. We would like to thank everyone that participated in the Charrette. The land planners, designers, engineers, developers, elected officials, City staff, volunteers and attendees all spent time to use this opportunity to make our neighborhood better and we thank them. We would especially like to thank the two Balcones Civic Association (BCA) members that represented us in the Working Group meetings.

The Charrette was fast and furious with site plan designs that changed drastically from one night to the next. At the end of the Charrette, a "preferred plan" was delivered. The BCA Board is not in agreement with this preferred plan and has passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Balcones Civic Association participated in the Austin Oaks Charrette with the understanding that the neighborhoods were in charge of steering the process, and;

Whereas the Charrette process did not adequately address traffic and height concerns from the Balcones Civic Association Neighborhood Association, and;

Whereas several statements made during the Charrette were misleading, i.e. The "code compliant plan" including a large amount of office medical and no residential, thus not requiring parkland dedication and raising traffic counts abnormally high for their baseline condition.

Whereas any change in the height restrictions on Mopac will set precedence throughout the Balcones Civic Association boundaries.

Therefore the Balcones Civic Association respectfully requests Spire Realty and representatives to meet and discuss amenity options and trade-offs in a good faith effort to satisfactorily resolve our differences.