



# City of Austin

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To: Design Commission  
From: Alan Holt, AIA, Principal Planner | Urban Design  
Date: March 21, 2017  
RE: South Central Waterfront Advisory Board

The City Council recently passed an ordinance (#20170216-034) to establish the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board (SCWAB). The new SCWAB is to be composed of nine voting members, including a member to be nominated by and from the Design Commission.

Establishing the SCWAB is a key recommendation from the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan (SCW Vision Framework Plan), which was adopted by Council in June 2016 as an amendment to the city's comprehensive plan, Imagine Austin. The SCW Vision Framework Plan provides a vision and a cohesive set of implementation measures to guide redevelopment of the South Central Waterfront district. The SCW Vision includes expanding up to 20 acres of a new connected and green public realm (open space and trails, parks and plazas, green streets), and to achieve that 20% of the new housing units are affordable, securing hundreds of units of affordable housing.

The duties of the new SCWAB are to advise on the implementation of the SCW Vision Framework Plan. Specifically, as outlined in the ordinance, the SCWAB will:

1. Serve as an advisory body to the city council and city manager regarding policies and projects in the South Central Waterfront district;
2. Serve as stewards for the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan;
3. Maintain liaison relationships with city staff and other boards and commissions; and
4. Perform additional functions as required by city council.

I had the pleasure to present the SCW Plan to the Design Commission this past December 19th. If Commissioners wish to revisit materials associated with the SCW Plan, future information can be found online at:

- [South Central Waterfront Initiative homepage](#)
  - [www.austintexas.gov/waterfront](http://www.austintexas.gov/waterfront)
- [Map](#) of SCW district
  - [ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/South\\_Central\\_Waterfront\\_36x48.pdf](ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/South_Central_Waterfront_36x48.pdf)
- [SCW Vision Framework Plan](#)
  - [ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SCW\\_Vision\\_Plan\\_LatestEdition.pdf](ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SCW_Vision_Plan_LatestEdition.pdf)
- [Appendices](#) to the SCW Plan
  - [ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SCW\\_Appendix.pdf](ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SCW_Appendix.pdf)

Attachments:

- Ordinance No. 20170216-034

**ORDINANCE NO. 20170216-034**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-1 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CENTRAL WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Chapter 2-1 of City Code (*City Boards*) is amended by adding section 2-1-172 to read:

**§ 2-1-172 SOUTH CENTRAL WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD.**

- (A) The South Central Waterfront Advisory Board is established to provide continuity and communication among stakeholders and advocates as the South Central Waterfront Plan moves toward implementation and to provide recommendations to the city council regarding plan implementation.
- (B) The board shall have 9 members appointed by the city council. Membership shall include:
  - (1) a member of the Design Commission, nominated by the Design Commission;
  - (2) a member of the Environmental Commission, nominated by the Environmental Commission;
  - (3) a member of the Parks and Recreation Board, nominated by the Parks and Recreation Board;
  - (4) a member of the Planning Commission, nominated by the Planning Commission;
  - (5) a representative with expertise in affordable housing, nominated by the Community Development Commission;
  - (6) a member nominated by the South River City Citizens Neighborhood Association representing the neighborhoods adjacent to the South Central Waterfront;

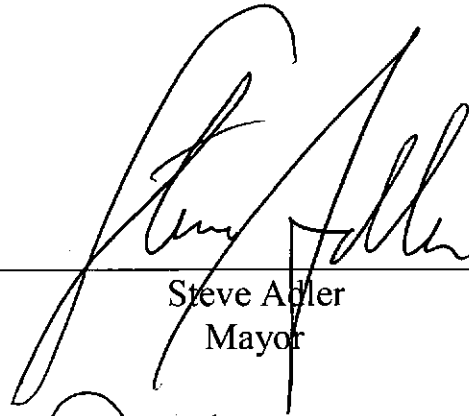
- (7) a member nominated by the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association representing the neighborhoods adjacent to the South Central Waterfront;
  - (8) one member who served on the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board to be nominated jointly by the Mayor and the council member whose district includes the South Central Waterfront; and
  - (9) a representative of the Trail Foundation, nominated by the Trail Foundation.
- (C) Each member of the board is appointed for a term of two years.
- (D) The directors of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department, the Transportation Department, the Financial Services Department, and the officer of Real Estate Services shall serve as ex-officio members of the board.
- (E) The chair of the Downtown Austin Alliance or designee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the board.
- (F) The board shall:
- (1) serve as an advisory body to the city council and city manager regarding policies and projects in the South Central Waterfront district;
  - (2) serve as stewards for the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan;
  - (3) maintain liaison relationships with city staff and other boards and commissions; and
  - (4) perform additional functions as required by the city council.

**PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on February 27, 2017.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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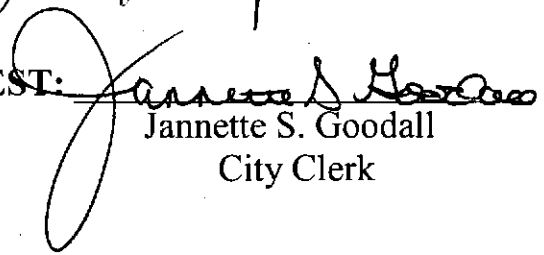
Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:**



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City Attorney

**ATTEST:**



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City Clerk