



City of Austin

To: Park and Recreation Board
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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 Parks and Recreation Board.

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.

To assist the Parks and Recreation Board in their process of nominating a member to serve on the SCWAB, staff will provide a brief overview of the SCW Plan at this meeting.

Further information can be found online at:

- [South Central Waterfront Initiative homepage](#)
 - www.austintexas.gov/waterfront
- [Map](#) of SCW district
 - 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
- [Appendices](#) to the SCW Plan
 - ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/SCW_Appendix.pdf

Attachments:

- Ordinance No. 20170216-034
- PDF of staff powerpoint briefing on the SCW Plan