



City of Austin

To: Environmental Commission
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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 Environmental Commission.

I had the pleasure to [present the SCW Vision Framework Plan to the Environmental Commission this past December 7th](#). As the Design Commission will recall, the City Council adopted the SCW Vision Framework Plan as an amendment to the city's comprehensive plan, Imagine Austin, in June 2016. 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.

Establishing the SCWAB is a key recommendation from the SCW Vision Framework Plan. 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.

If Commissioners wish to revisit materials associated with the SCW Vision Framework Plan as they deliberate on making a nomination to the SCWAB, reference materials can be found online at:

- [South Central Waterfront Initiative homepage](#)
- [Map](#) of SCW district
- [SCW Vision Framework Plan](#)
- [Appendices](#) to the SCW Plan

Attachments:

- Ordinance No. 20170216-034