

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20180516 007a

Date: May 16, 2018

Subject: Environmental standards for the draft South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan

Motion by: Hank Smith Seconded by: Pam Thompson

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, The purpose of the South Central Waterfront District (SCWD) Regulating Plan is to implement the goals of the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan (the Vision Plan), which was adopted as an amendment to Imagine Austin in June of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the SCWD Regulating Plan is incorporated as part of the Vision Plan, and provides applicable procedures and development standards for properties electing to opt into the provisions of the SCWD Overlay Zone, set forth in 23-40-9120 of the Land Development Code (LDC).

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends support of the environmental standards for all projects that opt into the SWCD Overlay District as outlined in Section E as they relate to:

- tree protection
- street trees
- lake and creek protection
- water quality controls
- landscaping
- reclaimed water

The Environmental Commission makes the following recommendations:

- In the water quality standards, the reference to feasibility is subject to interpretation by City of Austin staff with the ultimate decision by the Environmental Officer; and the City will require alternative equivalent compliance if a project is determined infeasible.
- In general, grey water, condensate, rain water capture, green roofs and district-wide cooling shall be considered for inclusion as appropriate.

VOTE 8-0

For: B. Smith, Thompson, Neely, H. Smith, Guerrero, Gordon, Coyne, Maceo

Against: None Abstain: None Recuse: None

Absent: Creel, Perales, Istvan

Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair

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