



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20181017 008b**

**Date:** October 17, 2018

**Subject:** 3919 Westlake Drive (SP-2018-0320DS) variance request to allow the construction of a boat dock within a 150-foot critical environmental feature (canyon rimrock/seep complex) 25-8-281 (C)(2)(b)

**Motion by:** Hank Smith

**Seconded by:** Brian Smith

### **RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, the property is in the Lake Austin watershed which is a Water Supply Rural watershed, is in the Drinking Water Protection Zone, Limited Purpose Jurisdiction and the critical environmental feature is a canyon rimrock/seep complex; and

**WHEREAS**, LDC 25-8-281 (C)(2)(b) prohibits construction within the 150-foot buffer of a critical environmental feature and 25-8-42(1) prohibits granting an administrative variance for development within 500 feet of the Lake Austin shoreline; and

**WHEREAS**, the project involves replacing an existing dock that is in poor condition and all work will be done from a barge and no trees are to be removed or impacted. In addition, the existing canyon rimrock and seep complex will not be impacted by this boat dock replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, according to staff, the variance request meets the finding of facts and is supported.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends support of the request for a variance to allow the construction of a boat dock within the 150-foot critical environmental feature buffer (canyon rimrock/seep complex).

### **VOTE 7-0**

For: B. Smith, Creel, Perales, Thompson, H. Smith, Gordon, Maceo

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Neely, Guerrero, Coyne

Approved By:

Wendy Gordon, Environmental Commission Vice-Chair