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# PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW SHEET

**CASE NUMBER:** SPC-2017-0322C **PC DATE:** November 13, 2018

**PROJECT NAME:** Waterloo Neighborhood Park

**ADDRESS:** 500 E 12<sup>th</sup> St.

**OWNER:** COA – Parks and Recreation Dept. (Terry Jungman, Jr.)

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**APPLICANT:** Waller Creek Conservancy (Peter Mullan)

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**AGENT:** Big Red Dog Engineering (Thomas Lombardi Jr., P.E.)

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NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: Downtown
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT: Ora Houston- 1
AREA: 10.58 acres
EXISTING ZONING: P, Public

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit site plan for the renovation of Waterloo Neighborhood Park. The new improvements include a new performance stage, concessions building, public restrooms, playground areas, trails, gardens, drainage, utilities, and water quality on 10.58 acres.

Planning Commission approval is required because the site is zoned P, public, and over one acre, LDC Section 25-2-625(D)(2), which states, "for a site of one acre or more, the site development regulations are established by the approval of a conditional use site plan."

# **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the conditional use permit because the P, public, zoning district allows civic land uses. As this use is an existing Parks and Recreation Services land use, it would fall under the category of civic land uses. There is no parking requirement, in accordance with Land Development Code (LDC) 25-6-591. The approval of the conditional use permit will establish the site development regulations for the park. The site plan will comply with all code requirements prior to site plan release.

The park is an established use and will benefit from the redevelopment and improvements to the site, to serve the surrounding neighborhood and the entire Austin community.

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# PROJECT INFORMATION

SITE AREA	10.58 acres		
EXISTING ZONING	P Public		
WATERSHED	Waller Creek (Urban)		
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance		
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required		
PROPOSED ACCESS	Red River and Trinity		
	Allowed/Required	Existing	Proposed
Gross floor area	N/A	0 sq. ft.	27,875 sq. ft.
<b>Building Coverage</b>	N/A	0 sq. ft.	6.04%
			27,875 sf
Impervious Cover	N/A	0 sq. ft.	46,021 sq. ft.
			9.98%
Parking		0	0

# **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES**

	ZONING	LAND USES	
Site	P Public	Public park	
North	E 15 <sup>th</sup> St., then MF-4 &	Dell Seton	
	GO		
South	E 12 <sup>th</sup> St., then CS,	Texas Workforce Commission, parking	
	DMU, CS-1, & P		
East	Red River, then P & CS	Health center & proposed hotel	
West	Trinity, then MF-4 &	Texas Capital visitors garage, office	
	CS		

# NEIGHBORHOOD ORGNIZATIONS

Austin Independent School District

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Bike Austin

Central Austin Community Development Corporation

Downtown Austin Alliance

Downtown Austin Neighborhood Assn. (DANA)

Friends of Austin Neighborhoods

Homeless Neighborhood Association

Lower Waller Creek

Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation

Preservation Austin

**SEL Texas** 

Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

Waller Creek Conservancy

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## CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUTATION CRITERA

A. The following evaluation is included to provide staff position on each point of the conditional use permit criteria. Section 25-5-145 of the Land Development Code states: "The Planning Commission shall determine whether the proposed development or use of a conditional use site plan complies with the requirements of this section. A conditional use site plan must:

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## 1. Comply with the requirements of this title;

Staff Response: This site plan complies with all regulations and requirements of the Land Development Code.

# 2. Comply with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district;

Staff Response: The proposed redevelopment of the park is compatible since the land use isn't changing. It remains a conditional use plan because the zoning is P, public, and over one acre in size. P zoning permits the parks and recreation use.

3. Have building height, bulk, scale, setback, open space, landscaping, drainage, access, traffic circulation, and use that is compatible with the use of an abutting site;

Staff Response: The proposed development demonstrates compliance with the Capital View Corridor. This development has existing drainage easements to contain the 100 year flood plain. No parking is required. The project will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code prior to release.

4. Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities; and

Staff Response: Land Development Code section 25-6-591 exempts P zoning within the geographic area bounded by Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, IH-35, Lady Bird Lake, and Lamar Blvd from offstreet parking requirements.

5. Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noise, glare, and similar adverse effects.

Staff Response: The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code, and reasonably protects the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property.

- 6. For conditional use located within the neighborhood plan, comply with the goals and objectives of a neighborhood plan adopted by the City Council for the area in which the use is proposed. Staff response: The proposed project is located downtown, and additionally complies with the goals and objectives of Waller Creek Plan.
- C. In addition, a conditional use site plan may not:
- 7. More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use;

The park will have no more impact on adjoining properties and will serve the neighborhood and community.

8. Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; or

Staff Response: The site plan does not adversely affect the safety and convenience of vehicular and pedestrian circulation. Pedestrian circulation will be enhanced through and around the site.

9. Adversely affect an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of a sign. Staff Response: All signs and lighting will comply with the Land Development Code.





