

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190206 008c

Date: February 6, 2019

Subject: Junction Athletic Complex (SP-2016-0607D)

Motion by: Katie Coyne Seconded by: Andrew Creel

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the findings of fact have been met for fill over four feet for an access driveway, but findings have not been met for cut and fill exceeding four feet in other portions of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing to develop the site in order to place water quality controls outside the Water Quality Transition Zone, which is environmentally superior to what they could otherwise construct, but requires a variance for cut and a variance for fill greater than four feet; and

WHEREAS, the fire access road is required around the building and its construction requires fill greater than four feet; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rain garden requires a small amount of fill exceeding four feet; and

WHEREAS, the impervious cover of 22 percent is under the 25 percent allowable with transfers.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends approval of the variance requests for cut exceeding four feet of depth, fill exceeding four feet of depth, and construction in the Water Quality Transition Zone with the following conditions:

- Structural containment of fill greater than four feet in the vicinity of the fire access road
- Tree mitigation in accordance with current code
- All outdoor lighting will be compliant with Dark Skies standards
- Fields will be seeded with native seed mixes and a mowing regime worked out with City of Austin staff to allow one field to succeed into riparian vegetation.

VOTE 7-2

For: Creel, C. Smith, Thompson, Guerrero, Coyne, Gordon, and B. Smith

Against: Neely and Maceo

Abstain: None Recuse: H. Smith Absent: None Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair

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