



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190717 007a

Date: July 17, 2019

Subject: Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Master Plan

Motion by: Linda Guerrero

Seconded by: Katie Coyne

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, Walter E. Long Lake is known to contain multiple high-value water quality resources, including wetland shoreline fringe Critical Environmental Features that are of the highest quality in the City; and

WHEREAS, park development must comply with water quality protection requirements of the City code including protections for shoreline and Critical Environmental Features; and

WHEREAS, Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park contains a myriad of high-value resources that need protection for future generations; and

WHEREAS, framework designs presented by the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) indicate intense development is planned along the shoreline and potentially within the buffers of the Critical Environmental Features and the Critical Water Quality Zone that may conflict with City code.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends support of staff recommendations and approval of the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Master Plan with the following:

Staff Conditions

- Add language to the Master Plan to indicate that the images in the document with regard to compliance with the City code are for illustrative purposes only.
- The proposed development will comply with water quality code requirements at the time of site development permit application or otherwise seek necessary variances when more detailed development plans have been created.

Environmental Commission Conditions

- Uphold all environmental considerations outlined in the memorandum dated June 20, 2019 by the City of Austin Environmental Officer.
- PARC staff will continue to collaborate with the Watershed Protection Department regarding Critical Environmental Features, buffers, and wetland requirements during the planning and design work phases at Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park.
- Complete the Environmental Resource Inventory.

- Adhere to the water quality protection in current code requirements.
- Adhere to Heritage Tree regulations.
- Incorporate dark skies, noise abatement, and habitat corridors within the design plans.
- Provide a Heritage Tree inventory.
- Design environmentally beneficial innovations.
- Bring back the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Master Plan design to the Environmental Commission for review at 50 percent completion.
- Review the environmental concerns defined in the Special Events Task Force recommendations.
- Bolster recommendations for ideal approaches to environmental protection, sustainable design, land stewardship, and/or other potential best design and management practices.
- In areas already defined in the process as more environmentally sensitive and categorized as passive or environmentally/nature, integrate more context for the future environmental ethics that should inform further master planning efforts at an area scale.
- Identify environmentally-focused capital projects in addition to built or program offerings in key areas identified as vulnerable.

VOTE 6-0

For: C. Smith, Thompson, Guerrero, Gordon, Coyne, and Maceo

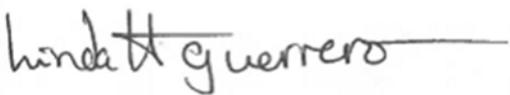
Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Creel, B. Smith, Neely, Ramberg

Approved By:

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Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair