



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20191204 008a

**Date:** December 4, 2019

**Subject:** Ventura at Parmer Lane, SP-2018-0565D

**Motion by:** Andrew Creel

**Seconded by:** Wendy Gordon

### **RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes that the provision of affordable housing in the City of Austin is vital to ensure a resilient and equitable future for our City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes that the applicant has worked to design improvements to the site that would have overall environmental benefits, including reduction in impervious cover and the protection of heritage trees.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends approval of the requested variances: to vary from LDC 25-8-261 to allow development in a critical water quality zone, to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow cut more than four feet in depth within 100 feet of a classified waterway, and to vary from LDC 25-8-341 to allow fill more than four feet in depth within 100 feet of a classified waterway with the following Environmental Commission conditions:

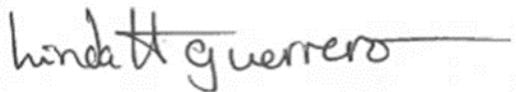
1. A restricted covenant to limit total development to 30% impervious cover
2. Commitment from the applicant to protect or mitigate at 300% any heritage trees removed on site
3. Restoration and preparation of a management plan for riparian zones approved by the Watershed Protection Department.
4. The applicant will continue to work in good faith with the Watershed Protection Department to ensure site scale environmental superiority.
5. Mitigate wetland impacts at a 1:1 ratio
6. Utilization of native and adapted plantings site wide, including planting plans with Blackland Prairie species
7. Compliance with dark skies design standards
8. Both CWQZ crossings will incorporate a span bridge that is not less than 20' from the creek centerline in lieu of culvert crossings, (with potential additional culverts beyond the 40 ft span as needed) and incorporate structural controls to further reduce cut and fill required in the critical water quality zone.

### **VOTE 10-0**

For: Bedford, Smith, Creel, Thompson, Guerrero, Coyne, Nill, Neely, Maceo, and Gordon

Against: None  
Abstain: None  
Recuse: Ramberg  
Absent: None

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Guerrero". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair