

MOTION SHEET

I move to add the following to Item 62, after line 95:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide an analysis of the value of City priorities such as open space and parkland dedication, transportation and right of way dedication, water quality and stormwater requirements, heritage and protected tree preservation and mitigation regulations, and other safety and quality of life regulations that pertain to housing production. The City departments that oversee the regulation and fee requirements related to the safety and quality of life policies mentioned above should be tasked with performing the analysis; those include but are not limited to the Watershed Protection, Parks and Recreation, and Austin Transportation Departments.

Additionally, established national studies that quantify the value and state of Austin's natural resources should be drawn from for the analysis, including but not limited to "Austin's Urban Forest Report" released by the US Department of Agriculture with data compiled by Texas A&M University, and the Trust for Public Land's "2021 ParkScore Index" which includes a ranking for Austin.

Other studies that analyze health and equity disparities in Austin's community related to either the lack of access to, or presence of natural resources, including increased heat island effects due to lack of tree canopy or parkland deficiency, for example, should also be reviewed and used in staff's analysis.

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Should the analysis of the cost of housing production identify potential fee reductions or changes to regulation as a remedy for rising housing production costs, the City Manager should also review and include for Council the subsequent cost, both financial and in terms of the overall health of the community, of any significant loss of natural resources and the other safety and quality of life measures mentioned above.