



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20220406 003b

Date: April 6, 2022

Subject: Travis County ESD #4 Fire Station Parking Lot Improvements, SP-2020-0255DS

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol

Seconded by: Perry Bedford

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is requesting:

1. A Land Use Commission variance to construct a driveway on slopes over 15% per LDC 25-8-301(A)(1)
2. A Land Use Commission variance to construct a parking lot on slopes over 15% per LDC 25-8-302(A)(2)
3. A Land Use Commission variance to allow fill over 4 feet per LDC 25-8-342
4. A Land Use Commission variance to allow an impervious cover of 27.5% net site area per LDC 25-8-453; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Turkey Creek Watershed, Water Supply Rural, Drinking Water Protection Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that Staff recommends approval of three of the four requested variances with staff conditions. having determined the required Findings of Fact have been met. Staff does not recommend a variance to allow an impervious cover of 27.5% net site area per LDC 25-8-453; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that staff cannot recommend the variance to increase the impervious cover from 20% to 27.5%. However, we support the variance change on this individual project.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the variance requests with the following:

Staff Conditions:

1. The applicant will provide vegetative filter strips downslope of the development that will provide a diffuse flow to avoid creating downslope erosion.
2. The applicant will provide structural fill to contain the fill during construction.
3. The applicant will decompact and revegetate the area adjacent to the ROW that has been used for parking.
4. The site will provide a 40% downstream natural area to treat runoff from impervious cover.

and the following Environmental Commission Conditions:

The Environmental Commission recommends that staff expedite this request to get it on the Land Use Commission agenda quickly to respect public safety.

VOTE 10-0

For: Qureshi, Scott, Thompson, Barrett Bixler, Nickells, Bristol, Ramberg, Aguirre,
Brimer, Bedford

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

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Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair