

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20221116-005**

Date: November 16, 2022

Subject: Concordia University Sports Complex, SP-2022-0020C

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol Seconded by: Perry Bedford

#### **RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is requesting to vary from Lake Austin Watershed Ordinance No. 840301-F Section 9-10-409(b) to allow cut exceeding four feet to fifteen feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Bull Creek, Water Supply Suburban Classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located within the Endangered Goldencheeked Warbler Habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes that Staff recommends this variance, with staff conditions having determined the required Findings of Fact have been met.

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

## **Staff Conditions:**

- 1) The site shall be graded so that no developed surface runoff drains to the CEF to the east of the track and field.
- 2) COA 609S native seeding and planting shall be installed in any disturbed area adjacent to the track and field.
- 3) A one-acre tract shall be dedicated as a conservation easement with Travis County

## and the following Environmental Commission Conditions:

- 1. Work with city staff, Travis Audubon and Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee to develop an outdoor lighting plan that includes the campus sports complexes, both existing and new. The lighting plan shall:
  - a. Follow the International Dark Sky Association recommendations for Community-Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting to reduce light pollution.

- b. Create a "lights out" plan during peak bird migration for the Golden-cheeked Warbler and other migratory birds from March until May, and September to November.
- 2. Include at least 10% EV charging stations within the new parking area.
- 3. Include pollinator plants and pollinator gardens that support butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

# **VOTE: 9-0**

For: Ana Aguirre, Perry Bedford, Rick Brimer, Jennifer Bristol, Colin Nickells, Haris Qureshi,

Melinda Schiera, Rachel Scott, and Pam Thompson

Against: None

Recuse: Kevin Ramberg

Absent: Audrey Barrett Bixler

Approved By:

Perry Bedford Perry Bedford, Environmental Commission Vice Chair