



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20230503-006a

Date: May 3, 2023

Subject: C20-2022-019 Site Specific SOS amendment and related variances

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol

Seconded by: Rick Brimer

RATIONAL:

WHEREAS, On October 27, 2022, City Council approved Resolution No. 20221027-038 to initiate variances and amendments to the Land Development Code, including site-specific amendments to Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), as minimally required to address proposed improvements to the mobility and transportation infrastructure located along Slaughter Lane from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane and return to Council with the proposed variances and amendments as soon as is feasible.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is asking to Amend the Land Development Code to the (Tree and Natural Area Protection; Endangered Species) of the Land Development Code as minimally required to construct the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MOPAC) to East of Brodie Lane, SP-2022-0336D and;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Edwards Aquifer portion of the Barton Springs Zone; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment and associated variances pertaining to the heritage tree.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the Site-Specific SOS amendment to remove the heritage tree.

COMMISSION CONDITIONS:

- Harvest acorns from the trees that will be removed to be cultivated to be replanted within the project zone or within the area on public land.
- Increase the number of live oaks planted in the area to reflect the live oaks lost for the project.

VOTE 9-0

For: Qureshi, Scott, Krueger, Schiera, Ramberg, Bristol, Cofer, Nickells, and Sullivan

Against: Brimer

Abstain: none

Recuse: none

Absent: none

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KEVIN RAMBERG". The letters are slightly slanted and connected, with a stylized flourish at the end of the last name.

Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair