



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Gregory I. Guernsey, A.I.C.P., Director
Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department

Date: February 14, 2007

Subject: Waterfront Overlay Task Force

On November 29, 2007, the City Council approved a resolution regarding the need for a task force to evaluate the current Waterfront Overlay (WO) ordinance for inconsistencies and ambiguity. The City Council directed the City Manager to report back to Council by the end of January with the task force make-up and a plan of action.

In response to this directive, staff recommends the task force be comprised of fifteen (15) members. The members would include a representative from the Parks and Recreation Board, the Planning Commission, the Design Commission, the Downtown Commission, the Environmental Board, a representative from Save Town Lake, the Town Lake Trails Foundation, the Real Estate Council of Austin; with Mayor and Council selecting representatives from City registered neighborhood organizations whose boundaries abut Lady Bird Lake, and business/property owners that own property within the Waterfront Overlay combining district.

The suggested plan of action would be as follows:

February 2008: Identify and contact list of Task Force members appointed by the City Council.

March 2008: Convene Task Force kick-off meeting and establish a work plan.

April-July 2008: Conduct Task Force meetings.

August 2008: Prepare WO Task Force report, including recommended changes for public review.

October &
November 2008: Board and Commission review and possible action.

December 2008: City Council public hearings and possible action.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 974-2387.

c: Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager
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