



ZACH NEW

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sara L. Hensley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: May 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Proposed new ZACH Theatre

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hensley", is written over the printed name and title of the sender.

Attached is a letter of support from the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the use of parkland to expand the ZACH Scott Theatre campus and its continued contribution to the arts in Austin.

If I can provide you with additional information, please let me know.

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager



City of Austin

May 27, 2010

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Mayor and City Council
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The Parks and Recreation Board had the opportunity to hear the presentation on the proposed new ZACH Theatre at the September 2009 and March 2010 board meetings. The new theatre will create a diverse waterfront experience and improve pedestrian activity within the four (4) acre Zachary Scott Theatre Center campus it presently occupies. The project is being constructed under a public/private development agreement between the City of Austin and ZACH Scott Theatre Center, utilizing 1985 and 2006 bond election funds in addition to funds from ZACH's Capital Campaign.

The proposed development will transform the current one (1) acre of open parkland within the lease line into an active urban space that includes a public plaza open to the public. ZACH will make the plaza available to the public for public or private events that will accommodate 418 seated guests.

Construction is scheduled to start in the Fall of 2010 with completion scheduled for early 2012. The first performance is set for late Summer or Fall of 2012.

The Parks and Recreation Board is supportive of the use of parkland to expand the ZACH Scott Theatre campus as presented and its continued contribution to the arts in Austin.

Respectfully,

Linda H. Guerrero

Linda H. Guerrero, Chair
Parks and Recreation Board

CC: Marc A. Ott, Manager
Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager
Sara Hensley, Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
19, May, 2010**

The Urban Forestry Board convened in a regular meeting on 19, May, 2010, 200 S. Lamar Blvd. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Babberney called the Board Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Keith Babberney – Chair, Shannon Halley – Vice Chair, Peggy Maceo, Jessica Wilson, Ryan Fleming

Staff in Attendance: PARD: Troy Houtman, Operations Division Manager; Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Program Manager; Margaret Russell, Cultural Arts & Education Program Manager; Alice Nance, Conservation Program Coordinator; Angela Means, Financial Services Division Manager; Angela Hanson, Forester; Keith O'Herrin, Forester; Anthony Cardenas, Administrative Assistant, Austin Energy: Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, PDRD: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, EGRSO: Nick Naccarato, Redevelopment Project Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Maceo motioned to pass meeting minutes from April 22nd seconded by Board Member Wilson. Motion passed 5-0-2.

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Zoila Vega – regarding more involvement by UFB in removal of Heritage Trees

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. The presentation was made by Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Manager, PARD.
 - 1) Introduction of new foresters, Keith O'Herrin and Angela Hanson, PARD
 - 2) Introduction of Angela Means, PARD, for budget presentation
 - 3) Introduction of Margaret Russell and Alice Nance, PARD, regarding Invasive Species resolution update (will be presenting to the UFB every month throughout the rest of 2010)
- b. The presentation was made by Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, AE regarding Austin Energy's numbers for April. Mileage and trees distributed are up.
- c. The presentation was made by Michael Embesi, City Arborist, PDRD regarding numbers for April as well as discussion of how to report number of Heritage Trees to be removed.

6. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Briefing on Urban Forestry Management Plan
 - 1) Subcommittee created goals for future including: involving UFB in strategic direction of Urban Forestry Management Plan and direction would be summarized as an executive summary for the plan which will be posted online; incorporating input from diverse stakeholders; making data accessible on

heading of master plan on PARD website; a possible public comment forum; identified outcomes from the first Urban Forest Summit that subcommittee wants to incorporate into executive summary that will, in turn, be incorporated into the new Urban Forest Summit to develop a more cohesive document that reflects what the spirit of what the people of Austin want for urban forestry.

- b. Strategic Work Plan – no discussion
- c. Oak wilt education and outreach – Board Members Donnelly and Halley
 - 1) Working on wording
- d. Professional licensing of tree care professionals – no discussion
- e. Education sign about why we leave snags – no discussion
- f. Discussion of possible acquisition of city maintenance funds for Gateway Oaks – Board Members Halley and Maceo
 - 1) 2 solid bids have been acquired. There was no response to the 3rd.
 - 2) Board Members Halley and Maceo will proceed to grant application.
- g. Discussion of Heritage Tree Ordinance – Board Members Halley and Babberney

7. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion on the state of the Urban Forest Summit
 - 1) Urban Forest Summit will take place Friday, January 21st, 2011
- b. Organizing a workday schedule for Urban Forest Steward graduates – no discussion
(Items 7c, 7d and 7e were moved up above 5a)
- c. Presentation by Nadene Morning regarding invasive species
- d. Appeal of mitigation for ROW tree at 1702 Taylor Gaines by Doug Garwood
 - 1) Mr. Garwood made an appeal to have his fine either lifted or reduced.
 - 2) Emily King, PARD, provided a presentation and analysis describing how the fine was calculated and citations of COA codes.
 - 3) Board Member Fleming motioned to sustain the original ruling and fine seconded by Board Member Halley. Motion passed 5-0-2.
- e. Update to address site plan and updated tree survey for Zachary Scott Theater by Nick Naccarato, Economic Growth and Redevelopment
 - 1) Development team requested that Urban Forestry Board support their project for Zachary Scott development site; including the removal of an American Elm and relocation of a 14” memorial Burr Oak.
 - 2) UFB discussed supporting project, but making recommendations on a different location for memorial tree.
 - 3) Board Member Wilson motioned to support project pending the relocation of the memorial tree to a suitable location seconded by Board Member Fleming. Motion passed 5-0-2.
- f. Request for new agenda items
 - 1) Recommendations for new process to provide tree overlays at zoning process stage – Board Members Maceo and Halley
 - 2) Provide update of status of trees at Zilker – Walter Passmore, PARD

8. ADJOURN: Chair Babberney adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m. without objection