### SUBDIVISION REVIEW SHEET

ZAP DATE: November 2, 2010

SUBDIVISION NAME: Savoy Subdivision Preliminary Plan

<u>AREA</u>: 5.94 Acres <u>LOTS</u>: 28

**APPLICANT:** Stephen Whatley **AGENT:** Hanrahan Pritchard Eng. Inc.

(Larry Hanrahan)

ADDRESS OF SUBDIVISION: 3730 Cima Serena Drive

**GRIDS**: J31 **COUNTY**: Travis

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

JURISDICTION: Full Purpose

**ZONING: SF-3** 

PROPOSED LAND USE: Single-Family (26 lots), Drainage (1 Lot), Open Space/ Landscape

(1 Lot), and Right-of-Way

**CASE NO:** C8-2010-0035

**VARIANCES:** None

**SIDEWALKS:** 

Sidewalks will be provided.

### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The request is for approval of the Savoy Subdivision Preliminary Plan. The subdivision is composed of (28) lots on 5.94 acres. The Fire Department has approved the street layout and the 4 proposed flag lots.

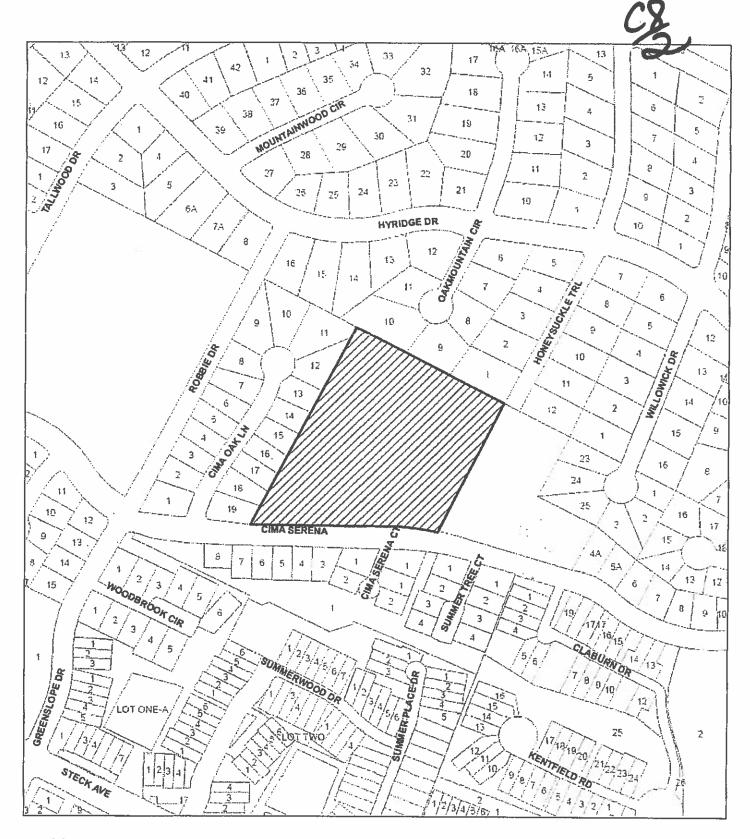
### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Plan. The plan now meets all applicable State and City of Austin LDC requirements.

### **ZAP COMMISSION ACTION:**

CASE MANAGER: David Wahlgren PHONE: 974-6455

Email address: david.wahlgren@ci.austin.tx.us





Subject Tract

Base Map

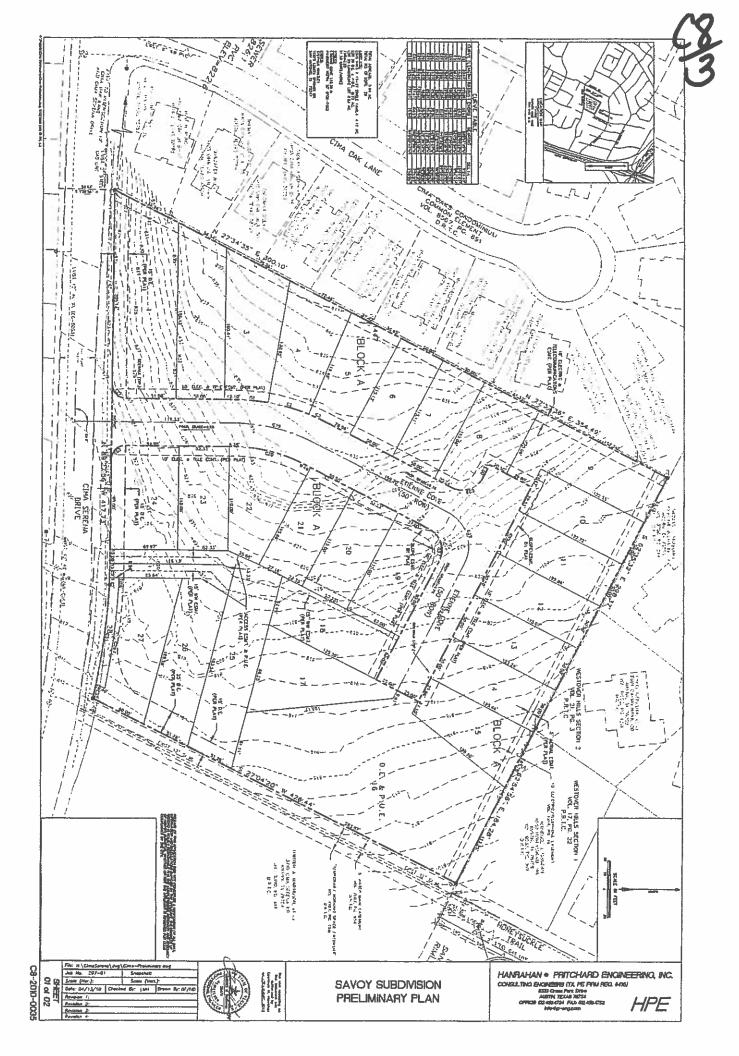
Savoy Subdivision

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ADDRESS: 3730 CIMA SERENA
MANAGER: David Wahlgren

1" = 400"

OPERATOR: D. SUSTAITA

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☐ I object	Your Name (please prins) 8315 Summmer Place Or.
ion	Case Number: C8-2010-0035 Contact: David Wahlgren, 512-974-6455 or Elsa Garza, 512-974-2308 Public Hearing: Zoning and Platting Commission

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### William Abrams



October 25, 2010

City of Austin Planning & Development Review, 4<sup>th</sup> floor P.O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767-8810

Attn.: David Wahlgren

My comments regarding Case Number C8-2010-0035, Savoy Subdivision, 3730 Cima Serena project application are as follows:

I OBJECT to the proposed development due to the fact that the approval process is premature and has not taken into consideration any alternative land development plans, especially a more comprehensive collateral development of the Savoy Subdivision in conjunction with the adjacent property at 3710 Cima Serena Dr. (now being offered through McAden Properties) which involves a house sited at the far edge of a considerable piece of adjacent undeveloped land (approximately 4 acres). Linked together, the two conjoined subdivisions could form an ecologically intact public heritage site of 11 acres within an urban core development area; this would guarantee a high rate of visitor use. The resulting combined parcel of pristine undisturbed land with its significant native plant species and an active community of breeding birds (and up until a year or two ago a small breeding community of wild deer) will then also continue to function in its very significant hydrologic role of facilitating proper drainage within the "Serena Woods Neighborhood" area. The result will be the establishment of a permanent natural heritage land trust and pocket nature preserve within the immediate vicinity of a highly dense urban neighborhood area. These combined subdivisions, if enhanced with selective weeding and the addition of walking/jogging/hiking trails, would together form an ideal forest reserve, a high-visitor example of a pocket park, a dedicated easily accessible ecological study area for the two nearby schools (Anderson High and Hill Elementary), as well as an off-leash dog exercise area. The potential benefits of this proposed area (the combined subdivisions) would certainly exceed those presently being enjoyed by visitors to the somewhat comparable Stillhouse Hollow Nature area (7810 Sterling Dr.). Before proceeding any further with the applicant's near-term plan that addresses only the interests of a narrow-minded commercial development and thus a furtherance of urban sprawl, the City of Austin must first make a more sincere and concerted public effort in the form of a Comprehensive



Plan that will enlist the help of Austin Parks Foundation and The Trust for Public Land, as well as county/state/and matching federal funding in order to transform this pristine natural area--one of the very last remaining high-quality natural areas in Travis County--into a nationally recognized land trust and pocket park.

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FURTHERMORE, **I OBJECT** to the proposed development of Savoy Subdivision (3730 Cima Serena) specifically as regards the site plan's unreasonable proportion of **Number of Lots** *versus* **Size of Acreage**-namely, its siting of 27 lots within the total 5.94 acres. This anomalous urban density would be inappropriate and inconsistent with the current average number of lots/per acre of the adjacent developments to the west and north. It is my considered opinion that such a nearby overcapacity would negatively impact the property values of Cima Oaks Homeowners Association.

Thank you allowing me to voice my strong objections to the proposed development of Savoy Subdivision.

William S. Abrams, 8604-B Cima Oak Lane, Austin, TX 78759 (Lot 11 of Cima Oak HOA, adjoining the Savoy Subdivision)