



AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL GRANTS FUND APPLICATION

Park Name and Address: Covert Park at Mount Bonnell; 3800 Mt. Bonnell Dr. Austin TX 78731

Total Amount Requested: \$50,000

Applicant Group: West Point Society of Central Texas

One Line Project Description: Install new commemorative marker, enhance and add visitor facilities.

Contact Person: Fred Bothwell, WP SCT

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Alternate Contact: Stan Bacon, WP SCT

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Austin, TX 78731

Phone: 512-345-5964

Email: sbacon58@sbcglobal.net

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Primary Contact: ___/s/ F C Bothwell III

Date: ___9/30/2012_____

Part 1: About The Project

Synopsis of project: What is the problem or challenge to be addressed? What is your project, and how does it address the issue? The original limestone marker commemorating the donation of the park by the Covert family is broken. The area surrounding the marker is inaccessible and unusable. The current proposed project has two phases: PHASE ONE: Remove, restore and preserve broken marker. Install a permanent granite marker on new base. PHASE TWO: Create paved dais around marker. See images of scope of work and planned results at http://www.west-point.org/joseph_bonnell/pavilion

Note: A currently unfunded third phase, involving modification of the current pergola and improved viewing facilities is also described, but **is outside the scope of this application**. It is planned for future review with PARD and other stakeholders.

PHASE ONE: INSTALL PERMANENT COVERT MARKER



BROKEN LIMESTONE MARKER



NEW GRANITE MARKER

PHASE TWO: CREATE PAVED DAIS AND SEATING WALLS NEAR MARKER



EXISTING MARKER AREA

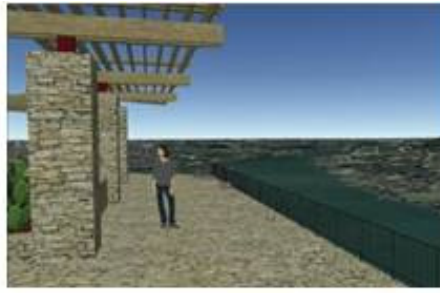


PLANNED DAIS AND SEATING SPACE

PHASE THREE: REMOVE PERGOLA COLUMNS, CANTILEVER ROOF, ADD VIEWING AREA
(For information only. NOT included in current Scope of Work)



CURRENT PERGOLA



REMOVE COLUMNS
INSTALL CANTILEVER ROOF



ADD VIEWING AREA

2. Briefly list steps involved in completing your project and give a timeline:

PHASE ONE: OCT 2012-FEB 2013
Complete review of project plans
Obtain FINAL approval from City Council
Order replica marker
Remove demolished dedication marker, relocate and restore in a protected environment
Remove retaining wall around marker site
Install new marker base and reconfigure planted area around marker site
Deliver and install replica marker
Landscaping, native plants, xeriscape
PHASE TWO: FEB-JUNE 2013
Install new pavement around marker area
Install new Limestone benches under pergola
Install Handrails
PHASE THREE: TBD (Information Only)
Remove pergola roof and west side columns
Install cantilevered pergola roof
Install viewing steps

3. How has or will the group obtain community support for this project? Neighborhood association leaders, local residents and park users have already been briefed and expressed enthusiastic support for the project. See attached letters from major neighborhood associations.

4. Is there a volunteer component to your project? Nearly all of the major work involved in the project requires the services of professional contractors. Volunteers will be continuously involved in project administration (3 volunteers) and continuing site cleanup and maintenance during the project. (20-30 Volunteers). Volunteers are also expected to play a major role in landscaping and planting associated with

the project (5-10 volunteers) Architectural and construction services are provided as in kind support by O'Connell Robertson of Austin and KG Construction of Georgetown.

5. How will your group's project or program be maintained or sustained in the future?

- The West Point Society of Central Texas has completed an Adopt-A-Park Agreement for past, current, and future projects to follow.
- The WPS will assume continuing responsibility for organizing and managing periodic site cleanup activities, staffing events such as the Oyster Race at Mt Bonnell, and working with APF, PARD, Keep Austin Beautiful, and other agencies to sustain and enhance the natural beauty and usability of the park in the future.
- The WPS, working with the various neighborhood associations, Friends of Mt Bonnell, and PARD, is executing ongoing site improvement projects and planning follow-on projects to include but not limited to path improvements, additional litter receptacles, organizing future pick-up activities, and working with APD to improve public safety in the park.

6. How will your group evaluate the success of your project? We will regard the project as successful if the marker is replaced as planned and visitors are able to approach the marker and make use of the newly available seating space

7. City approval status: Is there an approved site plan, have other permissions been obtained? What further steps are needed before work can begin? The current plan is the product of a year of joint development undertaken by the WPSCT, O'Connell Robertson, G&S, and PARD staff, with input from the Historic Landmark Commission Certificate of Appropriateness Committee, the Balcones Canyonland Preserve, and the Heritage Society of Austin. It has the support of Mayor Leffingwell and former Mayor Bruce Todd. It has not yet been approved by the Historic Landmark Commission. It is planned for presentation to the City Council for final approval in 4Q 2012.

8. Is there anything else we should know about your project? We anticipate that despite possible non-concurrence from the Historic Landmarks Commission, and based on support by Mayor Leffingwell and former Mayor Bruce Todd, the project will be approved by the City Council in 4Q 2012.

Part 2: About The Organizers

9. How many people are actively working on this project as organizers? What are their skills?

There are several people working on this project as organizers. Stan Bacon is a retired Army officer, a member of the Board of Directors of the West Point Society and has major responsibility for overall coordination and administration of this project, and all other WPS support of Mount Bonnell activity. He has a B.S. degree in Engineering and an MA in Geography. During his active service he was a member of the Faculty at West Point in the Geography Department. Several other members of the West point Society are retired and provide additional support as required. Nearly all have Engineering degrees and have had extensive project management experience. The architectural design concept and the detailed specifications for the project were developed by a team headed by Jason Andrus, an architect with the Austin firm of O'Connell Robertson. O'Connell Robertson is one of Texas' leading architectural firms, specializing in healthcare and education projects, and public works like the design of the Texas State 9/11 memorial. Mr. Andrus will continue to provide needed support and professional services for the project during its implementation. The CEO of KC Construction of Georgetown is a West Point graduate with



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extensive experience in the management of major construction projects undertaken by the City of Austin, Travis County, and the State of Texas.

10. History of your work: How long have you been working at the park? What has been accomplished to date? List two or three past projects undertaken by your group and explain how they were funded. The WPS adopted the park in 2010 and since that time has organized many activities, including projects to build an information kiosk and restore historic views from the mountaintop, funded by donations from nearby neighborhood associations, individuals, the West Point Society of Central Texas and grants from APF and Keep Austin Beautiful/

WPST MOUNT BONNELL/COVERT PARK PROJECTS AND FUNDING

5/24/2010 – PARD Adopt-a-Park Improvement Project Agreement signed.
10/16/2010 – Supported Austin Oyster Urban Adventure Race.
11/20/2010 – Service Austin Days Fall Clean-up, 33 volunteers and 2 firefighters.
1/31/2011 -- Restored the fabulous views of the Colorado River Valley and City of Austin skyline through selective vegetation trimming with PARD support (chipping and brush removal), community contributions of \$2,450 and an APF grant of \$1,550.
3/2011 – PARD Director Hensley agrees to erect \$5,000 permanent kiosk provided WPST erects base.
3/5/2011-- My Parks Day, APF, 23 volunteers.
4/9/2011 -- Clean Sweep, KAB, 31 volunteers.
5/15/2011 -- Supported Austin Oyster Urban Adventure Race.
8/25/2011 – Received KAB grant of \$850 to apply to Kiosk Base payment.
10/22/2011 – Planned Clean-up w/Central Texas Mountaineers.
11/19/2011 – Planned participation in Service Austin Days Fall Clean-up.
YTD 2012 - Kiosk Installation Underway, additional cleanup days, Oyster Race Support

For over two years the West Point Society has also maintained a web site with information about the history and current status of Mount Bonnell. See http://www.west-point.org/joseph_bonnell/mount_bonnell
See examples of past work at http://www.west-point.org/joseph_bonnell/gallery/4

11. Are there other project partners? (Include other funders, in-kind donors, community groups, etc.) There are nine neighborhood groups around Covert Park, the two largest being HPWBANA and WANG. Leaders of all nine groups have been contacted and kept informed of the nature of this project. Both WANG and HPWBANA, the two largest organizations, have expressed strong support for our project in letters, meetings, newsletters, and the local newspaper, the West Austin News. The Covert family is also expected to financially support the erection of a new marker. See Attachments.



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Budget for:

COVERT PARK AT MT BONNELL RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT

**Items in yellow changed/added to
comply with 2011-2012 PARD
input**

Items/Services planned for purchase

PHASE ONE: OCT-DEC 2012	
Remove demolished marker, relocate and restore in a protected environment	\$15,000
Purchase/deliver replica marker	\$20,000
Demolish existing marker base	\$3,000
Install new marker base	\$8,000
Install new replica marker	\$2,500
PHASE ONE Estimated cost	\$48,500
+10% Contingency	\$53,350
PHASE TWO: JAN-APRIL 2013	
Remove retaining wall around marker site	\$8,500
Remove existing stone pavers at existing steps	\$4,500
Install new foundation and retaining wall	\$12,000
Install new stone pavers for dais	\$25,000
Install new stone pavers at steps	\$7,500
Install new Limestone benches under pergola (salvaged stone)	\$4,500
Landscaping, native plants, xeriscape	\$3,000
Install Handrails	\$2,500
PHASE TWO Estimated cost	\$66,500
+10% Contingency	\$73,150
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$126,500

*Contingencies include possible unforeseen fees from contractors or public entities (review fees, application fees, etc) or unanticipated costs of compliance with additional requirements imposed by PARD or other government agencies or NGAs.



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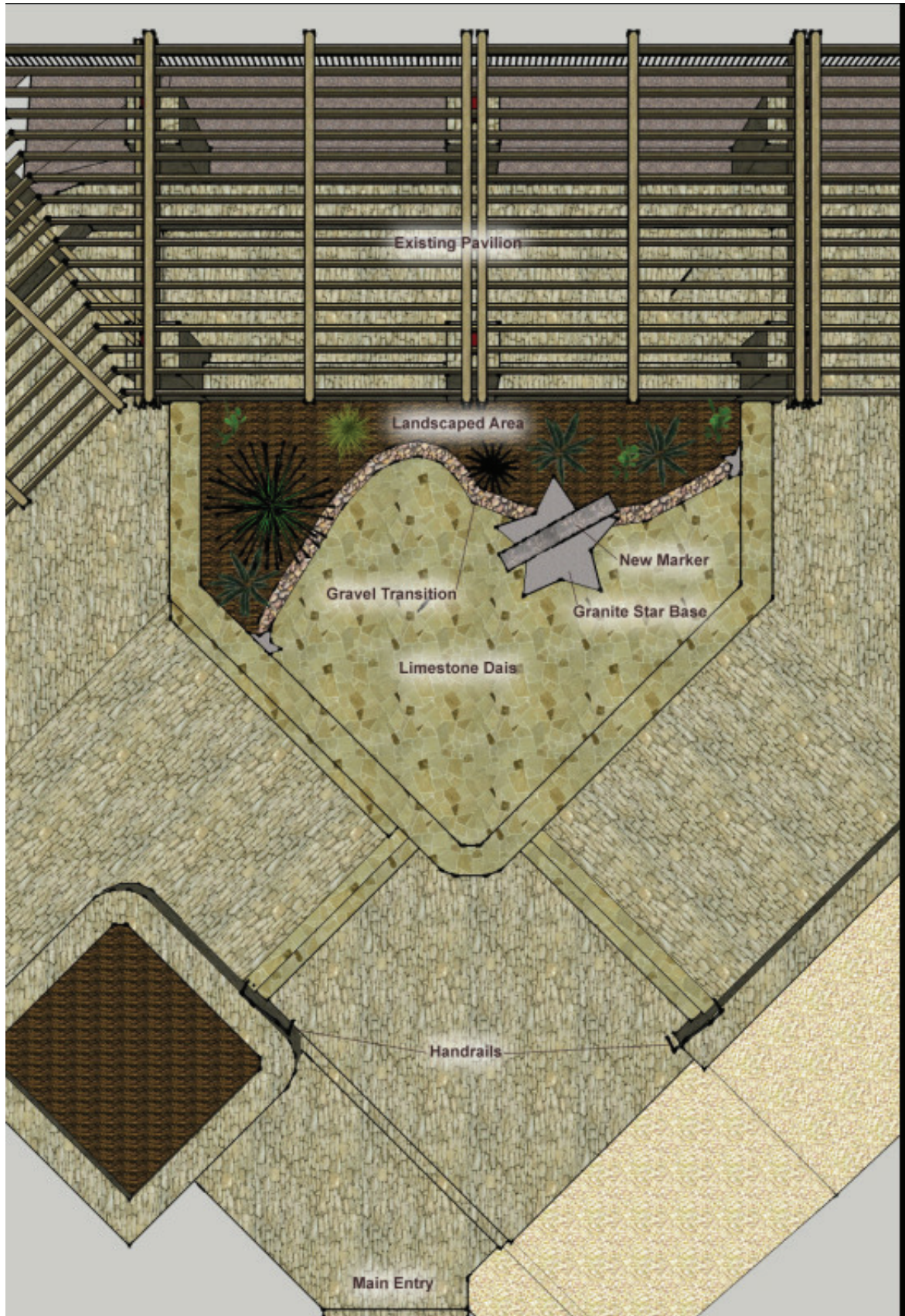
Budget Summary and Grant Request		
Line 1	Total Project Cost and Contingencies (cash)	126,500
Line 2	Total Cash Contributions from your group	76,500
	Grant Request (Line 1 minus Line 2)	\$50,000

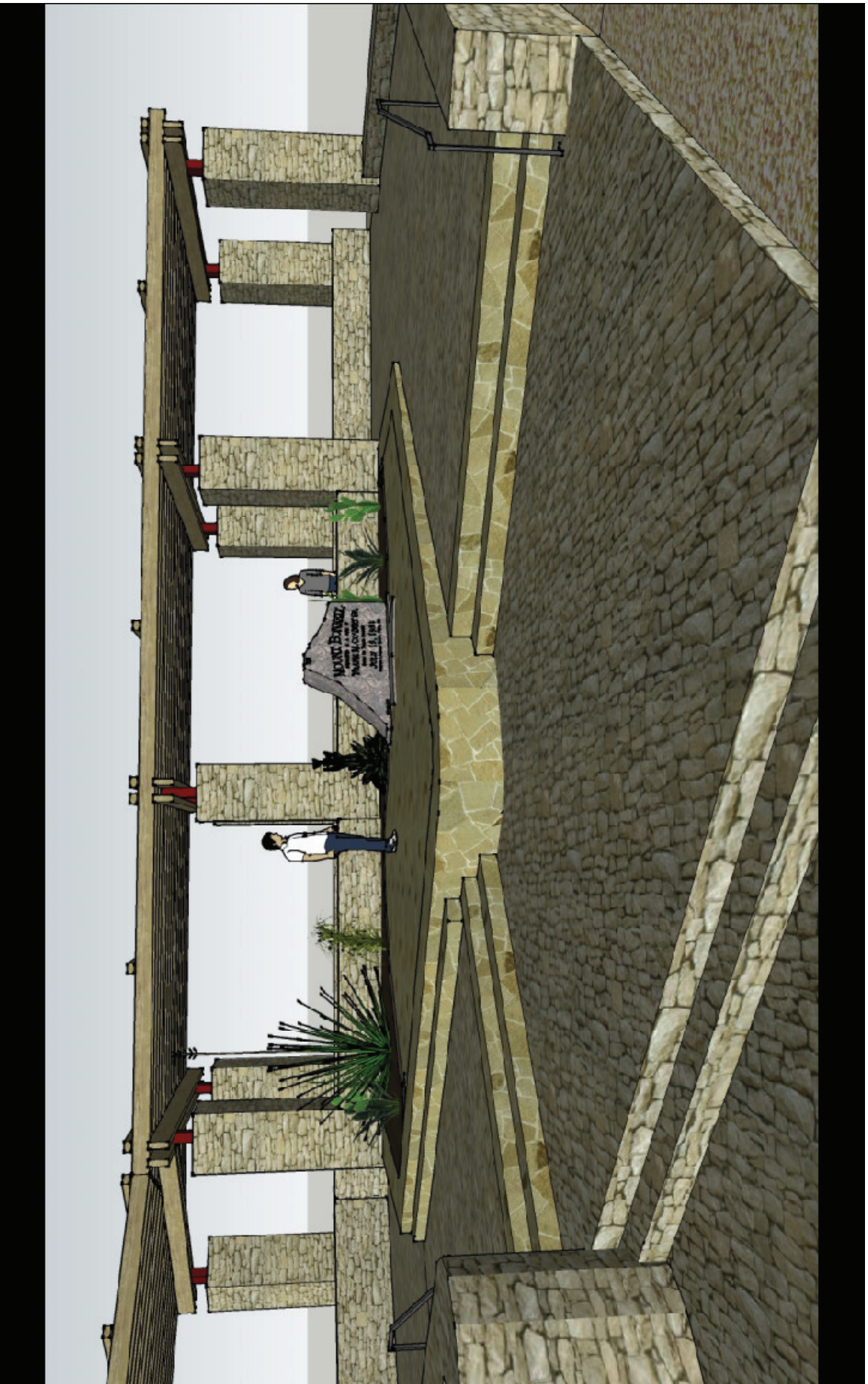


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Your Contributions 2012-2013		
Your Labor Contribution		
Volunteer labor	Hours	Total Value at \$10.65/hr
Continuing site cleanup, beautification, planting, and maintenance.	20 volunteers x 48 hrs x \$10.65	8,520
Total Volunteer Labor Value		\$8,520
Your In-Kind Contributions		
In-Kind contributions from entities other than PARD	Likely donor source (Who will you ask for this?)	Cash Value
Continuing architectural services, detailed planning and project support: 200 hours @ \$100	Jason Andrus, O'Connell Robertson (already committed) Friends of Mt Bonnell	20,000
Prime contractor project management: 120 hours @ \$150 providing budget review and validation, initial cost estimates, industry recommendations for cost savings, construction inspection, construction oversight to ensure applicable code compliance, submittal and Mock Ups review.	Eric Klingemann, President, KC Commercial LLC, a Commercial Utilities Construction Company, Member West Point Society of Central Texas (already committed)	18,000
Contribution of heavy equipment , tools, and general labor to assist PARD in demolition, and removal of existing components. 2 days@\$1500		3,000
Continuing project administration, meetings, briefings, and liaison with neighborhood associations, APF, PARD, and other NGAs. 120 hours @ \$50	West Point Society of Central Texas (already committed)	6,000
Total In-Kind Contributions		\$47,000
Your Cash Contributions (Including savings, funds from other grants, and funds yet to be raised)		
Likely Source (e.g. neighborhood assn, neighbors, bake sale)	Contribution	
Neighborhood Associations, Friends of Mt Bonnell, WPS of Central Texas, Covert Family, APF/ACL (2011 Grant)	\$76,500	
Total Cash Contributions		\$76,500
Total of all YOUR GROUP's contributions (labor, in-kind and cash)		\$132,020









WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD

GROUP

Organized 1973

*"To preserve our
neighborhood
and protect it from
deterioration."*

OFFICERS

August Harris
President

Gwen Jewiss
Past President

Michael Cannatti
Secretary

George Edwards
Treasurer

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Cathy Kyle
Susan Pascoe
Blake Tollett

September 16, 2011

Mr. Charlie McCabe
Executive Director
The Austin Parks Foundation
816 Congress, Suite 1680
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Charlie:

The West Austin Neighborhood Group has reviewed the West Point Society's plan for enhancing certain features of the pavilion at Covert Park on Mount Bonnell in conjunction with the replacement of the Covert stone marker. We understand these include a partial terracing of the garden and the addition of stone benches, stairs, handrails and xerophytic plants to the garden in accordance with the plans submitted to us for consideration.

We support this plan and are confident that these enhancements, under the hand and ongoing care and commitment of the West Point Society, will add greatly to the utility and esthetic value of the park for the benefit of its many visitors. We urge you to approve their grant request.

We also are grateful for the work of the West Point Society thus far and are pleased that through their committed effort, they have secured the buy-in of the Covert Family in the replacement of the marker sited at the heart of the pavilion.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach me at 512.320.8808 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

August W. Harris III
President
West Austin Neighborhood Group



September 22, 2011

The Austin Parks Foundation
816 Congress, Suite 1680
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association (HPWBANA) has reviewed the West Point Society's plan for enhancing certain features of the pavilion at Covert Park on Mount Bonnell in conjunction with the replacement of the Covert stone marker. We understand these include a partial terracing of the garden and the addition of stone benches, stairs, handrails and xerophytic plants to the garden.

We are excited about the improvements that the West Point Society has presented and our neighborhood association strongly supports this plan. Mount Bonnell is dear to our neighborhood and we are confident that these enhancements will add greatly to the utility and esthetic value of the park for the benefit of its many visitors. We appreciate the West Point Society's efforts to enhance Mount Bonnell and we urge you to approve their grant request.

Sincerely,

Andrea M. Torres
HPWBANA President
andreatorres11@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY INITIATED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPLICATION

Community Initiated Improvement Projects provide a process for partners to raise funds and in-kind contributions in order to design and build improvements projects at Austin Parks and Recreation (PARC) parks and facilities that are in alignment with PARC plans and strategic priorities.

Include as much detail as possible in your proposal so that it can be review accurately.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name:	Stan Bacon	Organization:	West Point Society of Central Texas
Address:			
City/State/Zip	Austin, TX		
Phone Number:	E-Mail: sbacon58@sbcglobal.net		
Website			

Location information

Park name: Mount Bonnell/Covert Park

Project summary

Provide a description of the proposed improvement. Please provide some information about size and materials. *The majority of the project centers around the replacement of the current dedication marker which is in disrepair. The monument would be replaced with a new one made of Texas native granite (color t.b.d. by site visit to quarries) for increased durability/longevity. It will measure approximately 54"high x 54"wide x 16"thick. The front face will be engraved with the same text and fonts as the existing marker. One side of the marker will also be a smooth face for engraving – the text for this location is t.b.d., but is planned to include historical data and the date of the rededication. The profile of the marker will mimic the cross section of the mountain and include annotations of factual information such as the name of the river below and the elevation at which it sits. The new marker will rest on a granite star and it's front face will be oriented along a straight line between the 360Bridge and Downtown Austin to mimic the orientation of the existing marker and emphasize the views to these two iconic city elements.*

Applicable Dates

Proposed Start Date: July 2011 Expected Completion Date: December 2011

Results and Benefits

Desired Outcome or End Results: *see above*

Description of Benefit to the Public: *Re-established views of the 360Bridge and Downtown Austin, factual information as a learning opportunity, creation of a plaza that could potentially be used for group meetings and functions, and additional seating.*

What would be the Benefit(s) to PARC: *Aesthetic, functional, and durability improvements to the park*

Project funding

What do you estimate the cost of the proposed project? *\$65,000*

How did you arrive at this figure? *Cost estimate of preliminary design concepts using Means catalog*

What is your proposed source of funding? *Private donor*

PARC Roles and Resources

SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW ON 1/24/2011



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Describe what, if anything, you are requesting for PARD's Participation/Contribution: *Review, feedback, and approval of the design concepts and approval/permitting to move forward with the project.*

Support

Is there community support for the project from the neighborhood association, local school principals, other park user groups, etc? Please list.

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Send this form along with any drawings, plans, photos or supporting documents to:

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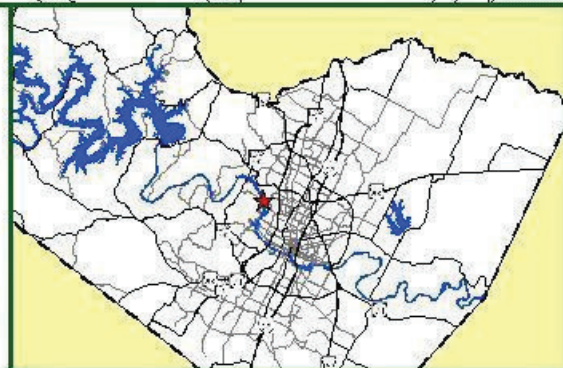
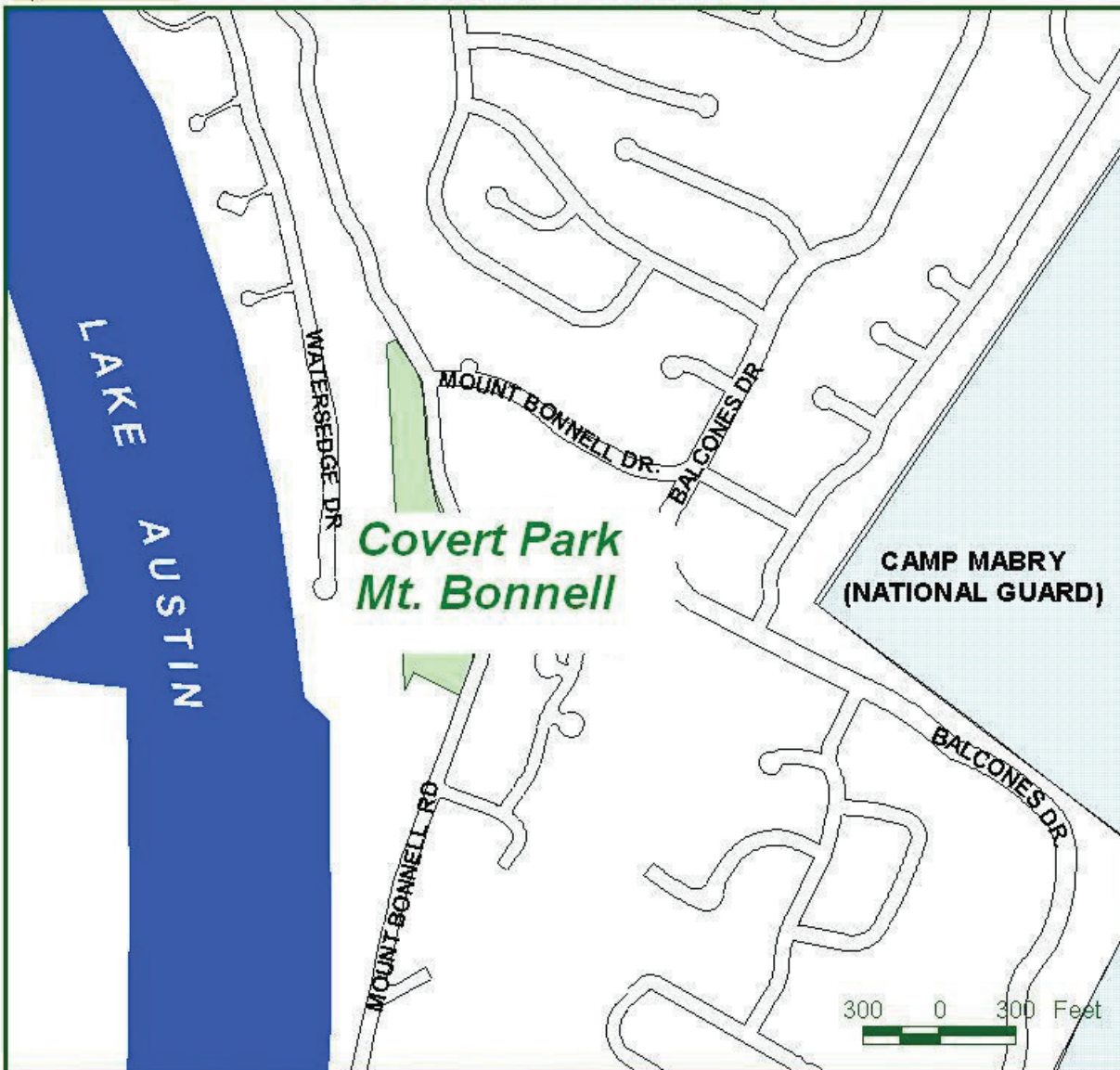
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Community volunteers spruce up Mount Bonnell for holidays

By Alana Moehring Mallard

Neighborhood and community volunteers headed to Mount Bonnell on Nov. 19 and helped West Point Society members clean up the park trails and parking area, including picking up litter and weeding gardens. And when walking along the trails to find trash wasn't enough, members of Austin Fire Department rappelled down the cliffs facing Lake Austin to get at litter.

Thirty volunteers from the Hispanic Business Students Association at UT came out to the historic landmark and much visited park, many of them for a second work party at Mount Bonnell.

"This is part of our service work for the community," said Jon Winton.

West Point Society members have adopted Mount Bonnell, organizing several work days to clear brush, trim trees and improve trails. The society has presented evidence to



Randy Elmore, Roger Davis, Tye Baker, Matt Avery and Scott Bartell of Austin Fire Department helped at Mount Bonnell on Austin's Rotary Day of Service, Nov. 19

Austin Parks and Recreation Department and to Texas Historical Commission that Mount Bonnell is properly named for Capt. Joseph Bonnell, a hero of the Texas Revolution who served under Sam Houston, rather than newspaperman George Bonnell who arrived in Texas after the

Battle of San Jacinto.

West Point Society member Stan Bacon hopes to restore a broken limestone marker at the top of Mount Bonnell with grants from the city and from the Covert family, who donated the area as a park.



Jon Winton, Israel Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Roxanne Hernandez, and Jimmy Monreal volunteered at Mount Bonnell during Austin's Rotary Day of Service.

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— FRED BOTHWELL

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"I've never seen this view before..."

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February 03, 2011

Downtown and river views restored at Mount Bonnell

By Alana Moehring Mallard

Even on a Monday morning a steady stream of tourists and visitors came to the top of Mount Bonnell, and all of them stopped at the limestone overlook to see Lake Austin to the west and at a picnic table to admire the downtown skyline to the east.

"I've never seen this view before," said Highland Park West resident Nadene Morning. "I didn't know this was here." Morning worked with Stan Bacon and Fred Bothwell of West Point Society of Austin as they consulted with City of Austin and Central Texas conservation organizations to restore the views through

strategic pruning and brush removal this past Friday and Monday.

"And now we can see the Texas tower," said Bothwell. "That's a milestone, because we wanted to be able to see from downtown Austin to the 360 bridge."

Austin Tree Specialists crews, headed by Pat Wentworth, trimmed and cleared Friday and Monday with the supervision of Austin Parks and Recreation and Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. A couple of patches of protected bracted twistleaf flower prevented clearing from an area directly east of the pavilion at the summit of Mount Bonnell.

With the fabulous views

restored, Bacon and Bothwell have more plans: "Kiosks are next," said Bacon. "We'll meet this week with PARD on specifics of what we can do." West Point Society of Austin also plans to replace the limestone marker at the pavilion.

West Point Society of Austin is working with Austin Parks and Recreation to raise money to continue Mount Bonnell improvements. Donations can be made online at Parks Foundation.

Now go trot up: limestone steps and at that view of Austin. It's beautiful again, work, West Point Society of Austin.



Pat Wentworth, Stan Bacon, Nadene Morning and Fred Bothwell admired views of downtown Austin and Lake Austin after two days of pruning and clearing restored views from the top

PHOTO: FRED ALANA MOEHRING MALLARD

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October 4, 2010

WEST AUSTIN

West Point Society to restore views and history to Mount Bonnell



Fred Bothwell and Stan Bacon of West Point Society are heading up an effort to restore views at Mount Bonnell and recognize Lt. Joseph Bonnell as the park's namesake.

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