

Downtown Commission Project Review Sheet

Project Name: **Wooldridge Square**

Case Number(s), if available: **GP-2012-0071.PAR**

Project Location/Address: **900 Guadalupe St. Austin Texas 78705**

Applicant/Developer: **City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD)**

Mailing Address: **919 W 28 ½ St. Austin Texas, 78705**

Phone Number: **512-974-9464**

Property Owner: **PARD**

Summary:

Renovations at Wooldridge Square began in fall of 2012 in collaboration with the Friends of Wooldridge Square to improve the overall appearance of the park and to activate the park site through programming events. The current renovations include new sod, tree plantings and electrical infrastructure to support future park lighting. Additional renovations will include minor repair and restoration of the existing pergola, placement of new benches, light fixtures and the development of a ‘food’ vendor pad at the northwest corner of the park site. The purpose of these improvements is primarily to provide the needed improvements and infrastructure to ‘activate’ the park site through regularly scheduled programming events by the Friends of Wooldridge Sq., DAA and PARD.

Per the current Downtown Austin Plan, Wooldridge Square falls in the ‘Core/Waterfront District’ which stipulates the restoration and activation of historic squares. The ‘Downtown Parks and Open Space Master Plan’ indicates current programming events include Saturday giant chess, Summer concert series, Cinco de Mayo celebrations and Juneteenth celebrations. The proposed improvements address specific recommendations outlined in the Master Plan, including the introduction of a food vendor, creation of shady informal areas, unprogrammed open space and restoration of pergola.

Please include a description of your proposed project, and list or discuss the ways and to what extent your project furthers or conflicts with the goals and recommendations of the Downtown Austin Plan, including but not limited to:

- Preserve and enhance the unique historical and cultural heritage of Downtown
- Support a vibrant, diverse and pedestrian-friendly urban district
- Promote Downtown’s evolution into a compact, dense urban district
- Contribute to sustainability, quality of life and the Downtown experience
- Interconnect and enhance Downtown’s network of public parks, open spaces and streets

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- Improve access to mobility and public transportation within Downtown
- Expansion of Great Streets improvements

Please include a map and/or aerial that shows how your project relates to other developments and the urban context in the vicinity of the project.

Current Project Status **Schematic Design – on going**
(e.g., concept only, schematic design, final design)

Project Start Date: **October 2012**

Project End Date: **September 2013**

Type of Project: **Park**
(Residential, mixed use, office, commercial)

Primary Use and SF approximately **2.0 Acres**

Ancillary Uses and SF _____

Total SF **2.0 Acres (+,- 87,120 sf.)**

Stories _____ FAR _____ Height _____

Parking spaces **47** Available for public use? **42**

Type of parking: Surface Structured above ground _____ Structured below ground _____

Specify type of bike parking being provided: **Bike Rack**

Is the project located within 600 feet of any live music venue? **NO**
If so, are considerations being made regarding sound mitigation?

Are you seeking zoning changes or variances? **NO**
If yes, please describe and indicate anticipated dates of Planning Commission and City Council action.

Is your project seeking density bonuses and, if so, please specify any community benefits you are offering for the project? **NO**

Have other boards/commissions or city staff yet made recommendations on this project? If so, please describe. **Certificate of Appropriateness \ Historic Landmark Commission**

Attach available images, site plans, elevations and renderings for the project.

Deadline: This form and attachments should be submitted to the City Staff Liaison for the Commission at least five business days prior to the Commissioner's meeting where the project will be presented.