



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013

Waterfront Planning Advisory Board

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

1. ***Participated in the Sustainable Places Project (SPP)***

The Sustainable Places Project is a region-wide effort to help Central Texas communities align their planning and investment choices with their community values to create healthy and sustainable activity centers. In short, it's developing a new approach to planning in Central Texas. The SPP will examine several growth scenarios for activity centers in Austin, Dripping Springs, Elgin, Hutto, and Lockhart. The Project is developing an innovative analytics tool to identify the long-term effects of the various scenarios on municipal budgets and the health of communities. The SPP is funded by a \$3.7 million grant from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Central Texas competed against more than 200 regions across the country to receive this funding.

2. ***Presented a resolution to the Austin City Council to initiate a comprehensive small-area plan for the South Central Waterfront.***

The Council resolution cites that this area faces unique challenges as development pressures rise, and that the current land development codes and the waterfront overlay ordinance are not adequate to guide development in a way that will fully achieve the goals of the Town Lake Corridor Study. In August 2013, the Austin City Council resolved to

initiate a comprehensive small-area plan for an area designated, for this planning initiative, as the South Central Waterfront.

- ◆ ***Small-Area Plan context;***
 - *Growth patterns*
 - *The imagine austin criteria*
 - *Urban rail*
 - *Auditorium shores*
 - *The Boardwalk*
 - *Street patterns and pedestrian disconnections*
 - *Infrastructure*
 - *Housing and affordability*
 - *Urban Development and Neighborhood Compatibility*
 - *Existing / approved Site plans and PUD's*
 - *Overlapping and confusing ordinances*
 - *Environmental, social and Economic Issues.*

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The board's actions throughout 2012 comply with the mission statement.

Meeting with staff involved in the Downtown Plan significantly improved our methodology of developing a Density Bonus Program for the Waterfront Overlay Districts. Also, having dedicated legal staff to answer questions with also greatly improve our effort.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

The board will fine tune the recommendations and work with city staff and legal to draft potential amendments to the Waterfront Overlay Ordinance. The report will be accompanied with appropriate sections, plans, maps and other visual and graphic material. Final report and recommendations will be made to Council before the end of 2014.

We will continue to review and make recommendations of projects seeking the approval of the Waterfront Overlay Board.