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## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board

From: Jesus M. Olivares, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

Date: May 8, 2001

Subject: Construction of Way Boat dock at 4516 Rivercrest  
File No. SP-01-0186DS.

A request has been received from Scott Way to construct a boat dock at 4516 Rivercrest on Lake Austin.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff has reviewed plans for the proposed project and finds they require a variance to Article XIII, Section 25-2-1176, (Regulations for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code. The variance requested is to exceed 20% shoreline coverage. The staff supports the requested variance.

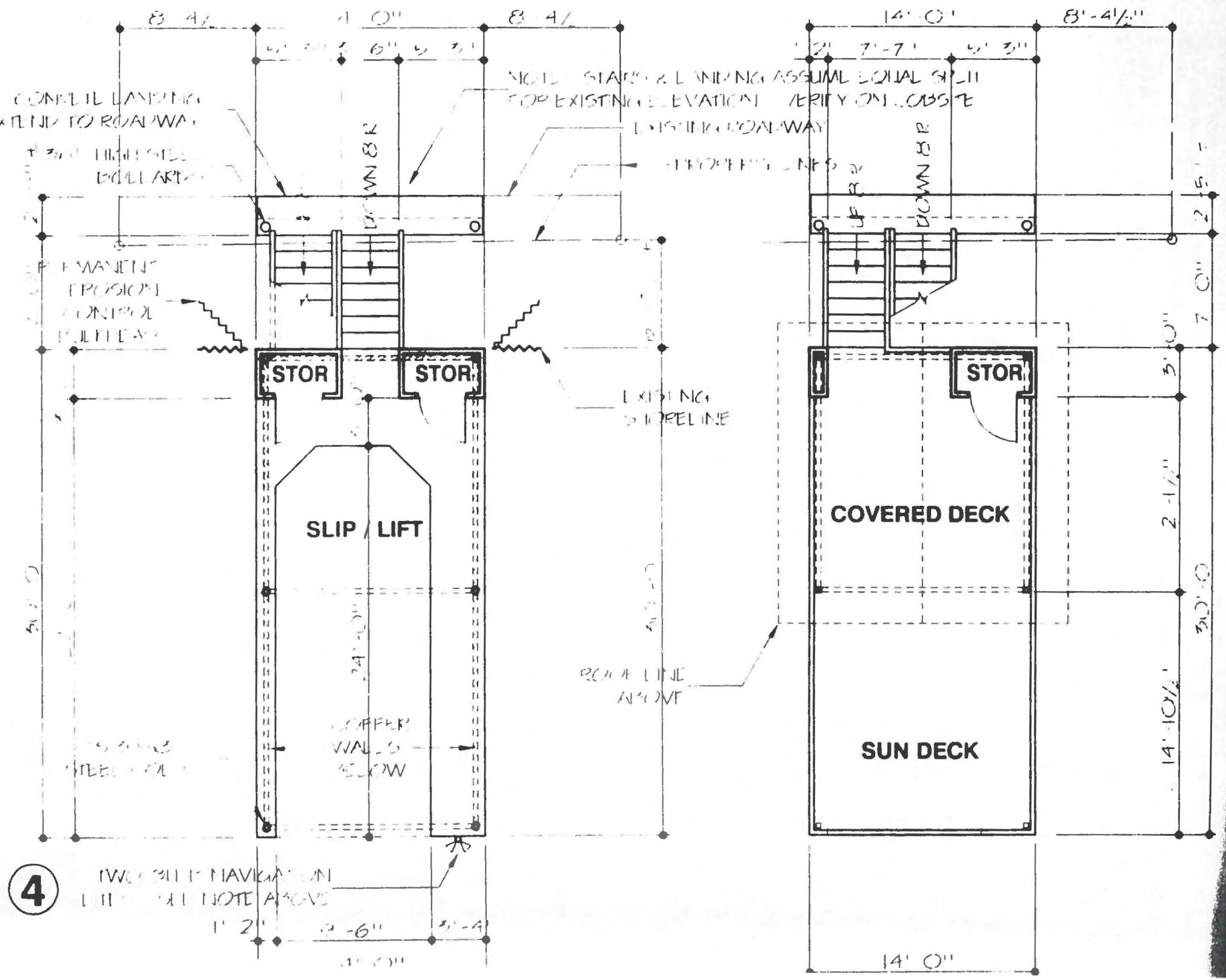
### RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend approval of the above request as detailed in the attached site plan.

Jesus M. Olivares, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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NOTE: EACH TWO-BULB NAVIGATION LIGHT STATION WILL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF 25 WATTS FOR BOTH BULBS





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## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board

From: Jesus M. Olivares, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

Date: May 8, 2001

Subject: Construction of Thornton Boat dock at 10702 River Terrace

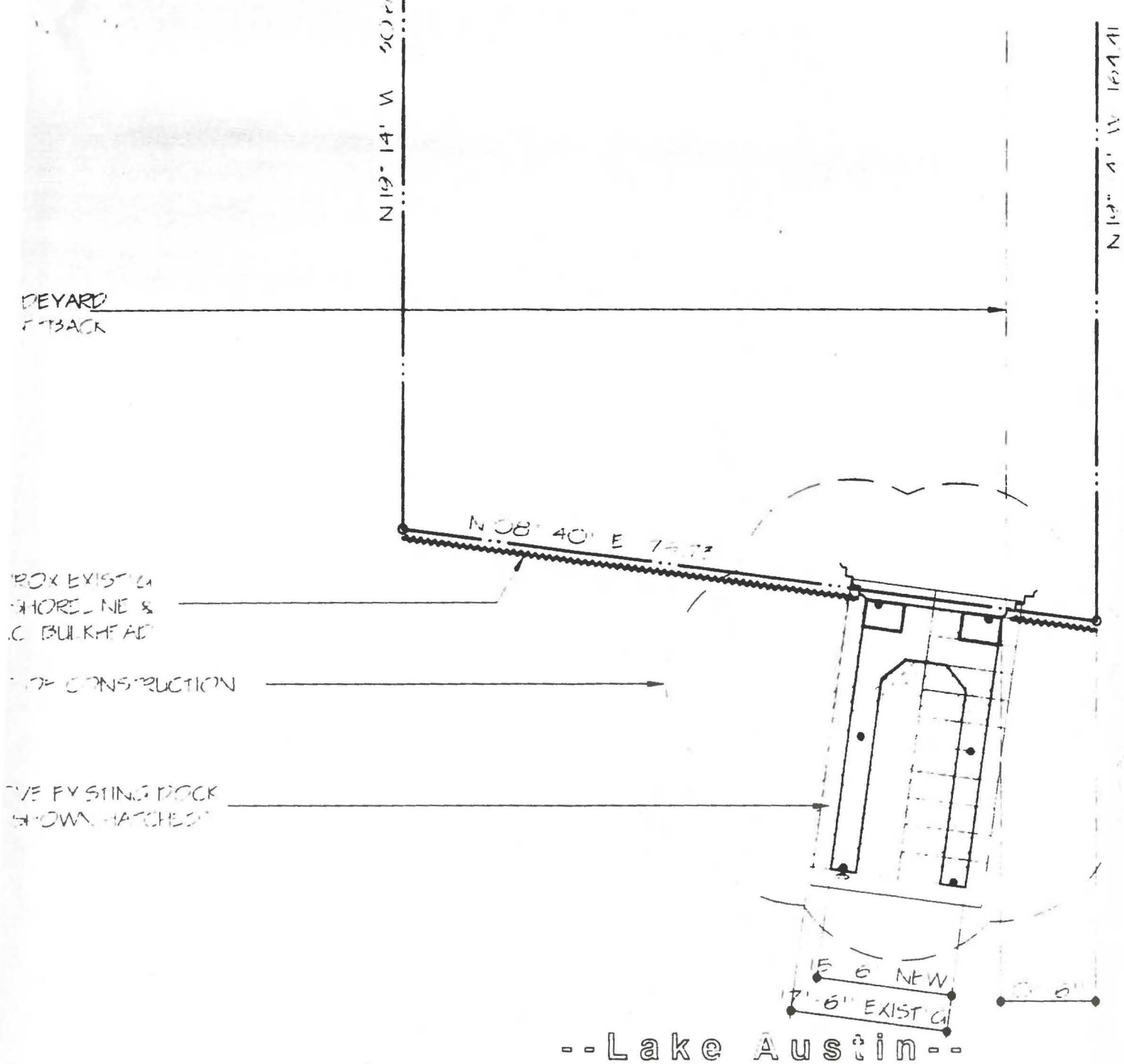
A request has been received from Signor Enterprises on the behalf of Julie Thornton to construct a boat dock at 10702 River Terrace on Lake Austin.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff has reviewed plans for the proposed project and finds they meet the requirements of Article XIII, Section 25-2-1176, (Regulations for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code.

### RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend approval of the above request as detailed in the attached site plan.

Jesus M. Olivares, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department



ATION OF BOATDOCK TO BE DETERMINED ON JOBSITE PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO PRESERVE EXISTING ACCOMMODATE SHORELINE GRADES AND FEATURES. IN NO CASE SHALL THE STRUCTURE EXTEND BEYOND THE THE EXISTING STRUCTURE.



Action Item # 3

Make a Recommendation to the Director Regarding Dog Off-Leash Area at Old West Austin Park.

No back material.



# Save Barton Creek Association

P.O. Box 5923 • Austin, Texas 78763 • (512) 480-0055

November 27, 2000

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Mr. Jesus Olivares  
Director  
Parks and Recreation Department  
200 South Lamar Boulevard  
Austin, Texas 78704-1046

Dear Mr. Olivares:

The Board of Trustees of the Save Barton Creek Association respectfully requests that Northwest District Park be renamed as the Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park.

As you may know, Beverly felt a special affinity for Northwest District Park. In addition to being involved personally in drafting the original plan for this park, Beverly helped create several other parks and many programs during his thirty-nine years with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. He served as Director of the Recreation Department from 1946 to 1962 and Director of Parks and Recreation from 1963 to 1973. He then served as Director of the Office for the American Bicentennial Celebration in Austin (1974-1976) and founded the Austin Community Foundation in 1977.

Although Beverly may be best known and loved by many of his friends as the man who "swam around the world" – right in Barton Springs Pool, his leadership in many diverse public arenas exemplified an extraordinary career of public service and devotion to this community, for which he deserves to be well recognized.

The Association is proud to submit the attached "Application for Facility Naming" and would welcome the opportunity to fund half the costs of replacing the signs at Northwest District Park.

Thank you for your help with this matter. Please let me know what the next steps are so that the SBCA board of trustees and other stakeholders can show support for the application.

Sincerely,

George Cofer  
Programs Manager  
328-2481

Attachments: Application for Facility Naming and "Vita" for Beverly S. Sheffield



## Application for Facility Naming

The Save Barton Creek Association requests that Norwest District Park be renamed to The Beverly S. Sheffield Norwest District Park.

Biographical Synopsis of Mr. Sheffield: attached

### Justification:

Beverly helped design this park and felt a special affinity with it. In addition to being personally involved in the drafting of the original plan for this park, Beverly helped create several other parks and many programs during his thirty-nine years with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. He served as Director of the Recreation Department from 1946 to 1962 and Director of Parks and Recreation from 1963 to 1973. He then served as Director of the Office for the American Bicentennial Celebration in Austin (1974-1976) and founded the Austin Community Foundation in 1977.

Beverly's decades-long career of exemplary public service to the citizens of greater Austin deserves to be recognized.

Estimated cost for replacement of signs and plaques: Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00)

Save Barton Creek Association will pay One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00).

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



George Cofer  
Program Manager  
Save Barton Creek Association  
328-2481

## - VITA -

NAME: Beverly S. Sheffield  
 BIRTH DATE: March 7, 1913  
 BIRTH PLACE: Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas

CHURCH: St. David's Episcopal - Vestry 1951-53; 1959-61  
 - Layreader & Chalice Bearer 1954-present

## EDUCATION:

1931 Completed Alamo Heights High School  
 1931-32 St. Mary's University of San Antonio  
 1932-35 The University of Texas - BS in Physical Ed.  
 1936-48 The University of Texas - Masters of Ed.  
 Jan.1938 New York University - Recreation Administration

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1937 Counselor - San Antonio Y.M.C.A. Camp  
 1930 Aquatic Director - San Antonio Y.M.C.A. Camp  
 1931 Activities Director - San Antonio Y.M.C.A. Camp  
 1932 & 32 Counselor - Byers Peak Ranch for Boys - Colorado  
 1934 Playground Leader - Lifeguard - Activity Leader  
 Austin Recreation Department  
 1935-40 Aquatic Director - Supervisor and Assistant Director  
 of Recreation, City of Austin  
 1941-42 Acting Director of Recreation  
 1943-45 Welfare & Recreation Officer - U.S.N.R.  
 1946-62 Director of Recreation, City of Austin  
 1963-73 Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Austin  
 1974-76 Director of the Office for the American Bicentennial Celebration  
 1977-78 Director of Trusts & Endowments for City of Austin  
 1978-87 Executive Director, Austin Community Foundation

1946 (Summer) Assistant Professor - University of Texas  
 1951 " " " - " " "  
 1961 (Fall) " " - " " "  
 1952 (Fall) " " - " " "

1953-56 Instructor for correspondence course in "Municipal Recreation  
 Administration", International City Manager's Association

1952 Prepared a master plan for the Recreation Department entitled  
 "PLANNING AHEAD FOR RECREATION IN AUSTIN". The plan included a  
 study of the Parks & Recreation system and showed comparisons  
 national standards and other cities.

- 1853 Recreation Planner & Consultant for the City of Odessa & Ector County, Texas. A 64 page printed report was issued on the Park & Recreation system.
- 1954 Prepared a master plan for a 68 acre park in San Marcos, Texas and served as a consultant to the Parks Board in the development of the plan.
- 1949 Prepared a 97 page report on a study of "The Community Use of Ship Playground".

Served as consultant and guest speaker on the subject of parks and recreation to numerous towns and cities in central Texas.

#### PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Recreation Society: (Merged with the National Recreation Association, the Institute of Park Executives and other professional recreation groups to form the National Recreation & Park Association in 1966.)

Southwestern Geographical Representative	1951-5
Member of Personnel Practices Committee	1953-5
Chairman of Study & Research Committee	1954-5
Chairman of Nominating Committee	1955-5
Member of Membership Committee	1956-5
Chairman of the History Committee	1957-5
Treasurer	1960-6
Member-at-Large - Executive Committee	1961-6
Secretary	1962-6
2nd Vice President	1963-6

#### National Recreation Association: (merged into NRPA 1966)

Member of Advisory Committee on Recruitment, Training and Placement of Personnel	1957-6
Member of Advisory Committee on Defense Related Services	
Member of Advisory Committee on Recreation Research	
Member of Committee on International Recreation Services	
Chairman National Advisory Committee on Recreation Administration	1959-6
Chairman National Advisory Council	1962-6

#### Southern Regional Education Board:

Member of the Study Committee on Recreation Leadership and Training needs in the Southern Region	1953-5
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## PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

## Texas Amateur Athletic Federation:

Member of the Executive Committee	
Chairman of the State Swimming Meet	1937-38-
Texas Beach & Pool Association:	
Vice President	1939
President	1940

American Institute of Park Executives: (merged into NRPA - 1966	
Member	1958-

## Texas Recreation &amp; Park Society:

Treasurer	1940-
President	1949-
Editor - "Texas Recreation News"	1954-5
Chairman of the Legislative Committee	1961-6
Chairman of the Certification Committee	1957-6
Chairman of the Citation & Awards Committee	1963-6
Member Legislative Committee	1977-7

## National Recreation &amp; Park Association:

National Registration Committee	1966-7
Board of Governors - Professional Division	1967-6
(became the National Council) - Chairman	1968-6
Vice Chairman - Board of Trustees	1968-7

## National Park &amp; Recreation Society:

Nominating Committee	1966
Distinguished Fellow Committee	1969
Chairman Constitution & By-Laws Committee	1973

## PUBLICATIONS:

"Mothers' Clubs Bridge the Season", RECREATION, Sept. 1941

Published by the National Recreation Association

"Organized Recreation Programs", TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES, Dec. 1949

## PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Rotary Club - member	1956 - present
Junior Chamber of Commerce - past member & Board member	1942
Austin Chamber of Commerce - past member	
Austin Heritage Society - founding member	1953 - present
Austin Symphony Society - member Board of Directors	1946-70
Y.M.C.A. - past member of Board of Directors	
Austin Area Garden Council - member of Board of Directors	1955-70
and a founding member	

## PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS: (continued)

Travis County Chapter American Red Cross - Board of Directors and 12 years service as Chairman of Water Safety	1966-
Austin United Fund - past member Board of Trustees	
Travis Audubon Society - founding member & member of Board	1954-
Austin U.S.O. - member of Board	1952-
- President	1967-
Natural Science Association - founding member and member Board of Directors	1960-
Austin Ballet Society - member Board of Directors	1962-
Austin Aqua Festival - founding member and Secretary	1962-
Austin Community Council - founding member and member Board of Directors	past
Montopolis Community Center - member Board of Directors	1965-
Laguna Gloria Art Museum - member Board of Directors	1965-
Austin Arts Council - founding member and Board member	1968-
Austin Boys Club - member Board of Directors	1968-
Austin Community Foundation -incorporator, founder and Governor Emeritus	1977 - presen

## SPECIAL HONORS &amp; RECOGNITIONS:

Meritorious Service Award - American National Red Cross	1954
Recipient of the Fellow Award - Texas Recreation Society	1957
Recipient of the Fellow Award - American Recreation Society	1961
Recognition Award - USO Board of Governors	1961
Recipient of Distinguished Service Award - American Institute of Park Executive	1965
National award for excellence in Parks & Recreation Management - National Sport Foundation	1969
Community Service Award - Austin Rotary Club	1970
Recipient of the Merit Award - American Park & Recreation Soc.	1971
Recognition Award - Austin Aquatic Club	1971
Appreciation Award - Zachary Scott Theater	1973
Appreciation Award - Travis County Historical Survey Committee	1976
Recognition Award - Texas American Revolution Bicentennial Commission	1976
Appreaciation Award - American Freedom Train	1976
Appreaciation Award - NAACP	
Austin's Most Worthy Citizen Award	1978
Appreaciation Award - The Heritage Society of Austin	1980
Outstanding Citizen Award - The Counseling & Pastoral Care Center of Austin	1988
Distinguished Service Award - City Council, Austin	1988
Appreciation Award - Austin 150 Commission	1989
Recipient Dr.W.H."Deacon"Crain Award - Friends of the Summer Musical	1994



COMMENTS ON BARTON SPRINGS  
by Beverly S. Sheffield  
February 21, 1993

Barton Springs is like heaven, more a state than a place. That's how many, many devotees of this beautiful water hole feel about it. When one is walking toward the pool and passes a swimmer leaving they often smile at one another and one says, "How's the water today?", and the answer is, "God, it's wonderful!" This sort of interaction just doesn't happen at any other pool.

I made my first swim in Bartons in 1923, when I was 10 years old. In 1934 I began my career in the City Recreation Department as playground leader and lifeguard. I became the first Director of Aquatics in 1935. In those days special events at the Springs included Water Pageants, Bathing Beauty Contests, Swimming exhibitions, Swim apparel style shows, and the annual Forth of July fire works exhibition sponsored by the American Legion and later the Jaycees. Swimming and Red Cross Life Saving classes were taught there too.

In 1940 the Director of Recreation, Jim Garrison, took a leave of absence and I became acting Director. He told me that Barton Springs was a special place and that I had to be sure to take care of it. Frankly, at that time I did not know what he meant. And I did not really get a feel for Bartons until I became a serious swimmer at the Springs and met the many devotees of that beautiful water.... it was like heaven.

Many people don't realize that recreation is important for a full life. There are four things that a person lives by: their work, their love (family), their worship and their play. And the way one plays, their choices of leisure activities are essential for a full and happy life. The euphoria that come from physical recreation, like a mile swim in Bartons, makes one feel good about himself. It gives one a sense of well being.

I didn't really discover my own need for physical recreation until Charlie Morrison's 85th birthday party at the pool. I swam with his party givers to the dam and back and was exhausted. This prompted me to become a serious swimmer. I was 50 years old and decided that now was the time to start taking care of my own body.

I started logging my swims. It took me 80 days to swim the first 50 miles. Then when I completed 200 miles I thought, "My, I've swum all the way to Dallas". Then one day I completed swimming the distance from New York to Los Angeles, 2820 miles in 1714 swim days. Now I'm out in the Pacific heading for Hawaii.

I am always fascinated by the number of people who drive out to Bartons just to take a few minutes to look at the springs. This happens over and over again, regardless of the weather. There is a magic attraction to the water that the general public love and appreciate. Yes, even non swimmers.

My family has been told that when I die to cremate my body and sprinkle some of the ashes in Bartons. Yes, Bartons is like heaven.

As Director of the Park and Recreation the first time that I realized the need to protect Barton Springs was in the middle fifties. A large number of homes were built along Bluebonnet Lane and in the area that drained into what we call "Rabb Creek" which empties into the middle of the swimming pool. The trash and liter that was flushed down this drainage way was awful. Sometimes we would find small dead animals in the pool. And it happen each time a small rain shower hit that section of the city. One year we closed the pool about 30 times due to the dirty water that flooded into the pool from Rabb creek. The city finally built a by-pass to carry this runoff below the lower dam of the pool.

Developers began negotiating for the Rabb Tract in the early fifties. This land encompasses much of the Barton Hills subdivision. The late Walter Seaholm, City Manager, told me to lay out a golf course for that land. We gave the City Council the plan and they did not see fit to purchase the land. We did buy the creek bottom up to Campbells hole.

About this same time, the late Robert Mueller, former locker boy at Bartons and later cashier, offered to sell a strip of land, about 40-50 acres, lying on the South side of the creek from the pool to Campbell hole. Again the City Council did not come up with the funds to gain control of this valuable piece of land.



In the middle sixties Austin's first environmental group organized under the leadership of Mrs. Charles "Bobby" Crenshaw and Russell Fish. They brought their concerns about Barton Creek to me and our Park planners, headed by Don Stence, drew up a plan for a green belt up Barton Creek. Nothing substantial came from this effort except it began to create some citizen interest in extending Zilker Park up Barton Creek.

Our staff decided that the Park and Recreation Department should investigate the possibility of creating a soil erosion project on Barton Creek. This is a program of the U.S. Agriculture Department that develops small flood control dams on a creek to check run off. Private land owners must give permission for their land to be flooded and if they wanted a permanent body of water they would have to supply the funds for a higher dam.

We held two meetings with representatives from the City, State and Federal officials and land owners to discuss the merits of the flood control dams. The talks broke down because I could not get the City Manager, the late W.T. Williams to support the idea. For the project to be created it was necessary to have it sponsored by a political entity.

It was always my thought that the development immediately above the Springs was bad only because of sight pollution. We could build a by-pass around the pool for the runoff water. What we really needed to do was spend every dollar that we could get for land above the first sink hole that recharges the aquifer. I remember how disappointed I was when the \$750,000 paid by the AISD to the City for the part of Zilker Park that was used for the new Stephen F. Austin High School, was not used to extend Zilker Park up Barton Creek. When I wanted to budget all of these funds for land purchase up Barton Creek the City Manager's office told me we had to use the money for a new golf course, a new district park, a new swimming pool etc.

At the time when I saw several ideas for creating a Barton Creek greenbelt go unheeded there was no Barton Creek posse and for many years we not even had a Parks and Recreation Board. There was no one for me to talk too.





# The Senate of The State of Texas

GONZALO BARRIENTOS  
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April 5, 2001

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Board of Directors  
City of Austin  
Parks and Recreation Department  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Directors:

I am proud to recommend that the Colorado River Park be named for my good friend and mentor, Roy Guerrero. I have had the honor of knowing Mr. Guerrero for over 20 years. We worked together on many projects in the Austin community and his tenacity, guidance and skills were priceless in mentoring me.

Roy Guerrero is an icon at Austin Parks and Recreation. He was the director of A.B. Cantu Pan American Recreation Center for 20 years, where he was a formidable influence in the lives of thousands of East Austin youth and adults alike. "Mr. G.", as he is known, is loved for his attention and interest in the young people who frequented Pan Am and whom he encouraged to reach their dreams.

His colleagues revere him for his tempered personality, always bringing a cool head to heated discussions. He is a true professional and his life is worthy of emulation for its positive and constructive approach to life. Mr. Guerrero's dedication to the City of Austin and to youth will live for generations.

I urge you to honor a man whose vocation is Austin and who worked to make Austin parks the prized asset they are today by naming Colorado River Park, the Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park.

Sincerely,

Gonzalo Barrientos  
State Senator

GB/yv

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APPLICATION FOR FACILITY NAMING

MAR 15 2001

*Raul Mendez*

TRANS. DIV.  
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

I/We Gloria Mata Pennington, <sup>✓</sup> Richard A. Moya, Gustavo L. Garcia, and Paul C. Herrera request that the name of Raul G. "Roy" Guerrero be considered for the Colorado River Park facility located at: See Attached Action Plan

Biographical Synopsis: Refer To Attachment

Justification: Refer To Attachment

Estimated cost for replacement of signs and plaques: N/A  
I/We will pay full cost or will participate in the cost.

Submitted to the Public Works Department this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March  
2001

Signature

<i>Gloria Mata Pennington</i>	3-13-01
<i>R. Moya</i>	3-13-01
<i>Raul Mendez</i>	3-13-01
<i>Paul C. Herrera</i>	3-13-01
<i>Gustavo L. Garcia</i>	3-13-01



# COLORADO RIVER PARK ACTION PLAN

Austin, Texas

July 2000



Austin Parks Foundation  
Austin, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Prepared By: Hargreaves Associates





## **Roy Guerrero, "Mr. G"**

**Roy Guerrero was born April 22, 1919, in Corpus Christi, Texas**

**He attended Lanier high school in San Antonio and graduated with honors. He was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Student Council and of the graduating class of 1937.**

**In 1938, the family moved to Austin and Roy enrolled at the University of Texas. He worked his way through college, while majoring in Health and Physical Education.**

**His first part-time job was as an activity leader for the Parks and Recreation Department at what was known as "La Comal" at East 3rd. and Comal streets.**

**In 1943, he married Beatrice "Tootsie" Balagia. They became the parents of five children.**

**While serving as Center Supervisor of the Pan Am Recreation Center, he touched the lives of many young people. An article in "the Good Life" reported that for almost 20 years he guided, counseled and inspired perhaps tens of thousands of East Austin youth. Soon, he was known throughout the neighborhood as Mr. G.**

**During the years at Pan Am, Mr. G. founded a group named the Century Club, which encouraged young men in the neighborhood to raise funds for community projects, teaching them to give something back to their community.**

**His community interest also extended to city-wide programs including Austin Interfaith, the Retirees Coordinating Board, the Boy's Club, Community Education, and the Austin Folk Life Association.**

**By the time he retired in 1981, after 34 years of service to the Parks and Recreation Department, he had earned the title of "Mr. Recreation" and had served as state president of the Texas Recreation and Park Society and the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation.**

**Mr. G has received numerous distinguished awards and recognition, including but not limited to:**

- Fellow Award - Texas Recreation and Parks Society**
- L. Koger Stokes Award - Texas Amateur Athletic Federation**
- Community Service Award - Pan American Center Board**
- Outstanding Service Award - Child and Family Services**
- Life Member - Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers**
- 1997 Living Legend - Villager Newspaper**
- Community Service Award - Capital City Lions Club**
- Appreciation Recognition - Greater East Austin Youth League**

# Leaflet



Austin Parks and Recreation Department November/December 2000

## Lifetime Service Award Honors Roy Guerrero

Raul G. "Roy" Guerrero has dedicated more than five decades to improving the quality of life in Austin. Of that, 34 years were served with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Now in his 80s, Guerrero, affectionately known as Mr. G. to many, has been presented the Roberta P. Crenshaw Park Patron Award for Lifetime Outstanding Service.

"Humbled ... honored ... credit must be given to the staff ... constantly working and building, so that we could give the community what they needed and wanted," were sentiments Guerrero expressed upon receiving the lifetime service award. The award is presented annually by the Adopt-A-Park program to honor those individuals who have made a lifetime and lifestyle commitment to supporting and improving parks and recreational opportunities in Austin. The Adopt-A-Park program generates grassroots, hands-on support for Parks and Recreation facilities and honors those providing the most outstanding support.

One more honor was to be bestowed on Guerrero. The naming of the Adopt-A-Park award which recognizes new, innovative programs and partnerships as the Roy G. Guerrero New Directions Award. The award name reflects the innovations and inspiration Guerrero provided not only as a Parks and Recreation employee but as a volunteer with the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS), the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation and other community service organizations.

"Oh, that's great, it's great to be



Roy Guerrero, front row, center, was this year's recipient of the Roberta P. Crenshaw Park Patron Award for Lifetime Outstanding Service. In December 2000, he enjoyed a visit from Parks and Recreation staff. From left back row, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Administrative Manager; Reuben Olivo, Program Manager; Gloria Pennington, retired Senior Programs Manager; Tino Garcia, Organizational Development; Jesus Olivares, Director Jonathan Neuman, Adopt-A-Park; and Robert Armistead, Programs Division Manager. Seated from left are his wife, Tootsie Guerrero, Roy Guerrero and Bunny Bennett, Programs Professional.

remembered," said Guerrero in response to the announcement of the award named for him.

Guerrero began working with Parks and Recreation in the 1940s. While a student at the University of Texas, he took a job as an activity leader at a facility known to the neighborhood as "La Comal". Once a four room school-house, it was the original Pan American Recreation Center and located at East Third and Comal streets. In 1956 the center moved into its current site at 2100 East Third Street, next to Zavala Elementary.

"Oh, that's great, it's great to be remembered."

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"He became my mentor ... He's definitely one of the main reasons our parks programs are recognized statewide and across the country."

## Guerrero Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

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"That was a real accomplishment because the Parks and Recreation Department had always tried to work together with schools to establish programs at schools," said Guerrero. "This was the first recreation center that had been built adjacent to a school. The idea was to share facilities and save the taxpayer money."

It was here that Guerrero, as Pan Am's director of recreation, left his mark on Austin's youth. For nearly two decades he guided, counseled and inspired thousands East Austin youth. During his years at Pan Am, Guerrero founded the Century Club, a group which raised money for the center and other worthy programs while encouraging young men in the neighborhood

to give something back to their community.

"I used to hang around a bunch of hoods. We were a tough bunch, but; we were the type of kids that Mr. G. used to work with," said the late A.B. Cantu, who was hired by Guerrero in 1947.

"Roy, over the years, has done more to help kids, especially Mexican-American kids, than anyone else in the city," stated former County Commissioner Richard Moya upon Guerrero's retirement.

Guerrero's work and innovations went far beyond youth activities. He helped make Austin Parks and Recreation such a leader in senior citizens' programs that they set standards for the National Council on Aging. In the early 1970s, Austin's senior programs were full-time and city-funded and thought to be the first such in Texas. Guerrero took local senior activities and opened them up to state and national levels. Specifically, he established the Commission for Senior Athletics. The commission worked with a Metroplex group and helped create the Texas Senior Games, from which winners are sent to national competition.

Guerrero hired committed, creative staff for these programs. When he established the Commission for Senior Athletics, he got Gloria Mata Pennington appointed to it. Pennington, who began working in Parks and Recreation Senior Programs in the mid-1970s, went on to become Parks and Recreation's Senior Program Manager until she retired in January 2000.

"He became my mentor," said Pennington. "He's definitely one of the main reasons our parks programs are recognized statewide and across the country."

It is for such initiative and innovation with senior programs that the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, located at 808 Nile Street in East Austin, bears Guerrero's name.

## Guerrero-Where & When

Raul G. "Roy" Guerrero was born in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1919. During some of the Great Depression, grew up in San Antonio. He graduated both valedictorian and senior class president from San Antonio's Lanier High School. Guerrero was a standout and for good reason. Both his parents were college graduates and promoted education and community service.

In 1938, his family arrived in Austin. Guerrero was 19. He soon met his wife-to-be, Tootsie. The couple had five children and have enjoyed 57 years of marriage.

As a University of Texas student in the 1940s, Guerrero took his first job with the City of Austin, a Parks and Recreation activity leader. For nearly 20 years, he ran the Pan American Recreation center, programming activities and working with thousands of youths. During his 34 years of service with Parks and Recreation, Guerrero helped set national standards for senior programs.

In 1981, Guerrero retired from Austin Parks and Recreation. After his retirement, he continued his civic activities. He became a member of the Travis County Retirees Coordinating Board, which recognizes local seniors for their volunteer work. He served on the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board through the mid 1990s and is now a lifetime member of that board.

In 1997, the *Villager* newspaper honored him with its Living Legend Award.

Most recently, in October 2000, he was presented the Roberta P. Crenshaw Park Patron Award for Lifetime Outstanding Service by the Adopt-A-Park program.

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# Staff Excellence Recognized By Director's Award

At the Department's Holiday Luncheon, Parks and Recreation Director Jesus Olivares recognized three individuals for their excellence in service over the past year.

Congratulations to Director's Excellence Award recipients Sgt. Frank Creasey of Park Police, Kate Tanguis, Program Supervisor of Hancock Recreation Center and Maria Ciccirelli, Cultural Affairs Division Manager.

Creasey was recognized for his work with and support of the family of slain Park Police Officer William Jones in a time of tragedy and need.

Tanguis was recognized for her leadership of Partners and her outstanding programming at



Kate Tanguis

Hancock. Partners is the professional development organization of Parks and Recreation employees. The quality of recreation programs at Hancock has been acclaimed at "Best of Austin" in the *Austin Chronicle's* reader poll.

Ciccirelli was recognized for her leadership of this year's Trail of Lights Festival, regarded as the best Trail of Lights ever. The creation of this event, which attracts 200,000 visitors, is the result of teamwork between various City departments and local businesses. Leading this team as overall coordinator of Trail of Lights Festival is the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. As such, the Department works with sponsoring businesses, volunteers, and actual setup and production of the event. Every division of the department contributes time, talent and staff. Heading up this diversely structured effort is Ciccirelli. □



Sgt. Frank Creasey



Maria Ciccirelli

Photos by Mark Wieland

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## Guerrero Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

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Guerrero was more than a leader in Parks and Recreation; he was a leader of his community. He held an upper management job in city government years before Austin would elect its first Hispanic city council member. Because of this, when someone wanted to know how to get things done in the Hispanic community, they called on Guerrero.

However, he is no politician. That work he left to others, although he provided substantial guidance for Austin's future Hispanic leadership.

"I've known him for a long time, and I've learned to respect his opinion," said Gus Garcia who recently retired from the City Council in June 2000 after nine years of service. "He always gives good advice."

Richard Moya, who served four terms as a Travis County Commissioner in the 1970s and 1980s credits Guerrero's influence. Moya was fifteen when he met Guerrero, who was then director of Pan Am. "We used to hang around ... play basketball," Moya said. "He got us kids involved. If it hadn't been for him a lot of us wouldn't be where we are today."

"To this day, he can't go to a function on the east side without ten or twenty grown men saying 'Mr. G., don't you remember me from so-and-so playground?'" said Pennington. "Remember how you helped me and my family?" □

*This article contains excerpts from an interview by James Garcia for The Good Life magazine.*

## ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FACILITY NAMING

**Justification:** The reasoning behind this request is both timely and sound: Mr. Guerrero's professional career was in the field of parks and recreation. Throughout his career, Mr. Guerrero was more than just an innovative leader in parks and recreation activities; he was a leader in his community and a mentor to its young people. His leadership and initiative in organizing young people's groups to raise funds for the Pan American Recreation Center and other worthy community programs instilled valuable leadership skills in those who participated; many of which are the community leaders of today. While Mr. Guerrero's many years of meritorious service certainly make him worthy of this honor; it is his dedication and devotion to the youth of Austin that is his true legacy.

Please give all consideration to this request and give justly deserved recognition to one who has given back so much to this City: Mr. Roy Guerrero.

March 15, 2001

Parks and Recreation Board of Directors  
200 S. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Directors:

This letter is to recommend to you that the proposed Colorado River Park be named Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park.

Roy and I met in 1949 when I came to the University of Texas on a basketball scholarship and got to know him well as a student and co-worker in the following years through various activities.

Beverly Sheffield hired me in the summers to conduct baseball clinics and to umpire. At night, I played softball against Lefty Kreig in league competition and with him on the All-Star team.

Upon receiving my degrees, I worked for Toney Burger as McCallum High School's first basketball coach and later as Reagan High School principal.

I refer to these three men because they have been recognized with honor, deservedly so, for their outstanding contributions through community service.

Roy shared the same mission. He devoted his life to service the Austin community and its people. His personal and professional leadership qualities were worthy to emulate. To his colleagues he was a reinforcing model and to many others a positive role model and mentor. His calm manner cooled tempers and his dedication to his profession approached that of a vocation. His respect for people of all ages was commendable. He treasured his job because it was the vehicle that carried his service to the Austin community and the people he loved.

I can assure you that the Austin community and its people that he served so admirably will be proud to thank and honor him in this manner.

It is my honor to recommend Roy and urge you to make it official the "Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park."

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy Viramontes".

Jimmy Viramontes

**Emma Long  
1306 Bradwood Road  
Austin, TX 78722  
512-453-1878**

**March 16, 2001**

**Ms. Donna Gayle Gohls  
City Parks and Recreation Dept.  
200 S. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78704**

**Dear Ms. Gohls:**

**Mr. Raul Mendez is a member of a committee interested in naming the new Colorado River Park for Roy Guerro.**

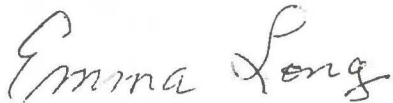
**I understand the park consists of 350 acres and runs along the Colorado River from Krieg Field to Montopolis Bridge.**

**Roy Guerro was an icon in the City Recreation Department for years and years. It was his life.**

**I think it would be an honor and a lasting tribute to him to name the new park Roy Guerro Colorado River Park.**

**I join with the Committee and many, many others requesting that the park be named for Roy.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Long".

**Emma Long  
Former Austin City Councilwoman**

**cc: Raul Mendez**





## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board  
From: Mark Stehling, Project Manager  
Facility Engineering Division  
Water and Wastewater Utility  
Date: May 2, 2001  
Subject: Bluffington #3 Lift Station Access Road

The Water and Wastewater Utility requests approval from the Parks Board to allow construction of a 12-foot wide concrete access road and 40-foot temporary construction area through dedicated parkland known as Bluffington (.07 acres dedicated by plat as parkland in 1947) in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife code

The Water and Wastewater Utility is engaged in the upgrade of Bluffington #3 Lift Station to assure that the lift station meets regulatory and public safety standards. In order to meet state regulatory safety requirements an access road needs to be constructed. As part of the modernization process, Water & Wastewater is proposing to construct a maintenance driveway from Stratford Drive to the lift station. The proposed driveway would provide authorized maintenance access to the lift station, which can only be reach by hiking with the necessary equipment. The footprint of the concrete driveway will be approximately 16 feet wide, including shoulders. Water & Wastewater will provide ongoing maintenance.

The driveway is necessary to complete regulatory required improvements and structural restoration, conduct preventative maintenance, and improve emergency response. Improvements to the lift station are needed to meet current regulatory requirements. In its current condition, the lift station does not meet the public safety standards of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Committee (TNRCC) or Water & Wastewater specifications.

In addition to public health and safety concerns, the lift station is crucial to the operation of the City water supply. A significant portion of the City's water supply is drawn directly from Lake Austin. Failure of the lift station would likely result in a contamination of the City's water supply services.

All restoration in parkland will be completed in accordance with PARD's "Construction in Parks Specifications". Water & Wastewater will pay any and all costs associated with the restoration.

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BLUFFINGTON LIFT STATION NO. 3  
PROPOSED DRIVEWAY

LOT 3

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Austin Parks and Recreation Department  
Programs Division  
Upcoming Programs 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 21	10a	Opening Day PARD/GEAYL Baseball/Softball League	Mabson Little League Field
April 21	8a-10p	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Bluebonnet Invitational	Krieg Fields
April 21-22		Goose Island Camping Trip	Metz Recreation Center
April 22		Camacho Bike Outing Waco, TX	Camacho Activity Center
April 27	3-5p	Volunteer Appreciation Tea	South Austin Senior Activity Center
April 27	6-11p	Kids Night Out	Hancock Recreation Center
April 28	8a-1p	AISD Hershey Track Meet	Burger Center
April 28	9a-5p	Special Olympics (Regional)	Conally High School
April 28	6p-7:30p	Father/Daughter Dance	Northwest Recreation Center
May 3	10:45a	Cinco de Mayo	Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center
May 3	6p-8p	Zaragoza Cinco de Mayo Anniversary Celebration	Zaragoza Recreation Center
May 4	6-8p	Cinco de Mayo Festival	Alamo Recreation Center
May 4	7-10p	Cinco de Mayo Celebration	Montopolis Recreation Center
May 5	12-3p	Little Cinco/TPWD Outdoor Adventure Day	Fiesta Gardens
May 5	9a	Cinco de Mayo Volleyball Tournament	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
May 5	7-10:30p	Cinco De Mayo Dance	South Austin Senior Activity Center
May 5-6	8a-7p	Spring I & II Make-ups	Krieg Fields
May 6	8a-12	Cyclo de Mayo	Camacho Activity Center
May 6	9a	Cinco de Mayo Softball	Givens Recreation Center
May 8	5p	Talent Show	Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center
May 10	7p	Mother/Daughter Dinner	Alamo Recreation Center
May 10	9a	Mothers Day Breakfast	Metz Recreation Center
May 11	10:45a	Mother's Day Program	Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center
May 12-13	8a-11p	Spring I Post Season Tour	Krieg Fields
May 12-13		SMASH Tennis Program	Austin High School