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MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board

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

Date: July 24, 2001

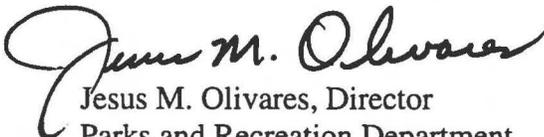
Subject: Construction of Whitehurst Boat dock at 2703 Westlake Drive
File No. SP-01-0296DS

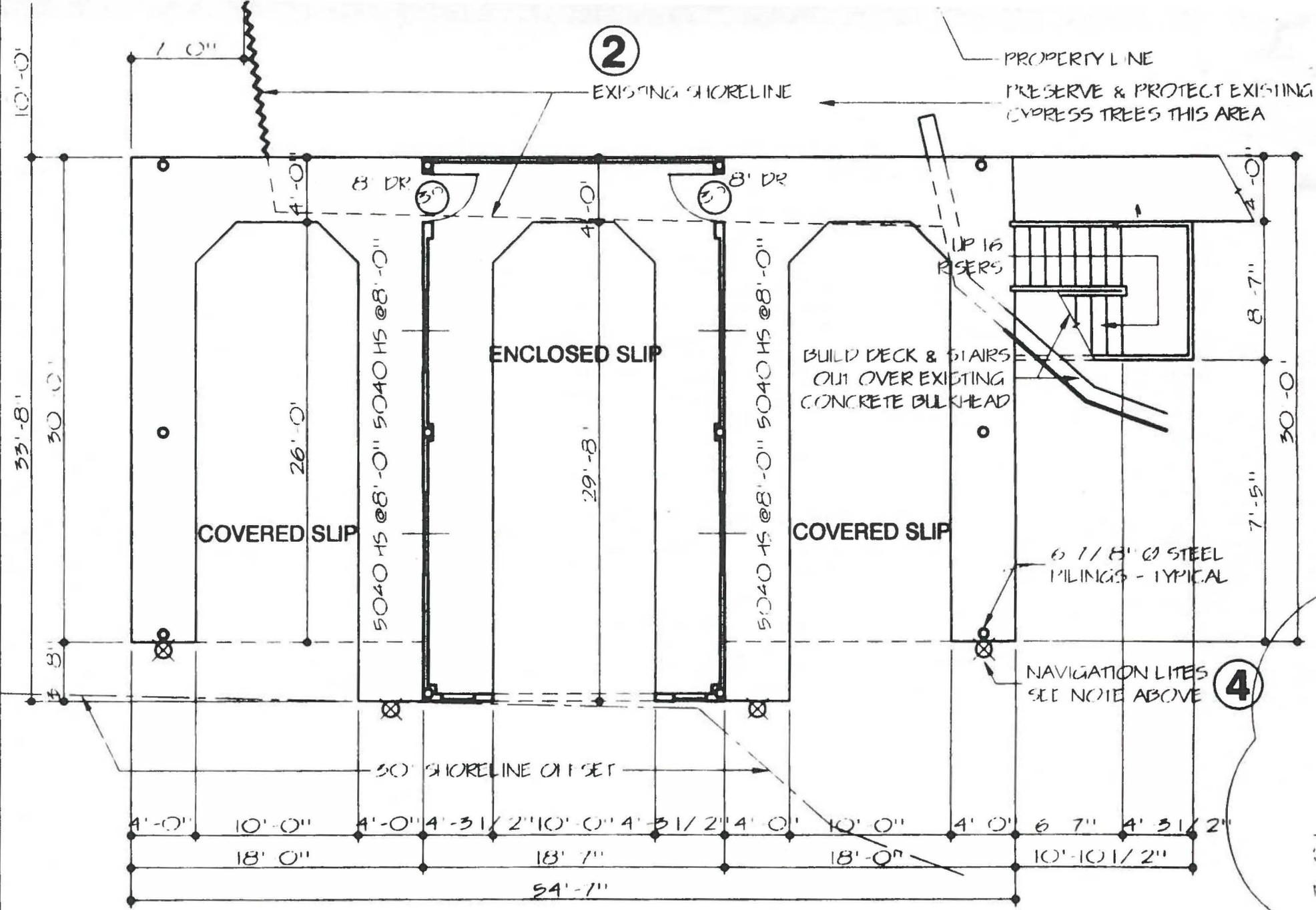
A request has been received from Amelia Lopez-Phelps on the behalf of Stephanie Whitehurst to construct a boat dock at 2703 Westlake Drive.

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff has reviewed plans for the proposed project and finds they do not meet the requirements of Article XIII, Section 25-2-1173, Part D, (Requirements for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code. Not more than two residential docks or other similar structures may be built on a single lot zoned MF-1 or more restrictive, unless approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

I do not recommend the approval of the above request as detailed in the attached site plan.


Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department



LOWER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1'-0"

Haines, Dina

From: Bohls, Donna
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 8:41 AM
To: Haines, Dina; Shaw, Nancy; Mitchell, Kim-Jamail
Subject: FW: 24th street and Lamar

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This is the latest information on Richard Kroger's 24th and Lamar project.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Ruth Holder [SMTP:mruthholder@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2001 2:54 PM
To: Rosemary Castleberry; Amy Babich
Cc: Carol Kim; Bohls, Donna; Strong, Stuart
Subject: 24th street and Lamar

At today's meeting of the Land and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, Rosemary asked me to send an e-mail summarizing the subcommittee meeting and recommendation on this item so she can give to Board Members at the next full Board meeting. The subcommittee meeting was attended by Mary Ruth Holder, Rosemary Castleberry and Amy Babich as well as Stuart Strong and Donna Bohls of PARD staff, Richard Kroger of Transportation, Planning and Sustainability and Jim Christianson representing the West Enfield neighborhood association who made presentations and offered comments. Mr. Kroger said his department is still willing to pay the tree costs (estimated at around \$6,000 to \$8,000) for the large Cedar Elms cut as part of the project and is considering paying PARD for the value of the easement (no figure at time of meeting) on the parkland taken for the project. Mr. Kroger restated that the project is related to easing congestion not to address safety issues in this area and that no improvements will be made for pedestrian safety other than adjusting "walk" lights. The project may also increase traffic in the area but that is unknown at this time. Mr. Christenson explained that the neighborhood is opposed to this project and that they have not been kept informed of the plans or public meetings to allow them to address the project. After discussing the lack of public notice and comment opportunities for this project, Stuart Strong said PARD will put up signs in the parkland (Pease and Caswell) informing the public of a hearing before City Council on August 23rd for the taking of parkland required by Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26. Based upon a motion by subcommittee chair Holder, the subcommittee recommended that the full Board recommend to Council to disapprove the addition of a left turn lane in the northbound lane of Lamar at the intersection of 24th Street that will result in the taking of dedicated parkland at the Caswell Tennis Center, the removal of several large trees alongside the Caswell Tennis Center and the addition of a 100-foot long retaining "cut limestone appearance" retaining wall alongside the Tennis Center grounds along Lamar and a 110 to 120-foot long retaining wall alongside the Tennis Center along 24th Street. The recommendation was based upon the subcommittee's feeling that taking of dedicated parkland and the trees on it (that provide respite, shade and calming effect for park goers, pedestrians in the area, as well as people driving through the park area) was not justified by a project based upon commuter convenience and not on safety. Tree removal and the installation of the two retaining walls and the increase in street width will dramatically change the character of this park area. The subcommittee is also concerned about the potential to increase traffic in this location and the lack of a meaningful enhancement for pedestrian and parkgoer use of the area. The subcommittee was also concerned about the lack of information that has been given to neighbor, pedestrian and park-goer stakeholders and the lack of meaningful opportunities for their input into the development of this project. The subcommittee feels that its role is to protect the parkland and that members of the public will likely greet the taking of parkland for this project with dismay.



Austin Parks and Recreation July 2001

July	Black and White Exhibition by Shelley West: Ph#397-1455	Julia C. Butridge Gallery
July -Sept.	Coalition of Austin Black Artist: Ph#472-4809	Carver Museum
July 2-31	Arts Camp: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
July 1	Karate Tournament: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
July 1	Storytelling/midsummer picnic: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
July 1-2	Firecracker Tournament: Ph#926-1298	Morris Williams Golf Course
July 2	Registration for youth/teen Creativity Club: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
July 2-3	Cherry Creek Junior: Ph#480-3020	Bergstrom Golf Course
July 3	Summer Hillside Concerts: Ph#476-9193	Pan American Recreation Center
July 3	Fourth of July Picnic: Ph#478-7695	Conley-Guerrero Senior Center
July 4	Jump on it: Ph#472-6838	Rosewood Park
July 5	Austin Junior Golf Clinic: Ph#926-1298	Morris Williams Golf Course
July 5-22	Arsenic and Old Lace-Onstage Theater Company: Ph#397-1468	Dougherty Art Center Theater
July 6	Alamo Summer Carnival: 474-2806	Alamo Recreation Center
July 6-8	Will Roger's Follies Musical: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center
July 7	Splash Party Movie Nights: Willie Wonka. Ph#476-4521	Deep Eddy Pool
July 8	With Needle and Thread: The art of women's handiwork. Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
July 9	Austin Junior Golf Clinic: Ph#530-4653	Bergstrom Golf Course
July 9-13	Space Camp: Ph#391-1863	Comacho Recreation Center
July 10	Summer Hillside Concerts: Ph#476-9193	Pan American Recreation Center
July 10-11	Tom Kite Tournament: Ph#926-1298	Morris Williams Golf Course
July 11	Jump on it: Ph#472-6838	Rosewood Park
July 12	Austin Junior Golf Clinic: Ph#477-6963	Lions Municipal Golf Course
July 12-15	Will Roger's Follies Musical: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center
July 13	Summer Carnival: Ph#926-3491	Dottie Jordan Recreation Center
July 13	Teen Night: Ph#458-4107	Northwest Recreation Center
July 13-15	TAAF Girls 12& under: Ph#480-3015	Athletics
July 14	Alamo Soul Food Volunteer BBQ: 474-2806	Alamo Recreation Center
July 14	Splash Party Movie Nights: Remember the Titans . Ph#476-4521	Deep Eddy Pool
July 14-15	Youth Basketball Tournament: Ph#472-7142	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
July 15	Sunday in the Park: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
July 15	Field to Food: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
July 16	Austin Junior Golf Clinic: Ph#444-4653	Jimmy Clay Golf Course
July 17	Summer Hillside Concerts: Ph#476-9193	Pan American Recreation Center
July 17	Safety Camp: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
July 17-18	Kizer JuniorTournament: Ph#926-1298	Morris Williams Golf Course
July 17-20	Field Biology:study geology, botany, paleonthology&ornithology. Ph#327-8181	Austin Nature and Science Center
July 18	Jump on it: Ph#472-6838	Rosewood Park
July 19	Summer Talent Show: Ph#444-6601	South Austin Recreation Center
July 19	4th Annual 3 on 3 Co-ed Summer Teen Basketball Tournament: Ph#441-4777	Dittmar Recreation Center
July 19	Austin Junior Golf Clinic: Ph#926-1298	Morris Williams Golf
July 19-22	Will Roger's Follies Musical: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center
July 20	Summer Carnival 1-3pm: Ph#476-5662	Austin Recreation Center
July 20-22	ASA Girls Fast Pitch Regional: Ph#480-3015	Athletics
July 21	Splash Party Movie Nights: Rugrats in Paris. Ph#476-4521	Deep Eddy Pool
July 22	Outdoor Basketball Tournament: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
July 22	Dairy Day:. Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm

July 23	Austin Junior Golf Clinic: Ph#530-4653	Bergstrom Golf Course
July 24	Summer Hillside Concerts: Ph#476-9193	Pan American Recreation Center
July 24-26	Austin African American Firefighter Basketball Camp: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
July 24-26	Junior City Championship: PeeWee 9-10,11-12. Ph#926-1298	Morris Williams Golf Course
July 24-26	Junior City Championship: 13-14, 15-26, 17-18. Ph#926-1298	Morris Williams Golf Course
July 24-27	Marine Mysteries: explore aquatic life-ages 11-13	Austin Nature and Science Center
July 25	Jump on it: Ph#472-6838	Rosewood Park
July 26	Animals Lovers: learn how animals in captivity are taken care of: Ph#327-8181	Austin Nature and Science Center
July 26-29	Will Roger's Follies Musical: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center
July 28	Splash Party Movie Nights: The Grinch Movie .Ph#476-4521	Deep Eddy Pool
July 28	Jiu _ Jitsu Tournament: Ph#472-7142	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
July 28-Aug 5	Ranger Doolahy's Wildlife Jamboree-Violet Crown Players: Ph#397-1468	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
July 29	Prairie Sweets: Turn fruits and plants into sweets Ph.#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
July 30	Austin Junior Golf Clinic: Ph#477-6963	Lions Municipal Golf Course
July 31	Summer Hillside Concerts: Ph#476-9193	Pan American Recreation Center



**Austin Parks and Recreation
August 2001**

Aug. 1-10	Summer Arts Camp: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
Aug. 1-31	Registration for arts Classes: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
Aug. 2-5	Will Roger's Follies Musical: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center
Aug. 4	Splash Party Movie Nights-<i>Chicken Run</i>: Ph#476-4521	Deep Eddy Pool
Aug. 4	Back to School Fair: Ph#472-7142	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
Aug. 4-5	Summer I Post Season: Ph#445-6003	Athletics
Aug. 4-5	High School Basketball Tournament: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
Aug. 5	Cooking with Sorghum: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Aug. 7-30	Doors to Heaven: Ph#397-1455	Julia C Buttridge Gallery
Aug. 8	Kid's Fun Night: Ph#476-5662	Austin Recreation Center
Aug. 8	St. Mary's After School Adventure: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
Aug. 9-12	Will Roger's Follies Musical: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center
Aug. 10	End of Summer Cookout: Ph#472-7142	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
Aug. 10-12	Men's City Championship: Ph#480-3020	Golf
Aug. 11	Splash Party Movie Nights-<i>Old Yeller</i> Ph#476-4521	Deep Eddy Pool
Aug. 12	Corn Husk Crafts: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Aug. 13-31	August Arts Blast: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
Aug. 14	Creativity Club Program: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
Aug. 16-19	Spank Dance Company: Ph#397-1471	Dougherty Arts Center
Aug. 18	Karate Tournament: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
Aug.18	Annual Softball Tournament: Ph#472-7142	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
Aug. 19	Fall Gardening: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Aug. 23-9/9	Petra's Suena Teatro Vivo: Ph#397-1471	Dougherty Arts Center
Aug. 24	Teen Night: Ph#458-4107	Northwest Recreation Center
Aug. 25	Texas Bamboo Festival: Ph#477-8672	Zilker Botanical Gardens
Aug. 26	Celebrating Cotton: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Aug. 27	Preserves learning project: Ph#327-7723	Blunn Creek Nature Preserve

Chairperson and Honorable Members
Parks Board
City of Austin

July 24, 2001

I strongly oppose taking dedicated parkland from the Caswell Tennis Center to build an extra left turn lane from Lamar on to 24th/Windsor. I cannot attend your meeting tonight because I teach a class but I strongly urge you to reject this proposal.

I did attend your subcommittee meeting last Wednesday and express my views on this and my frustration with Public Works of not keeping us informed of this process. I attended an open house meeting of Public works in May 2000. We were told to submit questions and I submitted questions especially about the potential loss of trees and the parkland issue and got no response from them. I brought this up again in the summer of 2000 with Director Peter Rieck and asked when our questions submitted in May would be answered. He said he would look into the matter but he never ever called me back with an answer.

I want the record very clear that I questioned the city public works on the parkland issue BEFORE the city spent one dollar on this project. Out of frustration I asked Richard Kroger when would the public have comment on this issue. I was finally told earlier this year that the only way the public would have comment is when it came before you. They have to ask for your approval to take dedicated parkland.

I would also like to bring to your attention that at the subcommittee I understood that signs would be posted at the site to let people know that your meeting tonight was going to take place. I volunteered to post those signs but was told I could not do so. I want you to know no signs were posted last week or this week informing the public that this would be on your agenda tonight. So if people do know come tonight it is because they did not know. I think the public has a right to know when their city is planning to transfer dedicated parkland.

Again I hope you will reject this proposal.


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