



MEMORANDUM

TO:

Jesus Olivares, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

FROM:

Andrew Gonzales, P.E., Project Manager

Public Works Department

DATE:

October 21, 2002

RE:

Request for Use Agreement Within Parkland,

Dittmar Road Improvements, Manchaca Rd. to South 1st St.

The Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, Planning & Design hereby requests a permanent and temporary use agreement for the construction, operation and maintenance of proposed improvements to Dittmar Road, C.I.P. No. 8780-607-2103. Attached are the following documents for your use and consideration of this request:

- A. General Location Map
- B. Information Packet
- C. Construction Plans (includes Tree Survey)
- D. Field Note Descriptions

The permanent use of 0.101 acres (4403 s.f.) of Parkland as right-of-way and the temporary use of 0.158 acres (6867 s.f.) as a Temporary Construction Easement is requested.

The proposed improvements to Dittmar Road will replace two one-lane bridges with two-lane bridges and reconstruct the existing uncurbed 20' roadway section as a two-lane divided roadway with curb and gutter from Manchaca Road to South 1st Street. These improvements will improve pedestrian, bicycle and motorist safety by improving sight distances, providing two-way bridge crossings, adding pedestrian crossings, bicycle and turn lanes, and eliminating the unsafe curve at the east creek crossing.

The proposed roadway and bridge construction requires the use of a small portion of the Parkland along the frontage of the Zone 10 (Dittmar Park) Recreation Center and Community Pool. Permanent use of a portion of the parkland is required as right-of-way. The temporary use of an additional area is necessary to provide a stable transition from channel grading beneath the proposed bridge over South Boggy Creek to the downstream channel elevation. The Public Works Department established the roadway alignment with input from the neighborhood, PARD and WPD in order to provide a safe, economical and environmentally sensitive roadway design. The proposed roadway alignment is constrained by the existing roadway location, topography and surrounding structures. These constraints lead to the absence of feasible and prudent alternatives to the use of the parkland. The proposed improvements include all reasonable planning measures to minimize harm to the land. The only improvements proposed in the permanent use area will be a sidewalk and no trees will be disturbed in this area. The proposed bridge and associated

channel grading will restore South Boggy Creek to a more natural condition by removing the existing bridge abutment which currently encroaches into the waterway. Some tree removals will be necessary, primarily black willow, however, the project includes measures to restore this area with native vegetation appropriate to the riparian character of the creek. All construction and site restoration for the portions of the project within parkland will be completed in accordance with PARD's Construction in Parks Specifications.

This roadway improvement project will greatly enhance public safety and convenience for park visitors and all citizens of Austin who travel this roadway and should have a minimal impact on the Parks property. Please consider this matter and contact my staff with any concerns or recommendations you may have. My staff has met with Stuart Strong of your staff to discuss the project and is ready to proceed with Parks Board and City Council hearings as soon as possible.

Please contact me at (telephone: 974-7121; e-mail: <u>andrew.gonzales@ci.austin.tx.us</u> if you have questions or if further information is required.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gonzales, P.E.

Project Manager

Department of Public Works

Attachments

cc:

Leon Barba, P.E. Stuart Strong Junie Plummer

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Information Packet

Dittmar Road Street Improvements From Manchaca Road to South First Street C.I.P. 8780-607-2103

City of Austin
Department of Public Works

On behalf of the Department of Transportation, Planning & Design

October 21, 2002

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, Planning & Design proposes to improve Dittmar Road from Manchaca Road to South First Street in order to meet current roadway standards. The project was authorized by City Council as CIP #8780-607-2103. A small portion of the project Parkland lies along the frontage of the Zone 10 (Dittmar Park) Recreation Center and Community Pool.

PROJECT NEED & JUSTIFICATION

The project is needed to improve pedestrian and motorist safety by improving sight distances, providing two-way creek crossings, adding pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, bicycle and turn lanes, and eliminating the unsafe curve at the east creek crossing. The City of Austin Public Works Department was selected to design and manage construction of the project. The project was designed with input from the neighborhood, the Department of Transportation Planning & Design, the Watershed Protection Department and others in conformance with City, State and Federal requirements and criteria.

ALTERNATIVES TO THE USE OF PARKLAND

Two primary alternatives to the use of Parkland include 1) not constructing the improvements, and 2) relocating the roadway. Not constructing the improvements is imprudent due to public safety concerns with the existing roadway. Relocating the roadway is infeasible due to topographical and fiscal constraints. The acquisition of additional right-of-way along the existing right-of-way was selected as the most economical and prudent use of public resources. The additional ROW to be acquired reflects a balance between roadway design criteria and the desire to minimize the taking of homes and structures. In the portion of the project adjacent to the Parkland, ROW will be added from both sides of the roadway. In order to preclude the use of Parkland as ROW, additional takings would be needed on the opposite side of the roadway. Additional takings on the opposite side would incur greater losses to these property owners and render portions of the existing ROW unusable, resulting in increased costs to the City. In conclusion, the only feasible and prudent alternative is that which is proposed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SCHEDULE

The proposed improvements to Dittmar Road will replace two one-lane bridges with two-lane bridges and reconstruct the existing uncurbed 20' roadway section as a two-lane divided roadway with curb and gutter from Manchaca Road to South 1st Street. These improvements will improve pedestrian, bicycle and motorist safety by improving sight distances, providing two-way bridge crossings, adding pedestrian crossings, bicycle and turn lanes, and eliminating the unsafe curve at the east creek crossing. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2003, we are projecting 18 months to complete the project.

SHORT TERM EFFECTS OF CONSTRUCTION

Use/Access: Access to the recreation center will be affected during construction. Detours will be necessary.

Environmental

Permanent use area: Short term effects include disturbance of soil and vegetation resulting from the installation of sidewalk.

Temporary Use Area: Short term effects include disturbance to soil and vegetation in the area immediately downstream of the proposed bridge over South Boggy Creek. Siltation of the creek

will be minimized by the use of erosion/sedimentation controls including a diversion of streamflow around the work area.

LONG TERM EFFECTS OF CONSTRUCTION

The project should have no appreciable long-term effects on the Parkland.

RESTORATION PLAN

All disturbed land will be restored and revegetated to a condition equal or better than that which existed prior to construction. The area to be used as right-of-way will be restored with Bermuda Grass after the placement of sidewalk and topsoil. The area to be used temporarily will be restored with slope/channel protection blankets and native vegetation.

A detailed tree survey is attached. The trees in the temporary use area include black willow, pecan, ash and mulberry. The survey has identified 1 tree within parkland which will be impacted by the proposed construction. The project will provide replacement trees as a part of the overall landscaping/tree replacement plan for the project.



City of Austin to City of Austin (for Street Purpose) Dittmar Road

Field Notes for Parcel 10

BEING 0.101 OF ONE ACRE (4,403 S.F.) OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF AND A PART OF THE WILLIAM CANNON SURVEY NO.19 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, SAME BEING A PORTION OF THE TRACT CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN BY DEED FILED FOR RECORD ON DECEMBER 20, 1985 RECORDED IN VOLUME 9501, PAGE 371 OF THE REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SAID 0.101 OF ONE ACRE OF LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS AND AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED SKETCH:

Beginning at a 5/8 inch iron pin with tag set in the existing south line of Dittmar Road, same being in the north line of the tract conveyed to the City of Austin by deed recorded in Volume 9501, Page 371 of the Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, same also being North 86°51'27" East, a distance of 261.81 feet, from a 1/2 inch iron pin found at the northwest corner of said City of Austin tract, for the Point of Beginning and the most westerly corner of the herein described tract of land and having surface coordinates, N=10040829.70 and E=3096120.17;

- (1) THENCE, North 86°51'27" East, a distance of 664.97 feet, with the existing south line of Dittmar Road and the north line of said City of Austin tract, to a 3/8 inch iron pin found at the northeast corner of said City of Austin tract, for the northeast corner of the herein described tract of land;
- (2) THENCE, South 05°07'27" West, a distance of 12.14 feet, with the east line of said City of Austin tract, to a 5/8 inch iron pin with tag set in the proposed south line of Dittmar Road, same being the northwest corner of Lot 1, Block A, Living Faith Baptist Church Subdivision recorded in Book 98, Page 352 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, conveyed to Living Faith Baptist Church by deed recorded in Volume 12092, Page 2129 of the Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, for the point of curvature of a circular curve to the left and the southeast corner of the herein described tract of land;
- (3) THENCE, with the proposed south line of Dittmar Road, along said curve to the left of 1.745.00 feet radius, an arc distance of 67.98 feet, having an angle of intersection of $02^{\circ}13'56''$ (the long chord of said curve bears South $86^{\circ}53'37''$ West a distance of 67.98 feet), to a 5/8 inch iron pin with tag set for the point of tangency;
- (4) THENCE, South $88^{\circ}00'35''$ West, a distance of 595.37 feet, to the Point of Beginning and containing an area of 0.101 of one acre of land, more or less.

Eduardo O. Mendez

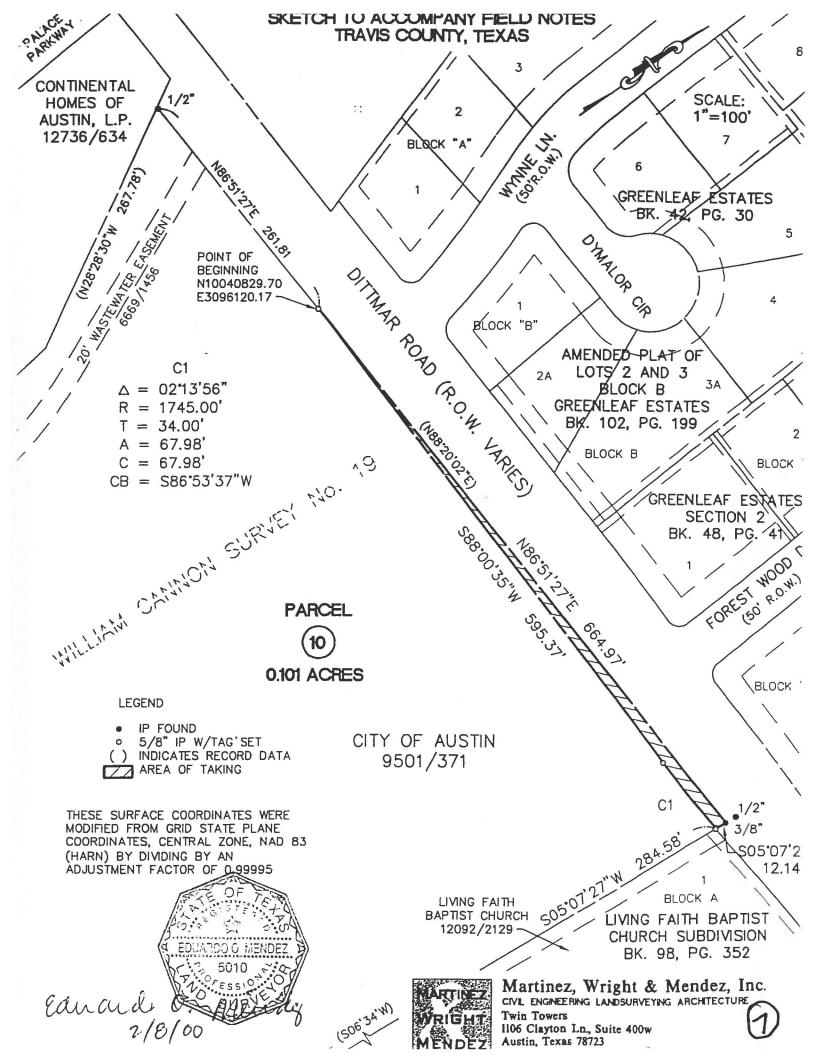
Registered Professional Land Surveyor 5010

Martinez, Wright & Mendez, Inc. 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 400W Austin, Texas 78723 (512) 453-0767

References:

Bearing Basis: The surface coordinates shown were modified from Grid State Plane Coordinates, Central Zone, NAD 83(HARN) by dividing by an adjustment factor of 0.99995

TCAD No. : Austin Grid: 4-2315-08-01 F15-3 & 4



February 8, 2000 MWM Code: 023-54C

INSTRUMENT SETUP

 Instrument point:
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 3096120.173

 Backsight point:
 1 10040829.695
 3096120.173

 Backsight Bearing:
 N 00°00'00.0" E
 Distance:
 0.000

Remarks:

TYPE	FROM	то	DIRECTION	DISTANCE	NORTHING	EASTING	
TRAV	1	2	N 86°51'27.0" E	664.970	10040866.148	3096784.143	
TRAV	2	3	S 05°07'27.0" W	12.140	10040854.056	3096783.058	
CURVE	3						
pc->rp	3	6	N 04°13'21.0" W	1745.000	10042594.320	3096654.574	
02°	13'56.0"	delta (right)				
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33.996 tangent 03°17'00.3" Degree of Curve (arc)							
67.980 chord 03°17'02.0" Degree of Curve (chord)							
S 86°53'37.0" W chord bearing							
rp->pt	6	4	S 01°59'25.0" E	1745.000	10040850.373	3096715.178	
TRAV	4	5	S 88°00'35.0" W	595.370	10040829.695	3096120.168	

Closure

Closing line: S 80°54'13.7" E 0.005 from 5 to 1

Latitude (N): -0.001 Perimeter: 1340.464
Departure (E): 0.005 Error of Closure: 1:256985

Area: 4403.270 Square feet 0.1011 Acres

City of Austin to City of Austin (for Temporary Work Space Easement)

Field Notes for Parcel 10 TWSE

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Beginning at a 1/2 inch iron pin found in the existing south line of Dittmar Road, same being at the northwest corner of the tract conveyed to the City of Austin by deed recorded in Volume 9501, Page 371 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, and in the easterly line of the tract conveyed to Continental Homes of Austin, L.P. by deed recorded in Volume 12736, Page 634 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, same also being North 29°57′05" West, a distance of 267.78 feet, from a corner in the westerly line of said City of Austin tract, for the Point of Beginning and the northwest corner of the herein described tract of land having grid coordinates, N=10040313.30 and E=3095703.97;

- THENCE, North 86°51'27" East, a distance of 149.98 feet, with the existing south line of Dittmar Road and the north line of said City of Austin tract, to a point for the northeast corner of the herein described tract of land;
- (2) THENCE, South 03°08'33" East, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point for the southeast corner of the herein described tract of land;
- (3) THENCE, South 86°51'27" West, a distance of 124.71 feet to a point in the westerly line of said City of Austin tract, same being in the easterly line of said Continental Homes of Austin, L.P. tract, for the southwest corner of the herein described tract of land;
- (4) THENCE, North 29°57′05" West, a distance of 56.02 feet, with the westerly line of said City of Austin tract and the easterly line of said Continental Homes of Austin, L.P. tract, to the Point of Beginning and containing an area of 0.158 of one acre of land, more or less.
- I hereby declare that this survey was made on the ground, under my supervision, and that it substantially complies with the current Texas Society of Professional Surveyors standards.

Edvards O. Alina.

Registered Professional Land Surveyor 5010

Martinez, Wright & Mendez, Inc. 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 400W Austin, Texas 78723 (512) 453-0767

References:

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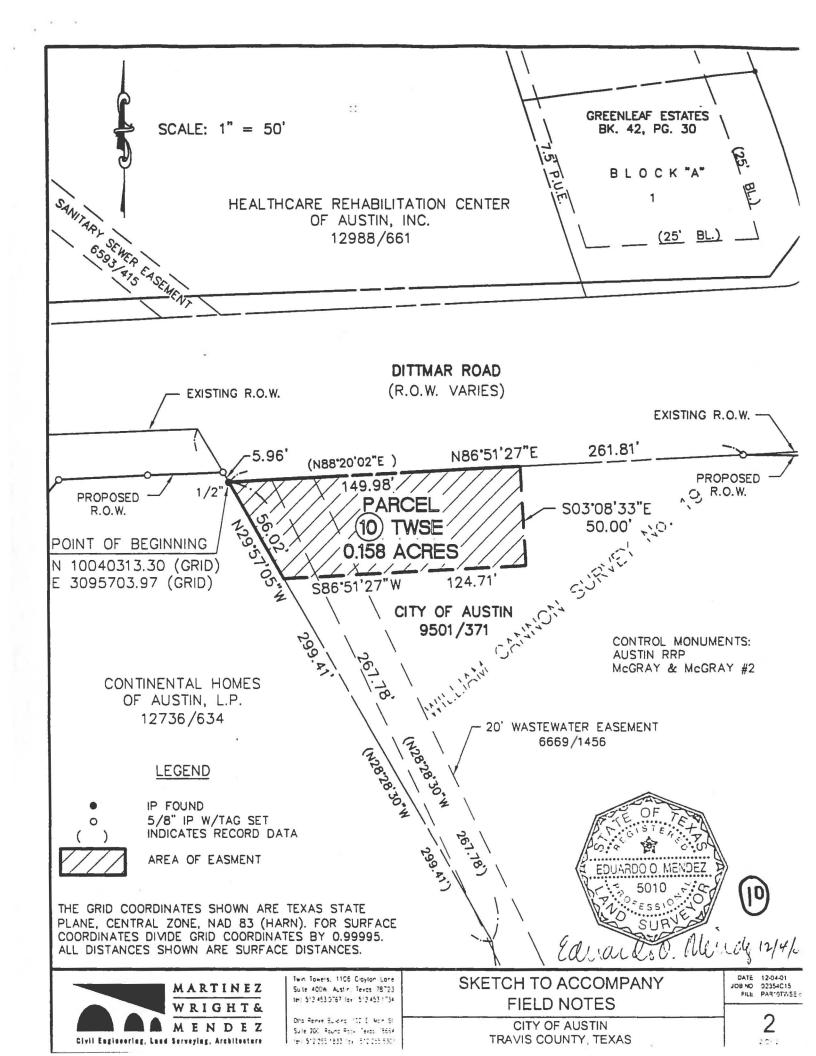
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Austin Grid: F15-3 & 4

FIELD NOTES REVIEW CO Ch./Eng. Services Div

12/4/01 Date



DECEMBER 4, 2001 MWM Code: 02354C15

INSTRUMENT SETUP

Instrument point: 1 10000.000 10000.000 1/2" IPF Backsight point: 1 10000.000 10000.000 1/2" IPF Backsight Bearing: N 00°00'00.00" E Distance: 0.0000

Remarks: POINT OF BEGINNING

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TRAV	3	4	S 86°	51'27.00"	W	124.7100	995	1.460	10027.9	973	
TRAV	4	5	N 29°	57'05.00"	W	56.0200	9999	9.999	10000.0	04	

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Closure

Closing line: N 75°58'19.07" W 0.0043 from 5 to 1
Latitude (N): 0.0010 Perimeter: 380.7100
Departure (E): -0.0041 Error of Closure: 1:89084

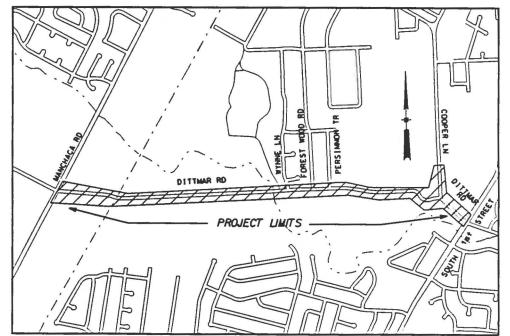
Area: 6867.1639 Square feet 0.1576 Acres

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



PLANS OF PROPOSED
DITTMAR ROAD STREET &
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
FROM MANCHACA ROAD
TO SOUTH FIRST STREET

C.I.P. NO. 8581-257-9211 (CMTA) 8780-607-2103 (TPSD) 3960-227-7453 (WATER) 4570-237-8332 (WW)





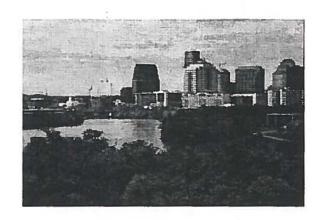




Public Hearing Notice

The Parks and Recreation Department Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, 6:30pm at 200 S. Lamar, Board Room to receive public comment on an Ordinance adopting a new Chapter II-4 of the City Code relating to Local Standards of Care for Parks and Recreation Department programs for children.

A copy of the Standards is available at the front desk.



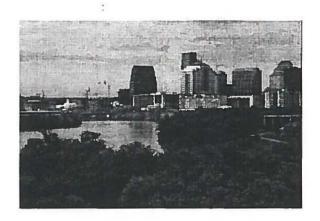
Austin Parks and Recreation Department Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2003

*75th Anniversary events in RED

Jan 2, 3, & 6	Holiday Camp	444-6601 Sou	uth Austin Rec Center
Jan 3-31	"Guiding Young Artists" at Julia C. Butridge Gallery	397-1458	DAC
Jan. 5	Field to Food	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 7	Applique and Quilt Piecing \$10	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan.8	Introduction to Spinning \$10	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 10	Menudo Fundraiser 7am	478-8716	Metz Senior Center
Jan. 11	2003 Winter Youth Basketball Program	974-6745	Parque Zaragosa
Jan. 11	Baseball/Softball Registration Starting 1/11-2/15	447-5875	Dove Springs
Jan.12	Candle Making	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan.13	Dutch Oven Cooking and Care \$15	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan.13-15	Soccer League Registration	4414777	Dittmar Rec.
Jan.15	Rag Rug Techniques \$10	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 14	Beginning Basket Weaving \$20	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 14	Camacho TV Episode IV	391-1863	Camacho Rec. Center
Jan. 16	75 th Anniversary Proclamation at Council	974-6700	City Council

Jan.17	MLK Day	447-5875	Dove Springs
Jan.19	Stories and Music	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 20	Wood Stove Cooking and Care \$15	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 21	Adult Basket Weaving \$25	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 22	All About Cotton \$10	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan 25	"Hold on to your Dreams" by theatre artists Carl Anderson	397-1458	DAC
Jan. 25	75 th Anniversary Celebration	974-6715	Hancock Rec Center
Jan.26	Dairy Day	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 27	Bread Making \$15	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Jan. 29	Dyeing with Natural Materials \$10	837-1215	Pioneer Farm



Austin Parks and Recreation Department Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2003

*75th Anniversary Celebrate Black History Month Givens Recreation Center Date Tentative

Feb. 2	Sausage and Sauerkraut	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Feb.9	Soap Making	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Feb. 10	Spring/Summer Registration	397-1458	DAC
Feb. 13	Seniors Social Valentine's Party 11am-2pm	926-3491	Dottie Jordan Rec Center
Feb. 14	Valentine Escape 6:00-11:30pm	441-4777	Dittmar Rec Center
Feb.14	Valentine Day Youth Festival	447-5875	Dove Springs
Feb. 15	Valentine Teen Dance	444-6601	South Austin Rec Center
Feb. 16	Music and Stories from the farm	837-1215	Pioneer Farm
Feb.15-April 5th	Soccer League Registration	441-4777	Dittmar Rec Center
Feb. 23	Dairy Day	837-1215	Pioneer Farm

75th. Anniversary Austin Parks & Recreation Department meting Tentatively Works in Progusa' Audin Parks

In 1928, a Recreation Division was established which was the beginning of what is now the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. This year, the department will celebrate its 75th, Anniversary by highlighting at least one special event each month. The following is the schedule for the year:

January 25, 2003 - A reception and proclamation at the Hancock Recreation Center, 2 PM - 4 PM in honor of Austin's first recreation centers: Austin Athletic Club (now Austin Recreation Center), Rosewood Recreation Center. Pan American Recreation Center (now the A.B. Cantu/Pan Am Center), Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, and the Hancock Recreation Center.

February 15, 2003 - A volunteer gathering at the Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park Clean-up, (timeTBA)

February 20, 2003 - Black History Month Celebration to honor members of the Black community who have worked in support of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the community, to be held at the Givens Recreation Center, 3811 E. 12th., at 6:30 PM.

March 2, 2003 – Celebrate the 75th, Anniversary of the Zilker Kite Festival, at Noon at Zilker Park.

April 19, 2003 - Celebrate the 25th. Anniversary of the Easter Eggstravaganza, at Waterloo Park, at 10AM-Noon.

April 26 & 27, 2003- Celebrate Parks Fest at various locations, all day

May (date, TBA), 2003 - Celebrate Seniors, (location and time, TBA) Three events will be held on three different dates and time, one for Senior Centers, one for Luncheon Program and one for Senior Aides.

June (date, TBA), 2003 – Celebrate Aquatics, (location and time, TBA)

June (date, TBA, 2002 – Celebrate National Trails Month (location and time, TBA)

July (looking at July 1 or July 7 for reception), 2003 (time TBA) - Month Long Photo Exhibit at the History Center and reception to Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month and the 75th Anniversary of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

August (date, TBA), 2003 - Celebrate with a Bar-B-Que Cook Off on Auditorium Shores

September 15, 2003 - Celebrate Diez y Seis at Republic Square, 11 AM - 2 PM

September (date, TBA), 2003 – Celebrate Nature (time and location, TBA)

October 9, 2003 (date pending Council approval) – Celebrate the Arts. Partners in the Arts and Humanities Awards, Dougherty Arts Center

November 7, 2003 - Celebrate our Partnerships at Adopt-A-Park Luncheon, 11 AM - 2 PM, Zilker Park

December 14-23,2003 - Celebrate the Trail of Lights and the Zilker Tree, 7 PM - 10 PM, Zilker Park