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**Parks and Recreation Board Resolution Concerning Final Draft Seaholm District Master Plan**  
*March 12, 2002*

WHEREAS, the consultant for the Seaholm District Master Plan, ROMA Design Group, has completed a final draft of the Plan and made it available to the Parks and Recreation Board Members (the Board) and to the public on February 13, 2002; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan for the Seaholm District was envisioned in the Town Lake Corridor Study as an "Action Priority" for the corridor which would encourage public/private planning efforts to achieve the goals and policies outlined in the Corridor Study and whereas the Corridor Study, along with the subsequently developed Town Lake Park Comprehensive Plan and Council Ordinance No 890126-P adopting the Town Lake Park Comprehensive Plan, embody the community's overarching goals and policies for the Town Lake Corridor, including the Seaholm District, and interpret the community's goals and policies into a physical plan and strategy to guide actions along the "exceptional resource" that is the Town Lake Corridor; and

WHEREAS the Corridor Study, Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance set forth guiding policies and specific direction with regard to parkland, land use, water quality, zoning, transportation, public access and natural and cultural resources within the Town Lake Corridor that should serve as the basis upon which to create a plan for the Seaholm District and inform decision making for the district; and

WHEREAS a plan for the Seaholm District should expressly acknowledge and support the importance of the Town Lake Corridor as an urban centerpiece that is critical to the quality of life in Austin; discuss the significance of the Seaholm plan to the Corridor; dovetail with the city's goals and policies for the Corridor; identify actions to minimize dependence upon the automobile and maximize pedestrian and bicycle connection, use and safety of the parklands, the hike and bike trail, Lance Armstrong bikeway, Pfluger Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge, the Seaholm building and other public facilities within the district; recommend ways to enhance the use and enjoyment by the public of parkland and other public amenities; provide steps to maintain views and other aesthetic values; and identify opportunities to encourage mixed use development in this portion of the Town Lake Corridor that is focused on recreation, cultural, residential, entertainment and festive retail uses; (these statements are all taken/paraphrased from the Comprehensive Plan); and

WHEREAS the Seaholm District Master Plan amends the Town Lake Park Plan by providing detail about this portion of the Town Lake Corridor and

Ordinance No. 890126-P provides in part that “the City Council shall not amend the Town Lake Park Plan until it has held a public hearing and received recommendations on the proposed amendment from the ... Parks and Recreation Board” and the Seaholm District Master Plan is a plan within the meaning of City Code section 2-4-413(B) which gives the Parks and Recreation Board special responsibilities for providing advice to Council about such plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Board **recommends that the Austin City Council neither approve nor adopt the final draft of the Seaholm District Master Plan** for the reasons set forth below:

- the draft plan promotes automobile transportation through the district at the expense of alternative forms of transportation in that it fails to provide for a transportation infrastructure for the district that diminishes the dependence upon the automobile and/or supports and enhances pedestrian and bicycle connection, use and safety of the parklands, the hike and bike trail, Lance Armstrong bikeway by 1.) providing for the extension/reconfiguration into the district of a new grid system of streets bisecting public parklands and the Green Water Treatment Plant site to facilitate greater automobile use and driver convenience (see map on p. 18 and discussion on p. 18-23) 2.) recommending consideration of the realignment and expansion of Cesar Chavez to six lanes with possible HOV lanes likely to require the taking of additional public land along the hike and bike trail and undermining public safety for pedestrians and bicyclists on the hike and bike trail and impeding their safe access to the district from the south and southwest (p.19) and 3.) calling for the reconfiguration of Sandra Muraida Way (p. 19) without disclosing the elevation of the reconfigured street as compared to floodplain, without disclosing whether the staff assertion that the reconfiguration will “add” to parkland is based upon measurement of right of way or asphalt of the existing and reconfigured street, without analyzing the possible relocation of a reconfigured street further to the east and without including any analysis of the added traffic impact of the proposed Lumberman’s Investment Corporation development on Lamar Blvd. and Cesar Chavez;
- the draft plan fails to enhance pedestrian views and aesthetic values by recommending a new grid of streets bisecting the district running north/south to Cesar Chavez and by recommending consideration of the expansion of Cesar Chavez to six lanes with possible HOV lanes (same pages as above);
- the draft plan fails to justify why its parking assumptions and recommendations relate to the reuse of Seaholm as a Science and Technology Museum when its reuse remains undetermined and the Master Plan incorporates the Seaholm Reuse Planning Commission’s

recommendation that “the City should remain open to any and all reasonable offers for reuse...” and the Plan further fails to provide a reasonable plan for parking for Seaholm reuse in that it 1.) fails to explain its conclusion that 300 exclusively designated parking spaces along with an additional 220 spaces will be needed for the use of Seaholm as a Science and Technology Museum; 2.) fails to acknowledge that the proposed Seaholm facility parking for 125 cars along the linear road within the Lumberman’s Investment Corporation is not dedicated parking for Seaholm but is proposed to be shared parking with the Lumberman’s Investment Corporation; and 3) proposes underground parking for the Seaholm facility, but fails to make a commitment that the City will not resort to above ground parking in the “events green” area in case engineering or other surveys conclude that underground parking is not feasible in this flood plain area and 4.) provides for 300 surface “interim” parking spaces on the north of the Seaholm facility without explaining when or why these might be needed (p. 14- 15);

- the draft plan includes a recommendation for the use of the Seaholm water intake structure building as a private restaurant with valet service when this structure was dedicated as public parkland and its use must be for a public purpose (a public purpose for this facility might be, for example, a shower-restroom facility or other amenity for users of the hike and bike trail)(p.13);
- the draft plan suggests the decommissioning (without providing any estimated costs of decommissioning the facility) and sale or other conveyance of the Green Water Treatment Plant for private development (p. 32 and 39), although Ordinance No. 890126-P provides that the Green Water Treatment Plant is to become dedicated parkland once it is decommissioned based upon the lack of opportunities to acquire and preserve additional open space for public use in the Town Lake Corridor and the Town Lake Corridor Study contains a policy against the sale or transfer of public land within the Corridor “except where land trades or cash sales advance park and recreation goals” (the draft plan makes no suggestion for how this sale would be used to advance park and recreation goals in the corridor);
- the draft plan recommends the creation of a major new wet pond in the “meadow” between Lamar Blvd. and Sandra Muraida Way to serve as a water quality detention facility without identifying why this wet pond is needed and when a major wet pond is inconsistent with the use of this area for public park and recreational area and may not contribute to overall water quality due to the potential for ponded water to stimulate bacterial growth in an area proposed to be actively used as parkland by the public (p. 16);

- the draft plan fails to identify funding, the decision makers or a timeframe for a decision concerning the Lance Armstrong bikeway through the district and for the extension of the Pfluger Bridge. (p. 24-28)
- the draft plan fails to identify or recommend sources for the very significant funding (estimated to be in between \$34 million to \$40 million) that will be necessary to implement the plan despite economic challenges currently facing the city and the plan does not recommend what interim actions should be taken in what time period based upon the funding requirements.

The Parks and Recreation Board further recommends that the Austin City Council dedicate as parkland the .609 acres in the Sand Beach Reserve area as was contemplated by the settlement agreement entered into between the Lumberman's Investment Corporation and the City of Austin on January 8, 2001, in an effort to resolve a long-standing boundary dispute concerning the Sand Beach Reserve parkland.

The Parks and Recreation Board further recommends that the Austin City Council give consideration to acquiring the Lumberman's Investment Corporation tract or development rights to the tract to use the tract to enhance the public use and enjoyment of the Seaholm District.

The Parks and Recreation Board further recommends that the City move forward with the listing of the Seaholm facilities in the National Register of Historic Places making the building eligible for federal historic rehabilitation tax credits and eligible for historic preservation grants.

Haines, Dina

**From:** Cicciarelli, Maria  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2002 9:18 AM  
**To:** Haines, Dina  
**Subject:** FW: Arts & Recreation Sub Committee aka Appeals Committee

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Dina...here's another copy of the e-mail for PARB to appoint someone in place of Mary Ruth since she will be out of town during the time frame listed below.

Maria

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

**From:** Cicciarelli, Maria  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2002 2:36 PM  
**To:** 'Mary Ruth Holder'  
**Cc:** Rosemary Castleberry; Kim.Jamail-Mitchell@ci.austin.tx.us; Haines, Dina  
**Subject:** RE: Arts & Recreation Sub Committee aka Appeals Committee

Mary Ruth,

Thank you for your quick response.

① Rosemary

② Rhonda

Serve on this A+R  
Committee.  
DINA

\* Whoever is appointed they should be available during the first part of July. Of course the dates for the Orientation & Appeal Hearings may be anytime during the two weeks of July 1 - July 12 upon availability of committee members. Reminder...I will still need to coordinate these dates with the Council at large appointment.

- \* • Orientation - Tuesday, July 2, 11:30am, Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., Room 202
- \* • Appeal Hearings - Monday, July 8, 6:30pm, Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Rd., Room B

Maria

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

**From:** Mary Ruth Holder [SMTP:mruthholder@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2002 2:23 PM  
**To:** Cicciarelli, Maria  
**Cc:** Rosemary Castleberry; Kim.Jamail-Mitchell@ci.austin.tx.us  
**Subject:** Re: Arts & Recreation Sub Committee aka Appeals Committee

I am sorry the dates have to be so rigid and that the members of the subcommittee were not asked about their availability before the dates were chosen. I am not able to change my dates for the school and have non refundable airline tickets. **I have let Rosemary know she may have to put back on our agenda and appoint someone else from the board this year.**

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

**From:** Maria.Cicciarelli@ci.austin.tx.us <mailto:Maria.Cicciarelli@ci.austin.tx.us>  
**To:** mruthholder@worldnet.att.net <mailto:mruthholder@worldnet.att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2002 1:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Arts & Recreation Sub Committee aka Appeals Committee

Mary Ruth,

I'm sorry to hear you have a scheduling conflict. The Arts & Recreation Sub Committee needs to present a report to the Arts Commission on Monday, July 15, 6:30pm in order for the Arts Commission to submit their final budget recommendation.

We could ask the Appeals Committee to meet on July 3 or July 5...but that's right in the middle of the July 4 holiday. I was trying to avoid those date due to the holiday....I'm sure some folks are planning on a long weekend. FYI...I can't go forward since appeal forms are due on June 28, 5pm

or

We would need to request the Arts Commission to change their regular meeting date of Monday, July 15. Also I must submit council notebooks on the cultural contracts budget recommendations by August 1 ...so we can't go forward to much.

In either of these cases I would be glad to ask the Arts & Recreation Sub Committee members if they would change their committee meeting date to whatever window of opportunity is available after the answers are obtain from above options.

I must say....the Arts Commission is on a tight schedule in July & PARD is on a tight schedule to submit budget information. The July time period is already pushing it for the COA budget work.

I did provide these dates to Dina for PARB in order for PARB members to be aware of the committee schedule.

Let me know what direction you would like me to research or if another PARB member could take your place on the committee.

Maria

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

**From:** Mary Ruth Holder [SMTP:mruthholder@worldnet.att.net]

**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2002 10:54 AM

**To:** Cicciarelli, Maria

**Subject:** Re: Arts & Recreation Sub Committee aka Appeals Committee

Yikes. I will be in North Carolina from July 7 through 12 and have already signed up for a program, paid the fees and bought airplane tickets. Can definitely make the orientation, however, if we can move the appeal hearings a bit.

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

**From:** [Maria.Cicciarelli@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:Maria.Cicciarelli@ci.austin.tx.us) <<mailto:Maria.Cicciarelli@ci.austin.tx.us>>

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**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2002 10:50 AM

**Subject:** Arts & Recreation Sub Committee aka Appeals Committee

Bruce Willenzik, Bertha Martinez, Bobbie Enriquez, Mary Ruth Holder, Rosemary Castleberry & Rhonda Pratt,

Thank you for serving on the Arts & Recreation Sub Committee aka Appeals Committee for the Cultural





**Austin Parks and Recreation**  
**March 2002**

March	The Texas Music Museum Exhibition: Ph#472-4909	George Washington Carver Museum
March 1	Kite Workshop: Ph#474-2806	Alamo Recreation Center
March 2	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kite Workshop: Ph#441-4777	Dittmar Recreation Center
March 2	Texas Gourd Society Demonstration: Ph#477-8672	Zilker Botanical Gardens
March 3	Zilker Kite Festival	Zilker Park
March 3	Boots and Spurs Texas Independence & Heritage Day: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
March 5-9	Playfest The Courage of Mandy Kate Brown: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
March 7-10	Second Youth Family Theater The Epic of Gilgamesh: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
March 9	Natural History Class and Field Trip: Ph#402-0781	Austin Nature and Science Center
March 9	Organic Plant Sale: Ph#477-8672	Zilker Botanical Gardens
March 10	Spring Planting: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
March 10	Spring II Softball League Begins: Ph#445-6003	Athletics
March 11	Natural History Class and Field Trip: Ph#402-0781	Austin Nature and Science Center
March 11-15	Spring Break Camp: Ph#476-5662	Austin Recreation Center
March 11-15	Spring Break Camp: Ph#474-2806	Alamo Recreation Center
March 11-15	Spring Break Camp: Ph#476-9193	Pan Am Recreation Center
March 12-16	Playfest A Thousand Cranes: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
March 14	St. Patrick's Day Social: Ph#478-7695	Conley-Guerrero Senior Center
March 14-17	Second Youth Family Theater The Epic of Gilgamesh: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
March 15	St. Patrick's Day: Ph#448-0787	Senior Activity Center
March 15-17	African Violet Show: Ph#477-8672	Zilker Botanical Gardens
March 16	Natural History Class and Field Trip: Ph#402-0781	Austin Nature and Science Center
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Fiesta: Ph#472-7141	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
March 17	Field to Food: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
March 18	Senior Citizen Prom: Ph#448-0787	South Austin Senior Activity Center

March 18	Start Date for Spring classes: Ph#397-1458	Dougherty Arts School
March 19-23	Playfest The Wisdom Merchant: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
March 21	Community Easter Egg Hunt: Ph#928-1982	Givens Recreation Center
March 21-24	Second Youth Family Theater The Epic of Gilgamesh: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
March 22	Kids Night Out: #476-5662	Austin Recreation Center
March 22	Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt: Ph#444-6601	South Austin Recreation Center
March 23	Natural History Class and Field Trip: Ph#402-0781	Austin Nature and Science Center
March 23	Easter Egg Hunt: Ph#474-2806	Alamo Recreation Center
March 23	Community Easter Egg Hunt: Ph#472-7142	Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center
March 23	Family Easter Festival: Ph#444-6601	South Austin Recreation Center
March 23	Summer Day Camp Registration: Ph#974-6738	All Recreation Centers
March 23	Easter Egg Hunt: Ph#447-5875	Dove Springs Recreation Center
March 23-24	Heart of Texas Orchid Society Show: Ph#477-8672	Zilker Botanical Gardens
March 24	Contra Barn Dance: Ph#397-1463	Zilker Hillside Theater
March 25	Dutch Oven Cooking: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm
March 26	Easter Program: Ph#478-7695	Conley-Guerrero Senior Center
March 27	Easter Hat Parade: Ph#448-0787	South Austin Senior Activity Center
March 28	Community Easter Egg Hunt Ph#926-3491	Dottie Jordan Recreation Center
March 29	C-Day Camp: #476-5662	Austin Recreation Center
March 29	C-Day Camp: #474-2807	Alamo Recreation Center
March 29	Easter Celebration: Ph#448-0787	Senior Activity Center
March 29	Bunny Day with Dittmar Recreation Center: Ph#448-0787	South Austin Senior Activity Center
March 29-30	Fourth and One True West: Ph#397-1463	Dougherty Arts Center Theater
March 30	Summer I Softball League Registration: Ph#445-6003	Athletics
March 30	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Eggstravaganza: #476-5662	Austin Recreation Center
March 30	KGSR Kidsfest: Ph#397-1463	Zilker Hillside Theater
March 30	Search for the lost Eggs: Ph#441-4777	Dittmar Recreation Center
March 31	Bread Making: Ph#837-1215	Pioneer Farm



# 2002 YEAR PLANNER

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USA UNITED STATES NATIONAL/STATE HOLIDAYS  
CAN CANADIAN NATIONAL/PROVINCIAL HOLIDAYS

★ JEWISH HOLIDAYS  
The Jewish day begins and ends at sundown; thus, all holidays begin at sundown of the day preceding the date shown.