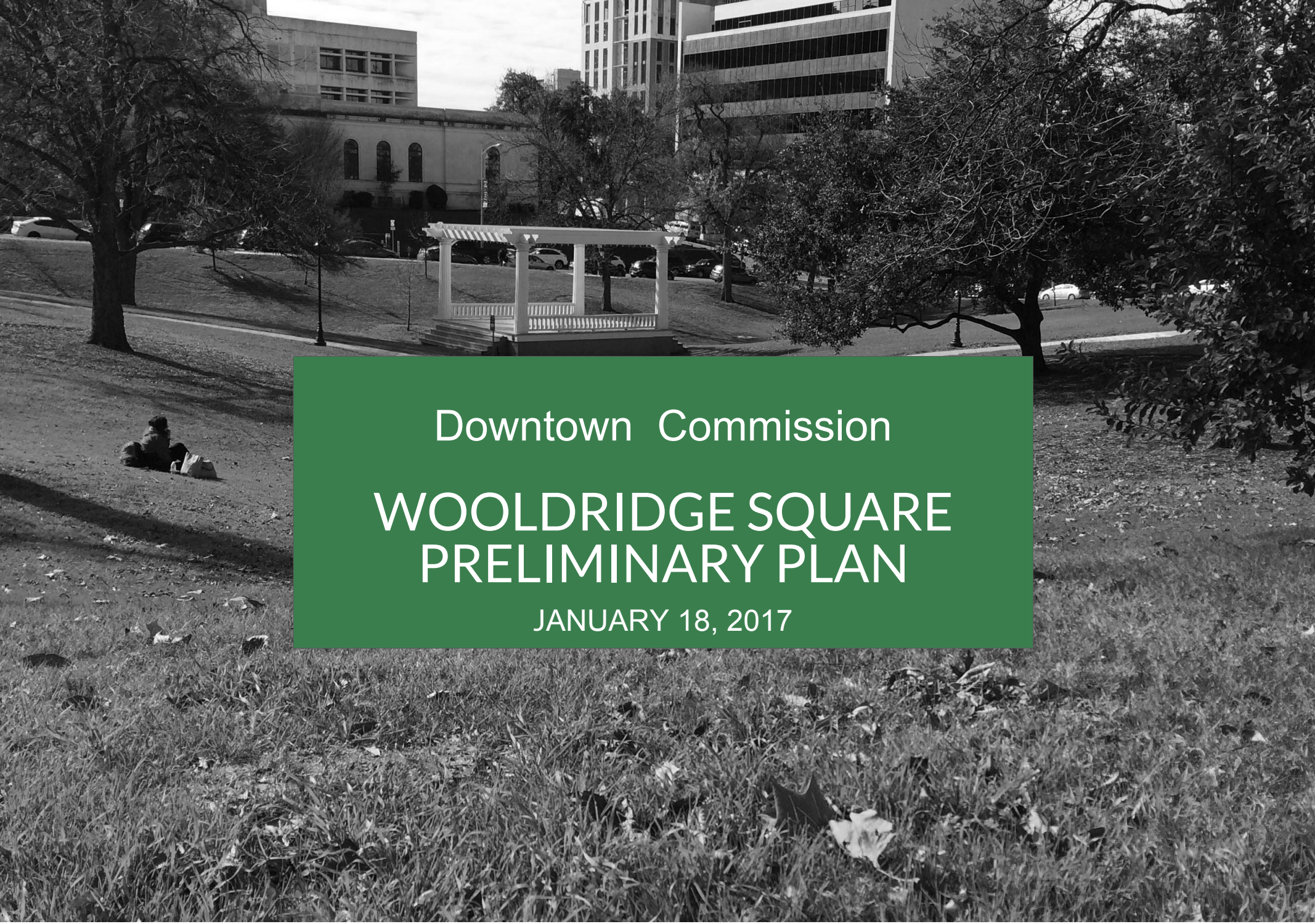


Downtown Commission

WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE PRELIMINARY PLAN

JANUARY 18, 2017

PROJECT TEAM:
(dwg Selected through City of Austin Landscape Architecture Rotation List)

City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department

Stakeholder + Community

Downtown Austin Alliance |Friends of Wooldridge Square | APF | Old Austin Neighborhood Association | Shoal Creek Conservancy | City of Austin Residents

Civic Leadership

Austin History Center | Historic Preservation Office |COA Planning+Zoning Department | Preservation Austin| Travis County | **Texas Historical Commission**

Prime Consultant dwg.

site analysis | planning |design

Altura Solutions

accessibility

Axiom

civil engineering

EudaCorp

cost estimating

Parks and Open Space Master Plan- Existing Conditions

National Register of Historic Places (1979), State Antequities Landmark (1981), City of Austin Historic Landmark

1. Parallel parking
2. Historic band stand
3. Water fountain
4. Steep slope

WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE Parks and Open Space Master Plan 2010

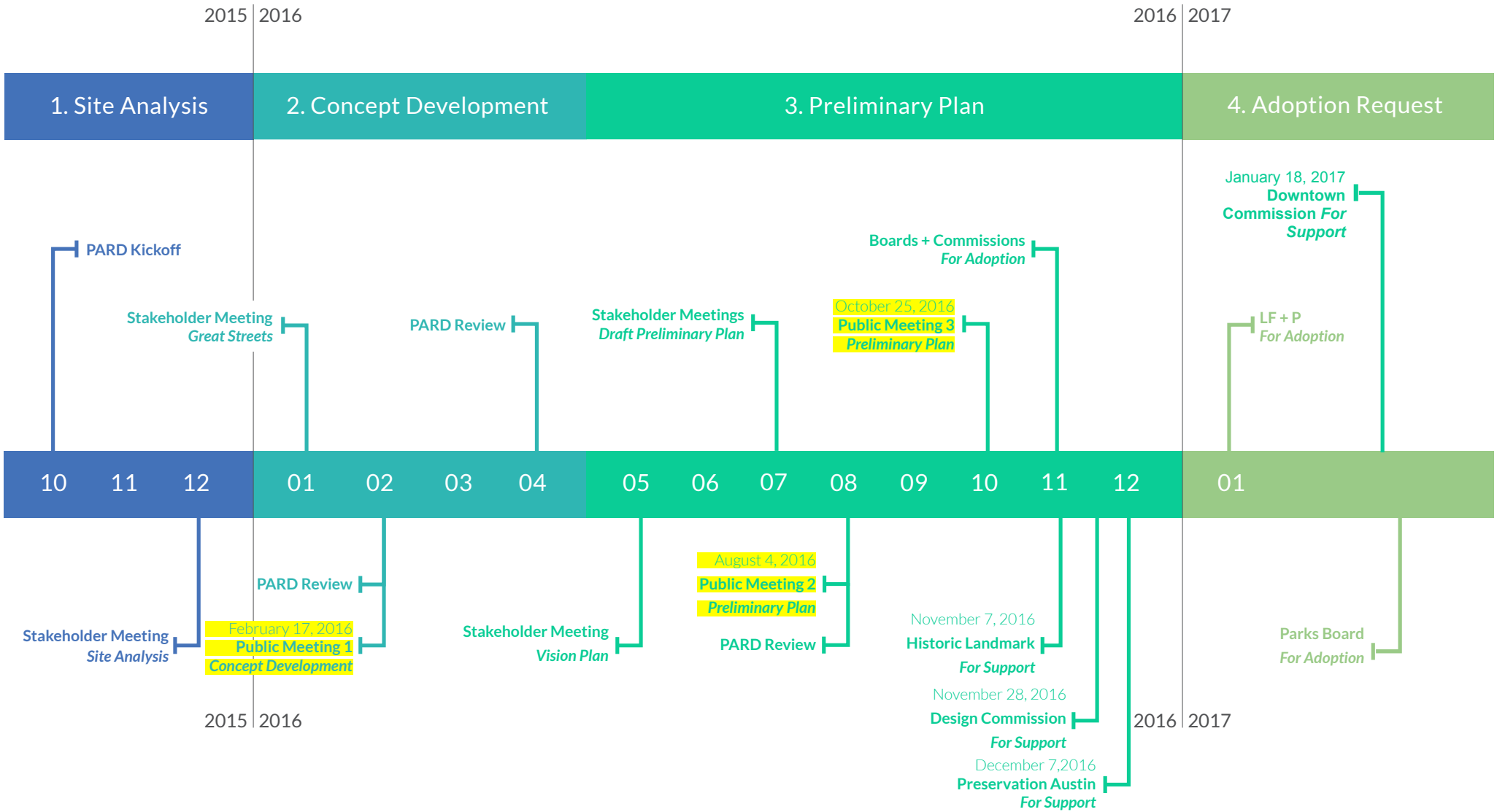
Downtown Parks and Open Space Master Plan recommendations (2010). 13 specific recommendations:

- Implement great street sidewalks and street trees
- Introduce food kiosk with seating
- Create shady informal gathering areas
- Leave area as unprogrammed open green space
- Fill and re-grade area to create more usable meadow
- Provide bus shelters along Guadalupe Street
- Re-grade and shape to enhance amphitheater-like setting
- Preserve historic bandstand\pavilion
- Create ample and accessible stage area
- Create an accessible path through the park
- Require pedestrian-oriented uses facing the park
- Keep West 10th Street open to traffic
- Consider constructing public restrooms within existing garage

2012 - 2013 Improvements -
- New Lawn
- Tree Plantings (species diversity)
- Irrigation System
- Vending Pad

AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION Cultural Places, Natural Spaces
WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE
dwg.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
(Preliminary Plan)



PROJECT REVIEW

7
meetings with civic leadership

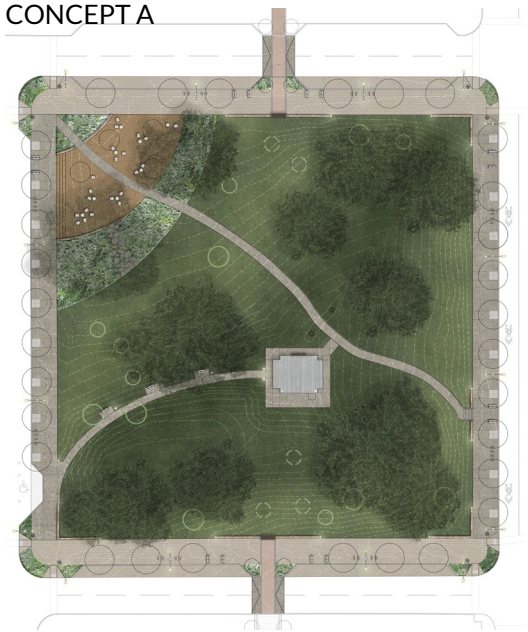
100+
survey participants

5
public meetings + stakeholder workshops

4
online + print surveys

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

CONCEPT A



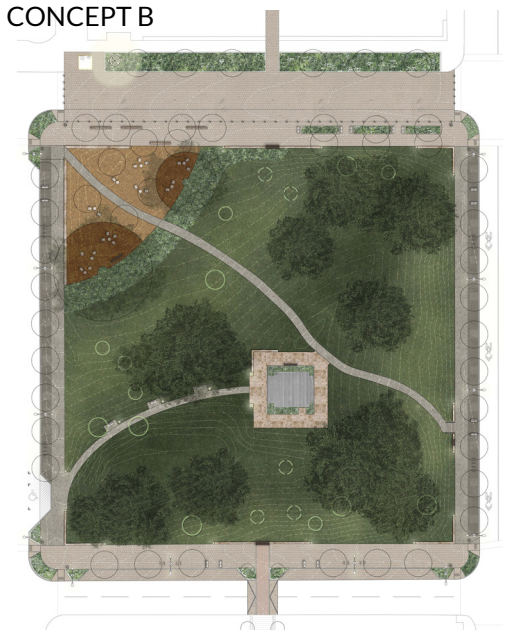
Top Strengths

1. Visual Connection to TC + AHC
2. Simple Design
3. Signage + Lighting
4. ADA Parking/Walk
5. Steps at Community Space

Top Concerns

1. Vertical Elements
2. Wheelchair Lift Location
3. Retaining Walls
4. Planting in ROW
5. Speed Table

CONCEPT B



Top Strengths

1. 10th St. Sidewalk Layout
2. On-site Restroom
3. Proposed Trees + Silva Cells
4. Preserved Viewsheds
5. Moon Tower

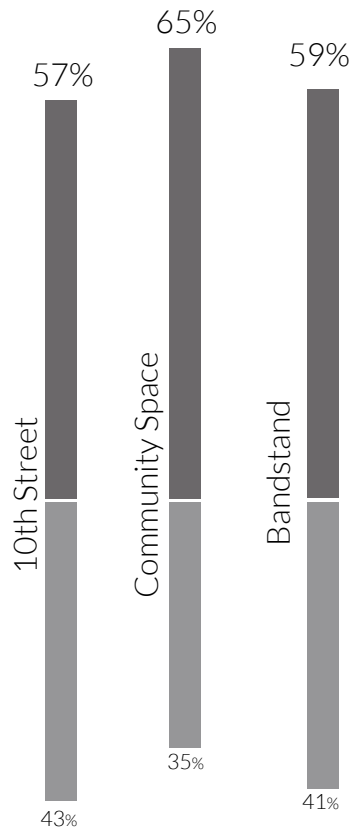
Top Concerns

1. 10th St. Closure
2. Loss of Parking Spaces
3. Width of Walk at Bandstand
4. Material Selection
5. Tree Deck

- Vision -

Wooldridge Square is a common ground, a civic space where Austin comes together as a community.

- Ted Lee Eubanks



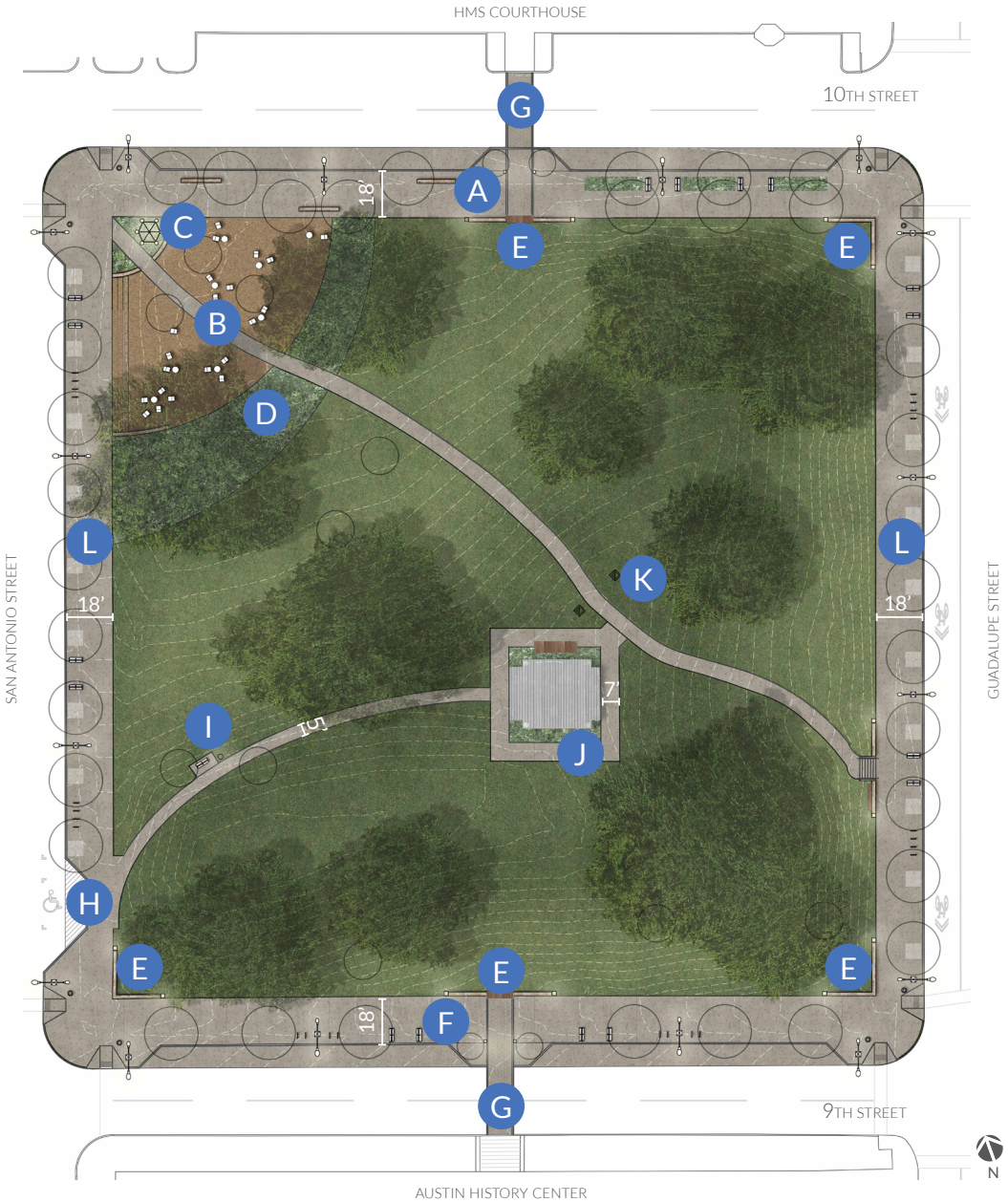
PRELIMINARY PLAN

LEGEND

- A Civic Promenade
- B Community Space
- C Relocated Moon Tower
- D Planting Band
- E Viewing Platform
- F 9th Street Promenade
- G Mid-block Crossing
- H ADA Walk + Parking Zone
- I Bench Resting Area
- J Perimeter Walk + Wheelchair Lift
- K Area Drains
- L Perimeter Great Streets Implementation

SYMBOLS

- Street Light
- Bike Rack
- Bench
- Trash Can
- Cafe Table + Chairs
- Sharrow Lane
- Existing Young Tree
- Proposed Tree
- Formal Planting Bed
- Interpretive Signage
- Silva Cell



TODAY'S REQUEST: MAKE RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE PRELIMINARY PLAN

Preliminary Plan -
Non-binding design concept

NEXT STEPS: DETERMINE FUNDING SOURCE FOR SUBSEQUENT DESIGN EFFORTS

Intermediate Steps
Level 3 Tree Assessment
Interpretive Plan Development (DAA)

Design Development	Construction Documents	Construction Administration
refine preliminary plan design concepts w/ details and material selection	develop detailed set of construction documents	observe construction process for quality control

Questions
and
Thank You