



**DESIGN COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION 20180625-02B**

Date: June 28, 2018

Subject: Design Commission recommendation to support the Seaholm Waterfront Programming and Implementation Study

Motioned By: Katie Halloran

Seconded By: Samuel Franco

**Recommendation**

The Austin Design Commission supports the Seaholm Waterfront Programming and Implementation Study as presented to us on June 25, 2018.

**Description of Recommendation to Council**

The Austin Design Commission recommends support for the Implementation Study, including Phase I improvements to provide property clean-up as well as safety and accessibility improvements to the Seaholm intake building and surrounding parkland.

**Rationale:**

Dear City Council,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's support of the Seaholm Waterfront Programming and Implementation Study as presented to the body on June 25, 2018. The Commission came to this consensus based on the following:

1. Comprehensive public outreach was conducted which informed the proposal.
2. The Study addresses the protection and enhancement of the sensitive environmental features of the area, including heritage trees and riparian habitat along Lady Bird lake.
3. Limited impact is recommended on the existing historic structure.
4. Keeping the building and grounds as part of the city's parks system.
5. The proposal looks at the feasibility of a boat dock for non-motorized water craft, which is sorely lacking along the lake.
6. Proposal will create a more accessible route around the intake building that exists today due to large hill that surrounds it.
7. Project includes rehab of the dilapidated Odom Pavilion

Respectfully,

City of Austin Design Commission

**Vote: 8-0 -0**

For: David Carroll, Bart Whatley, Aan Coleman, Samuel Franco, Katie Halloran, Evan Taniguchi, Ben Lukens, Beau Frail

Against: n/a

Abstain: n/a

Absent: Martha Gonzales, Melissa Henao-Robledo

Attest: David Carroll, Chair of the Design Commission

  

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