



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 1, 1994

SUBJECT: Approval of Names for New Golf Course and for Golf Complex

The Parks and Recreation Department upon the recommendation of the Golf Advisory Board requests that the name of Roy Kizer be considered for the 36-hole golf facility located at 5300 Jimmy Clay Drive and that the name of Spikerush be considered for the new golf course currently under construction at 5300 Jimmy Clay Drive.

"Spikerush" is the common name of a marsh plant to be used extensively in the development of the golf course. The project combines the development of a golf course and the creation of wetlands and wildlife habitat. This concept addresses the need to provide environmental protection features and a dramatic golf course design. A major feature of this design is 22 acres of marshland to be planted with a variety of native wetland vegetation. The name "Spikerush" emphasizes this dominant feature of the golf course.

Regarding the naming of the complex, Roy Kizer was born in 1907 and served as the Golf Course Superintendent at "Old Muni" from April 1937 until his retirement from the City of Austin in January 1973. During his 36 years of service, Mr. Kizer earned the respect of the Austin golf community through his dedication to the golf course and his special involvement in the Junior Golf Program. Mr. Kizer contributed time and money to insure that the Junior Golf Program was a success. He introduced golf as a career to many young people who went on to become golf professionals and superintendents. Mr. Kizer was the father of eight children; his influence is still being felt today with twenty-two of his descendants being employed in the golf industry.

Mr. Kizer passed away in 1975 after a short retirement. As a demonstration of their affection for him, the Austin golf community placed memorial plaques at each of the municipal golf shops. For his contribution to the game of

golf and to the golfers of Austin, the Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the entire golf facility, which includes the existing Jimmy Clay golf Course and the new course currently under construction be named the "Roy Kizer Golf Complex."

The Parks and Recreation Department will pay the cost for signs, estimated at \$5,000 for both projects.

I recommend your approval of the request to name the new course "Spikerush" and the entire golf facility the "Roy Kizer Golf Complex."

Please let me know if you need additional information.



Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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Justification: During his 36 years of service, Mr. Kizer earned the respect of the Austin golf community through his dedication to the golf course and his special involvement in the Junior Golf Program. Mr. Kizer contributed time and money to insure that the Junior Golf Program was a success.

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Estimated cost for replacement of signs and plaques \$5,000. PARD will pay full cost, \$5,000 or will participate ____% in the cost.

Submitted to the Public Works Department this 1st day of February 1994.

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Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: January 24, 1994

SUBJECT: Zilker Playscape - Sand and Water Play Area

In conjunction with the Friends of the Park, the Zilker Playscape Committee; its artist, James Talbot; and Steven DeGroot, a local landscape architect working as a volunteer for the Southwest Area Chamber of Commerce have presented both concept and schematic plans for the development of the Sand and Water Play Area of Zilker Playscape to the Parks and Recreation Board. Both of these plans were approved.

In presenting the project for approval in the schematic phase we will be addressing structure and durability, surfacing materials, and maintenance impacts.

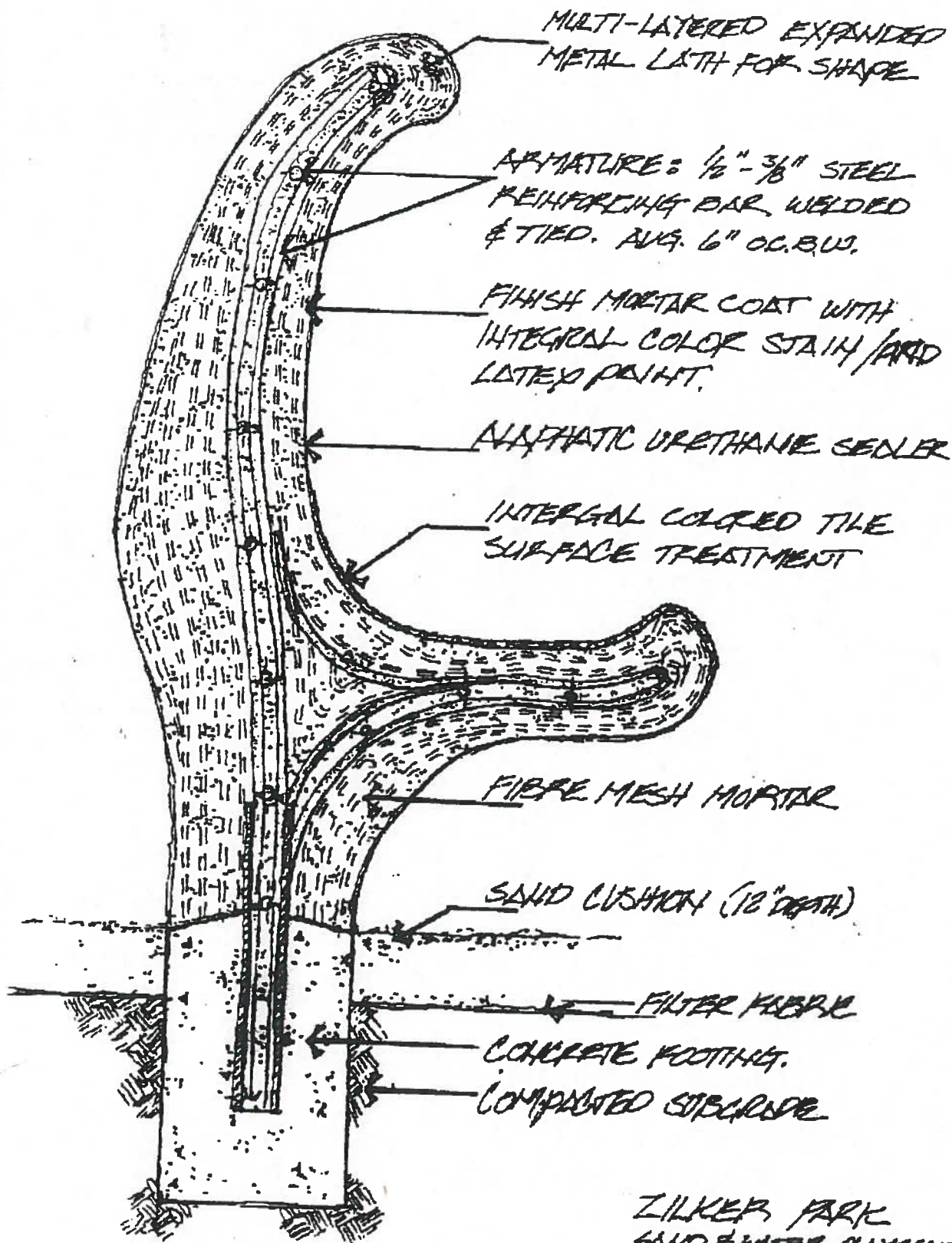
The principal component material of the structure is ferro cement. Ferro cement is by definition 50% mortar and 50% steel. In addition to this, the mortar contains a fiber mesh material to minimize chipping and cracking. Reinforcing steel used in the structure will consist of 1/2" to 3/8" diameter steel bars welded and tied together at an average of 6-8" on center, forming a woven steel mat frame anchored to cement footings (see attached detail). An expanded metal lath will then be attached to the frame work in a multiple layer method to provide the finished shape of the structure. The multiple layers of steel reinforcing bars, expanded metal lath, and fiber mesh mortar when combined with a 3-4" minimum thickness will minimize breakage and fracturing.

Approximately 10-15% of the Sand and Water playscape will have a paint and stain finish sealer which penetrates the finish mortar coat. This integral color will minimize the loss of color to abrasion, peeling, or chipping. The pigments do not have lead, mercury or chromates in them. After the mortar and paint has cured, the entire surface will be sealed with Aliphatic urethane, a graffiti proofing agent. The expected life span of the urethane coating is 10-15 years. The remaining 65-75% of the surfaces will be covered with an integrally colored tile. The tile, due to its silicon material is naturally resistant to graffiti and impact damage. The integral coloring will minimize loss of color caused by abrasion and fading.

Parks and Recreation Department Maintenance and Operations personnel has estimated a yearly maintenance cost of \$9,000 for this portion of the playscape. This cost is approximately 30% higher than the maintenance would be on traditional play equipment located in the same space. About 30-35% of the surface would need repainting every 5-10 years at an estimated per time cost of \$2,000.



Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department



TYPICAL STRUCTURE
SECTION: SCALE N/A.

ZILKER PARK
SAND & WATER PLAYSCAPE
DETAIL DATE SAND TABLE
C.O.D. P.A.R.D. 1-20-94



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 1, 1994

SUBJECT: Donation of Town Lake Observation Point

On December 14, 1993 the Parks and Recreation Board approved the concept of accepting the donation from a group of citizens of an observation point on Town Lake, south of Austin High School.

The proposed observation point, an open clearing between the trail and shoreline, is a natural viewing spot from which to enjoy the upper lake and the cypress-lined shore of Zilker Park across Town Lake. Limited improvements were made in the past to establish a vista but the bank is eroding and there are no benches. As mentioned in the attached letter and conceptual drawing, the donation would focus on stabilizing the shoreline, extending an accessible trail to the water, developing low retaining walls to form an observation area, and installation of appropriate native plants.

The Parks and Recreation Board is asked to approve the schematic plans for the observation point which will be presented at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting on February 8, 1994 by Ms. Debra Sale Wendler.

Recommendation

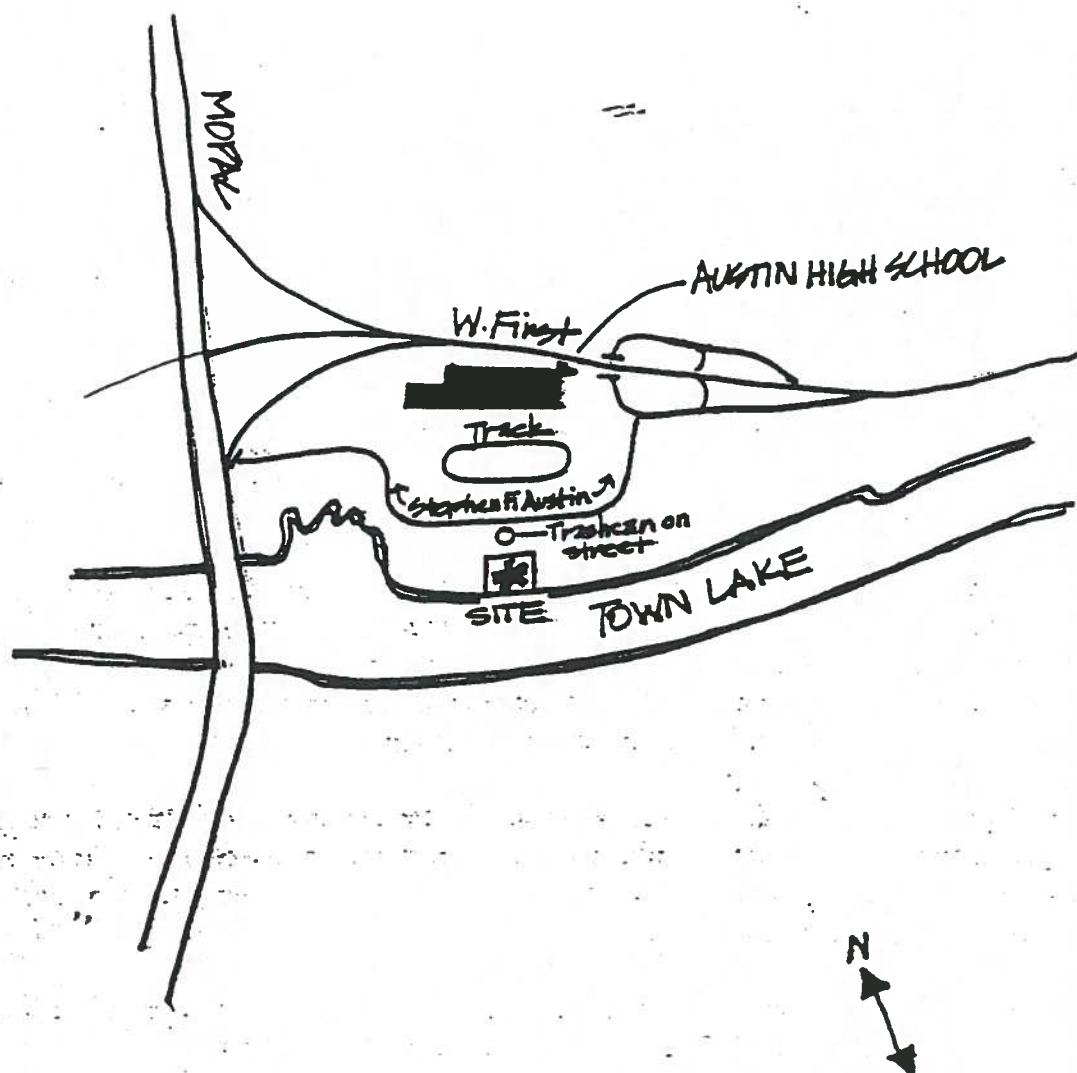
I recommend approving the schematic plans for the donated observation point on Town Lake near Austin High School, with the understanding that design development plans would be presented for Parks Board review at a later time.

Please contact me if you require additional information.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

CONCEPT PLAN





SITE LOCATION MAP
TOWN LAKE
OBSERVATION AREA



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 8, 1994

SUBJECT: Approve Concept of Barton Springs Road Underpass

The August 1992 Bond Election included funding to construct a pedestrian walkway under the Barton Springs Road bridge. Currently, the trail along Barton Creek terminates at Barton Springs Road. Trail users must cross the road without the aid of a formal crossing. The miniature train passes under Barton Springs Road on a narrow bridge from which pedestrians are prohibited.

The CIP project approved in the 1992 Bond Election is to construct a pedestrian walkway under the Barton Springs Road Bridge, parallel to the train bridge. The underpass will be a 6'-8' wide surface with appropriate railings, supported by concrete piers drilled into the west bank.

The structure will be designed to comply with all watershed and City Code requirements, and will be processed by all review authorities. The underpass is in the Town Lake watershed, therefore it is not subject to the SOS ordinance. The concept has been reviewed and verbally approved by the Environmental and Conservation Services Department.

In compliance with the Board's review procedures, the design will be brought to the Board for Schematic and Design Development approval.

Please contact me if you require additional information.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: February 1, 1994

SUBJECT: Revised Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Schedule

At the suggestion of Board Member Eleanor McKinney, I am referring to you a proposed revision of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan review schedule adopted at your last meeting. A citizen has requested that the public hearing be held at the second meeting, two weeks after the staff presentation, rather than at the first meeting, in order for the community to have time to deliberate.

The proposed change in the schedule is to hold a public hearing the second week of each cycle, instead of Board discussion. Board discussion could occur at any time, and the last meeting will still be scheduled for action on a Board recommendation to the City Council.

Please contact me if you require additional information.


Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

Revised

Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Review Schedule

PROCESS

- Review the Comprehensive Plan in three geographical sections: (a) the Colorado River Park area, (b) the central Town Lake corridor, and (c) Zilker Park.
- For each of the three geographical sections, the review will occur in two meetings, and will consist of (1) a description of the current Plan and recommended changes by PARD, and (2) a public hearing. In a final meeting, the Board will make a recommendation to Council.

SCHEDULE

Phase One: Colorado River Park

- February 22: PARD Recommendation
- March 8: Public Hearing

Phase Two: Central Lake Corridor

- March 22: PARD Recommendation
- April 12: Public Hearing

Phase Three: Zilker Park

- April 26: PARD Recommendation
- May 10: Public Hearing

Action

- May 24: Board Recommendation to Council



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: January 31, 1994

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Board Action on Walsh Boat Landing
Rezoning

On October 26, 1993, the Planning Commission approved the rezoning of Walsh Boat Landing to P-Public District with recommendations that PARD address four issues related primarily to the facility's parking lot. The Commission's recommendations were made in response to West Austin Neighborhood Group's (WANG) expressed concerns about increased traffic and parking problems in the immediate area, due in part to the recent development and popularity of Oyster Landing.

The four issues are related to parking time limits, signs to restrict parking, removing the ECSD debris transfer site, and future paving of the lot.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1994, during their regularly scheduled meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the four issues and took the following action, including approval of the rezoning which in and of itself is contested.

1. To approve posting of signs limiting parking in the lot to ~~land~~ and landing users only. [Signs have been posted].
2. To approve PARD's working with ECSD to relocate the debris transfer site from the lot. [Negotiations have begun].
3. To provide maximum tree protection and keep the site as natural as possible if and when the lot is paved.

The Board did not act on the parking limit issue, but rather sent it to the Navigation Committee for additional review and for a report back on January 25, 1994. The Planning Commission, based on requests from WANG, had asked PARD to consider reducing the allowed continuous parking in the Walsh lot from 60 hours to 24 hours.

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After Committee review of the issue with staff, residents and the developer of Oyster Landing, and further discussion of the issue, the Board passed the following motion on January 25, 1994:

1. "Signs should be placed at Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot instructing those parking in the lot that the lot is for park users only." [Signs have been posted].
2. "Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot should be restricted to 24 hour parking unless boat trailers are attached to vehicles." [No limit on the latter].
3. "Upper portion of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot (i.e. Lots 9, 10, 11A & 13A) should be restricted to vehicles with boat trailers attached at all times.
4. Upper portion of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot should be separated by some type of barrier from lower parking lot (Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6).
5. Lower portion of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot would be available to all types of vehicles (i.e. vehicles or vehicles with boat trailers attached).
6. Some type of barrier should be placed along the borders of the Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot and the residences on Enfield Road and Bonnie Road (i.e. railroad ties).
7. A survey should be conducted by staff/Park Police to determine the use of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot by vehicles with boat trailers attached and reported back to the Navigation Committee. The Committee is particularly interested in the use of the lot between the dates of May 1 to September 30.
8. The Navigation Committee recognizes the first priority use of Walsh Boat Landing Parking Lot to be by vehicles with boat trailers attached."

Staff agrees with actions taken by the Board.



Michael J. Hertz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

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Parks and Recreation Department

DATE:

SUBJECT: Zilker Hillside Theater

At your request the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Environmental Board solicited public input and reviewed the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theater. The Boards took the following action:

Planning Commission -

On January 18, 1994, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theater. Commissioner Vasquez-Revilla moved and Commissioner Mather seconded a motion to support Council Member Goodman's recommendation on the consideration of the feasibility of alternative site locations for the Hillside Theater and inclusion of the Colorado River Park as an alternative site location for the Hillside Theater subject to the following amendments:

- 1) If the Hillside Theater continues at its current location, a parking study should be conducted to address traffic generated concerns, and
- 2) Construction costs associated with new utilities and slopes should be taken into account when selection the new site.

The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Environmental Board -

On January 20, 1994, the Environmental Board reviewed the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theater. Vice-Chair Craig Smith moved and Tim Jones seconded a motion to recommend that the Zilker Hillside Theater be remodeled but kept in its current location, as one of Austin's great community spaces and cultural resources. The existing obsolete and dilapidated stage and dressing rooms should be replaced, but none of Zilker Park should be sacrificed for new or additional parking spaces. Parking on the grass should not be allowed for any events. The problem of parking

should be addressed before this summer's performances beginning in July by utilizing existing space under the MoPac bridge and at Palmer Auditorium, with bus or tram shuttle to the theater and the pool. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Parks and Recreation Board -

On January 25, 1994 the Parks and Recreation Board held a public hearing on the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theater.

Eleanor McKinney moved and Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded a motion that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to Council approval of the renovation of the Zilker Hillside Theatre at its current site and further recommend a large amphitheatre be carefully considered and approved in the overall Town Lake Comprehensive Plan for the Colorado River Park.

The vote motion passed 6 to 1 with 1 abstention.

In addition to the three Boards specifically requested to review this issue, the Design Commission and Arts Commission also wish to forward recommendations on the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theater.

Design Commisison -

On January 20, 1994 the Design Commission reviewed the siting of the Zilker Hillside Theater. Commissioner Clovis Heimsath moved and Commissioner Tom Shefelman seconded the following motion:

Since the focus of the Design Commission is criteria that spawns good design, we respectfully propose as a design criteria, that buildings and sites experienced by a number of generations of Austin citizens develop a special image in the life of the City. People perceive their City in such images, we feel, and for this reason changes in such buildings and sites should not be made lightly.

We suggest to Council the criteria, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Another way of expressing this design criteria that celebrates places of generational image in the City, is to suggest the Council go ahead with current plans to renovate the Hillside Theater where it is and move on to other issues.

The motion passed 5-0.

Austin Arts Commission -

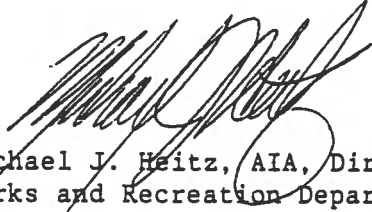
On January 24, 1994 the Austin Arts Commission reviewed the issue of siting of the Zilker Hillside Theater. Commissioner Bruce Willenzik moved and Commissioner Sharon Watkins seconded the following motion:

After hearing presentations by Gerard Kinney and Parks Board Member Doug Johnston, the Austin Arts Commission recommends to the Parks and Recreation

Board and the City Council that the Zilker Hillside Theater remain at its current site and that no action be taken on this or any other arts facility issue without first consulting the Austin Arts Commission and referring to the Austin Comprehensive Arts Plan.

The motion passed 8-0.

If you have any questions regarding these Board and Commission actions, please let me know.



Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
LAND AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**February 8, 1994
5:30 p.m.**

The following items are on the Parks and Recreation Board agenda for consideration and have been referred to the Land and Facilities Committee for recommendation:

1. Make recommendation to Council regarding naming the new golf course "Spikerush" and the two-course complex the "Roy Kizer Golf Complex"
2. Make recommendation to Department regarding approval of the schematic plans for a donated observation point on Town Lake.
3. Make recommendation to Department regarding approval of concept of the pedestrian walkway under the Barton Springs Road bridge.
4. Approve revised timetable for review of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan