

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 16, 1994

SUBJECT: Capital Cruises - proposed floating boat dock

Hyatt Hotel, Town Lake.

A request has been received from Mark Ledyard, President of Capital Cruises, for approval of expansion of the existing boat dock at the Hyatt Hotel on Town Lake. As you can see from the attached plan, three fingers approximately 30' long and 3' wide will extend into the lake.

The shoreline and the lake bed in front of the Hyatt Hotel is in the ownership of hotel and is not parkland. The proposed dock is a floating system and as such does not require a site development permit from the Department of Planning and Development.

The existing boat dock structure is located in a cove and does not effectively extend into Town Lake. The proposed expansion will extend 30' into the main body of Town Lake.

The attached brochure describes the floatation system that is planned to be used for the project.

#### Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request to construct three additional floating slips, approximately 30' long and three feet wide, at the Hyatt Hotel on Town Lake, and approval of the following variance:

A variance to the requirements of Section 13-2-795(1) of the City's Land Development Code, to allow the structure to extend more than 30' from the shoreline.

The approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The flotation system be encased in high density polyethelene, in accordance with Section 13-2-792(d), to withstand prolonged exposure to wave action and weather.

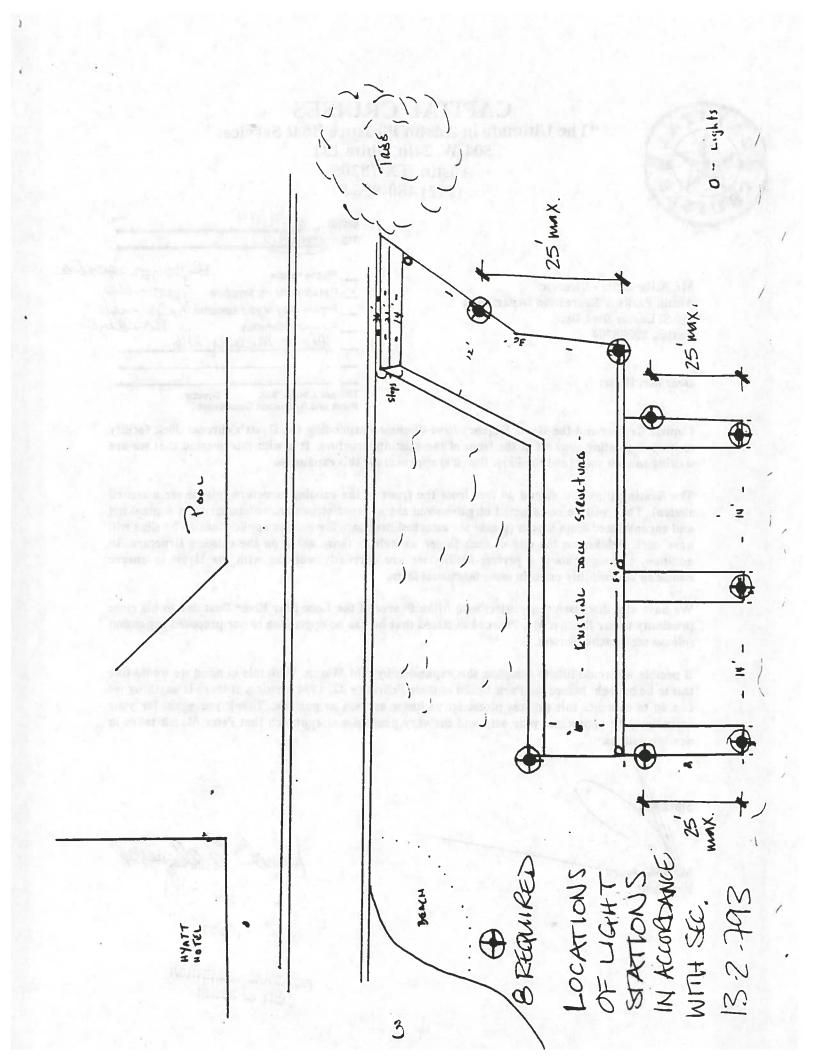
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 Navigation Lighting, in accordance with the requirements of Section 13-2-793, be provided at the locations indicated on the plan.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please let me know.

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

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# **CAPITAL CRUISES**

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Mr. Mike Heitz - Director Austin Parks & Recreation Department 200 S. Lamar Blvd Dr. Austin, TX 78704

Dear Mr. Heitz:

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Response for my eignature

Provide copy of your response

Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

Capital Cruises and the Hyatt Regency have discussed expanding the Hyatt's current dock facility to include floating slips off of the front of the existing structure. It is with this in mind that we are writing to seek your (and the Park Board's) approval for this expansion.

The floating slips will extend 30 feet from the front of the existing structure (please see attached sketch). They will be constructed of galvanized metal super-structure, wolmanized 2 x 6 planking and encapsulated foam blocks (please see attached brochure for similar applications). The slips will have dock lighting on the end of each finger as well as those noted on the existing structure. In addition, although this is a private facility we are currently working with the Hyatt to ensure handicap accessibility exists in some functional form.

We have also discussed this project with Mike Pearce of the Lone Star River Boat due to his close proximity to our facility. Mr. Pearce has stated that he has no opposition to our proposed expansion (please see attached letter).

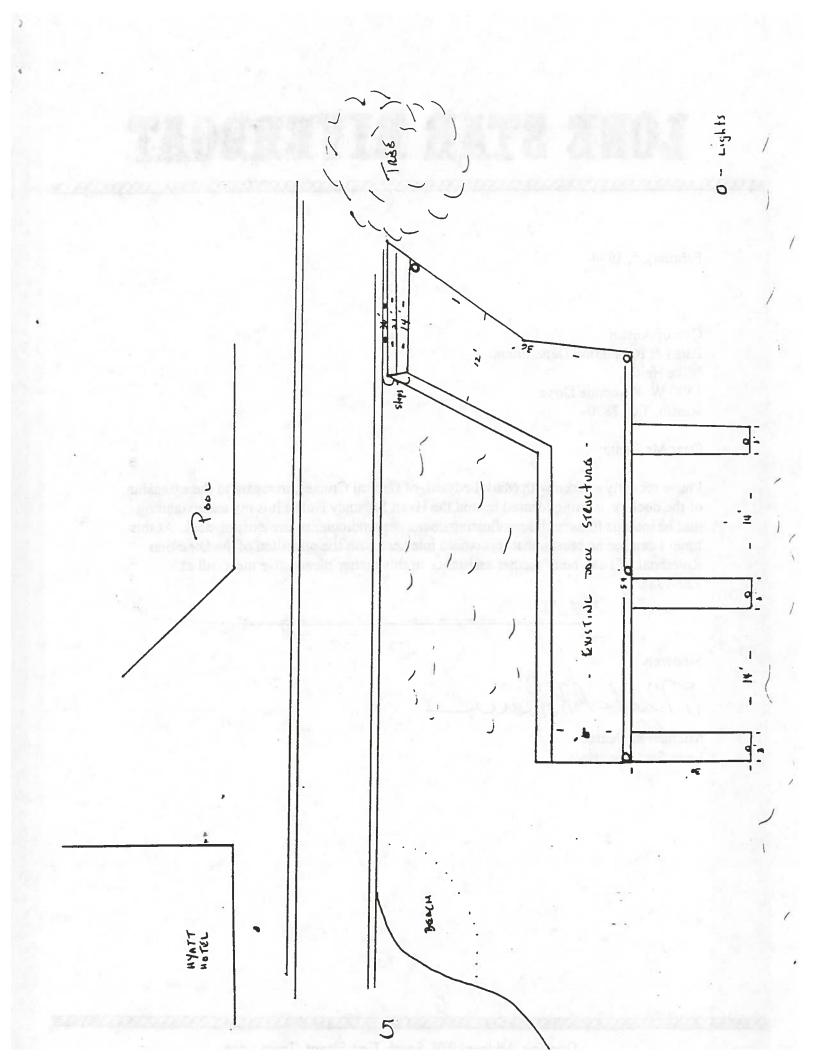
If posible we would like to complete this expansion by mid March. With this in mind we would like this to be brought before the Park Board at their February 22, 1994 meeting. If there is anything we can do to expedite this process please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you again for your assistance, we appreciate your help and the very professional approach that Peter Marsh takes in dealing with us.

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# LONE STAR RIVERBOAT

February 5, 1994

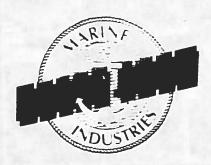
City of Austin
Parks & Recreation Department
Mike Heitz
1500 W. Riverside Drive
Austin, Tx. 78704

Dear Mr. Heitz:

I have recently spoken with Mark Ledyard, of Capital Cruises, in regard to the extension of the dock he is using located behind the Hyatt Regency Hotel. It is my understanding that he intends to extend three floating docks perpendicular to the existing dock. At this time, I can see no reason that this would interfere with the operation of the Lone Star Riverboat. If I can be of further assistance in this matter please give me a call at 327-1388.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Pearce Lone Star Riverboat



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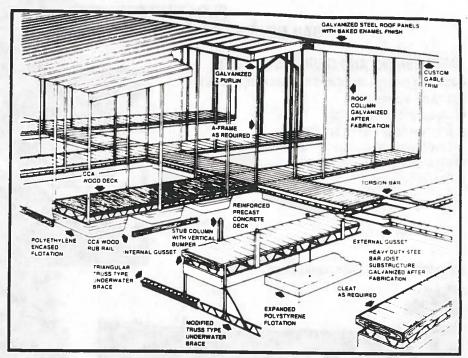
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STANDARD CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN

For the standard design, steel angle thickness is 3/16" at section bolting points, with 1/8" material utilized through the remainder. Intermediate full bar joists are spaced every 4' or less inside the section, with eight internalgussets located in the corners. All fasteners are galvanized.

#### **GLU-LAMINATED WOOD**

CCA treated side beams, laminated horizontally and tied together structurally with wood, fasteners and glue. Deck boards are fastened into top of beams to form; structural box frame. All beams to be grade, Southern Yellow Pine, with a laminated board a premium grade AITC #110

## FLOTATION AND ENCASEMENT

1.1lb. density flame-resistant expanded polystyrene is bolted solidly to the bottom of the framework. Flotation can be encased by several methods to protect against gas, debrie, vermin and absorption.

#### **ENCASEMENT METHODS AVAILABLE**

- One-piece roto molded high density polyethylene floats, filled in place with expanded polystyrene.
- Urethane coating, ultra violet inhibitors, various thicknesses available.
- Hot-dipped galvanized 20 gauge steel.

#### **DECKING**

Decking material is 2" x 6" CCA treated lumber or low-maintenance reinforced precast concrete planks, 4000 PSI. Custom decking, including polyethylene, exposed aggregate concrete and custom request available. The entire perimeter is trimmed by a 2" x 6" CCA rub rail.

#### SUPERSTRUCTURE

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# CUSTOM FABRICATION SERVICES

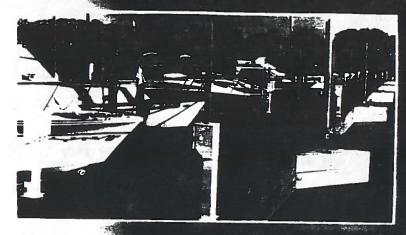
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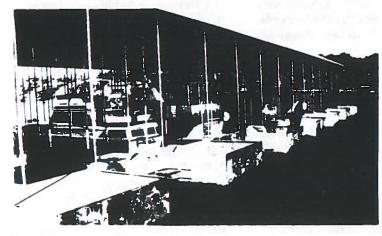
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- 18" Bar Joist combined with other options can produce a frame for extreme conditions, higher freeboard or special applications, such as piers captilevered from a sea wall
- Floating Breakwater combined with floating slips, can work as a unique method to bring revenue to floating wave attenuation
- Uncovered Slips can be pre-punched for a future roof





TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 16, 1994

SUBJECT: Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Review: Colorado River Park

On January 6, 1994 the City Council instructed the Parks Board, the Planning Commission and the Environmental Board to solicit public input, review and make recommendations by June 1994 to the City Council on the update of the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan including Zilker Park, Town Lake and the Colorado River Park. The review schedule adopted by the Parks Board begins with the Colorado River Park, followed in later meetings with the Central Lake Corridor and Zilker Park. The review procedure is to spend two meetings on each section; first, a staff description of the relevant sections of the Plan and changes recommended by PARD staff and second, a public hearing. In the final meeting, the Parks Board will formulate a recommendation the City Council.

#### Background

The Town Lake Comprehensive Plan is the second master plan for Town Lake. The first plan was developed in 1968, eight years after the lake was formed by the construction of Longhorn Dam. The 1968 plan envisioned a trail system, observation points, fishing areas, boat landings, and picnic areas; much of the plan has been developed.

The 1988 Town Lake Comprehensive Plan was the result of renewed community interest in the park. In 1985 the Town Lake Task Force was appointed by City Council to address improvements on Town Lake. The result of their effort, the Town Lake Corridor Study, included goals and policies for future development, and called for a long-range comprehensive plan for the lake corridor.

In 1986 Johnson Johnson and Roy/inc. and Lawrence W. Speck Associates, Inc. were retained to prepare the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan. Over an eighteen month period, the study team conducted over one hundred neighborhood meetings, four city-wide meetings and reviewed their findings before the Parks Board, Planning Commission and the City Council. In 1989, Council passed an ordinance adopting the Plan and requiring development of parkland and right-of-way to comply with the Plan.

Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Organization

The Plan is divided into four sections. The first section, Baseline Situation, describes the natural and cultural environment, park use patterns, and perception about future development. The second section, Plan Concept, presents guiding principles and design concepts, and land acquisition plans. The third section, Plan Description, describes the physical plan for Town Lake. The final section presents an implementation strategy.

Colorado River Park Recommendations (see pages 81-87 and page 35)

1) The Colorado River Park is recommended to benefit from the largest land acquisition and development investment in the Plan. A 210 acre expansion was proposed to create a major metropolitan park occupying the area between Montopolis Drive on the east, the Colorado River on the north, Krieg Field on the west, and a future extension of Lakeshore Drive on the south.

PARD Recommendation. Agree. In March 1993, the City approved a contract to purchase 250 acres to supplement the existing 56 acre park. + 80 ac. Kriec

2) Extension of Lakeshore Drive between Pleasant Valley Road and Montopolis Drive is proposed to provide vehicular access to the new park.

PARD Recommendation. Agree. Lakeshore Drive is needed to provide access from the Montopolis neighborhood on the east, and from other areas on the Lakeshore Drive is not an approved CIP project but should be funded in the future. In the short run, the extension of Grove Boulevard would give access from the south through the Montopolis neighborhood. Grove Boulevard is an approved CIP project and plans are complete, but sale of the bonds has not been approved. Recommend Grove Blud bond Sale.

3) Construction of a Performance Pavilion to accommodate city-wide theatre and musical events. The Pavilion is described as a 4,500-6,000 seats under

PARD Recommendation. PARD supports the concept of an amphitheater but recommends a smaller capacity in order to avoid traffic and noise problems. Like the Zilker Hillside Theatre, the Colorado River Park amphitheater should be available for a variety of neighborhood and cultural performances.

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4) For the amphitheatre, construct permanent parking for 1400-1600 cars and temporary overflow parking for 2000 cars on an open field.

PARD Recommendation. PARD supports adequate permanent parking for a \_\_smaller\_audience, and encourages alternate transportation methods to avoid excessive paving in parkland.

5) All existing baseball diamonds at Kreig Field should remain in their current configuration.

PARD Recommendation. PARD agrees. In addition, the Montopolis Youth Sports Complex was approved in the 1992 Bond Election, and the east end of the Colorado River Park was selected by the Montopolis neighborhood as the appropriate location.

6) General recreation facilities should be developed in the southeastern portion of the park, to include activities such as picnic shelters, tables, barbecue pits, benches, a playscape, basketball, volleyball and disk golf. A portion of the area should be identified for Neighborhood Park use. Special events facilities should be developed for open-air dancing and festivals.

PARD Recommendation. PARD agrees. The particular list of general recreation improvements should be selected later in consultation with the neighborhood.

7) The north bank of the Colorado River between Longhorn Dam and the Montopolis Bridge should be designated as a Preserve.

PARD Recommendation. Twenty acres of land on the north bank, west of the Montopolis Bridge, is dedicated parkland and can be designated a nature preserve. Land adjoining the 20 acre tract on the north bank, if undisturbed and found to have natural features, should be acquired.

Please contact me if you require additional information.

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

8) Amend TLCP to include Montapoles Youth Sports Complex

9) Sell Grove Blvd. bonds to and recommend new bond project to build the Lake shore that Drive

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

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Phase Three: Zilker Park

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

#### Action

- May 24: Board Recommendation to Council



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DATE: February 16, 1994

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Austin Independent School District

The Parks and Recreation Department has two grant-funded programs which provide meals for participants. The first is the Senior Support Services Program, which serves meals to persons 60 years of age and older at 20 sites in Austin and Travis County. This annual grant has been funded by the Capital Area Planning Council since 1973. The second is the Summer Luncheon Program, which has provided free meals to local children in the summer months since 1991. The program, co-sponsored by Austin Independent School District (AISD), is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Human Services.

AISD has provided meals for both programs under separate annual agreements. The meals provided meet or exceed USDA nutrition guidelines and are at the lowest per unit cost available locally.

The Parks and Recreation Board is being asked to recommend that City Council authorize negotiation and execution of one on-going agreement which will cover both programs, as well as any similar programs which may be funded in the future.

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



TO: Parks and Recreation Board

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DATE: February 16, 1994

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition Along Little Walnut Creek

At your request, we have investigated the potential for acquiring undeveloped land along Little Walnut Creek. The land of interest is just west of Ed Bluestein Blvd., both north and south of Little Walnut Creek. The 126 acre parcel is currently owned by the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) and is valued at \$404,054 by the Travis County Appraisal District.

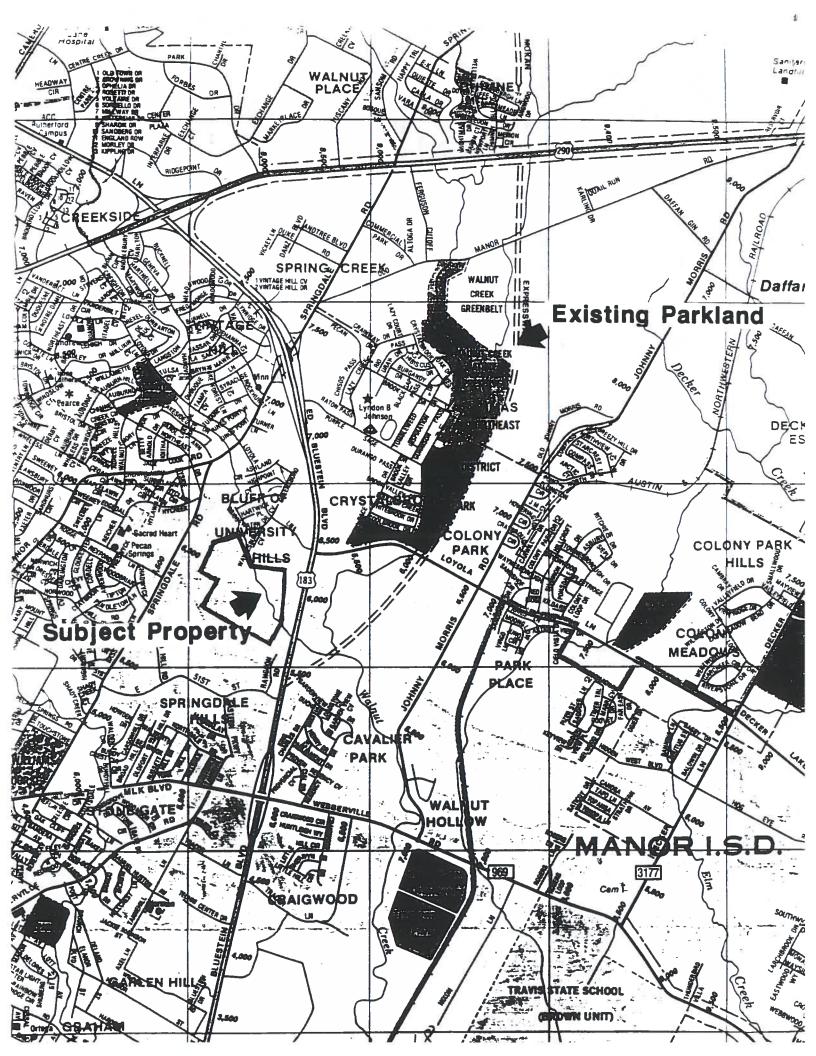
There is no funding available within existing parkland or preserve acquisition accounts that could accomplish the desired land acquisition. Funding would have to come from a future bond election. The normal process would be to propose the desired acquisition as a part of the annual CIP process.

For your information, existing parkland in the vicinity includes Northeast District Park (110.80 acres), Big Walnut Creek Greenbelt (84.20 acres), and the Walnut Creek Preserve (46 acres).

If I can provide you with any additional information, please let me know.

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

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# AGENDA

# Land and Facilities February 22, 1994

# New Business

- I. Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Review Colorado River Park
- II. Exclusion of City Park from Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
- III. Land Acquisition Along Little Walnut Creek