



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board

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

**DATE:** May 4, 1994

**SUBJECT:** Lake Austin, Oyster Landing - "No Wake Zone"

A request has been received from the developer of Oyster Landing and the Antique and Classic Boat Society that the section of Lake Austin in front of Oyster Landing be designated a "No Wake Zone." Copies of these letters are attached.

Since the Oyster Landing development has opened, boat traffic in the area has increased substantially due to availability of access to the restaurants from the water. Additionally, various non-profit organizations have sponsored water based events at Oyster Landing.

The Lake Patrol has reviewed the request to make the lower end of the lake, in front of Oyster Landing and Walsh Boat Landing, a "No Wake Zone." The Lake Patrol feels that this is not the appropriate solution to resolve the problem as it will penalize many boat users that are not attending restaurants at the Oyster Landing Development. Additional concerns were raised that the demarcation buoys across the width of the lake would become a maintenance problem since they will be damaged by impact from watercraft.

The Lake Patrol recommends that the existing "No Wake Zone" in front of Walsh Boat Landing be extended south to the "Danger Zone" buoys in front of the dam and extended further out into the lake. The existing "No Wake Zone" almost abuts the newly constructed marina at Oyster Landing. The "No Wake Zone" should be extended so that it is 50' from the end of the marina, this would place the "No Wake Zone" in front of the Oyster Landing restaurants, approximately 200' from the shoreline.

The other request from the Antique and Classic Boat Society for a temporary no wake zone for the duration of their boat display can be

accommodated by the Lake Patrol. Future requests for "No Wake Zones" for special events will be considered by the Lake Patrol on a case by case basis.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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

MJH:pm

OYSTER BOAT TOWN LANDING, LTD.  
3825 Lake Austin Blvd., #401  
Austin, TX 78703  
512/480-9003

March 24, 1994

Mr. Mike Heitz  
Director  
Austin Parks & Recreation  
200 South Lamar  
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Mr. Heitz:

RE: LAKE AUSTIN NEAR OYSTER LANDING DEVELOPMENT

We contacted Mr. Leroy Swift of the Park Police and he recommended that we write to you.

We are the developers of the Oyster Landing Development and Marina on Lake Austin and are concerned about potential problems and safety issues this summer with the high boat traffic in the area. There are three restaurant facilities at Oyster Landing where boats can pull up, park and frequent the restaurants purchasing food and alcoholic beverages.

We would like to ask you to discuss this matter with the parks board and/or navigation committee and respectfully request that the board decide to make the lake area from the Oyster Landing Marina all the way to the dam before Town Lake a "NO WAKE AREA".

We will look forward to hearing from you in this regard as soon as possible as the boating season is rapidly approaching.

Sincerely,

OYSTER BOAT TOWN LANDING, LTD.

  
Stephen Oyster

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DATE: 3/29/94  
TO: Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director **CERTIFIED MAIL**

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

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CITY OF AUSTIN



March 28, 1994

Michael Hietz  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

DATE: 3/30/94  
TO: Col LVS Stuart

☐ Please handle  
☒ Response for my signature  
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☐ For your information  
☐ request going to PARB for  
☐ permanent "no wake" recommendation  
☐ temporary zone for event OK w/  
Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director with OK w/  
Parks and Recreation Department you. Response  
due to March 4

Dear Mr. Hietz,

For the past 12 years, I have been the organizer of the Austin Wooden Boat Show, 4/8.  
a gathering of beautiful antique watercraft as well as new, owner-built boats. In  
previous years the show has been held on Lake Travis, but this year we are fortunate  
in moving it to Oyster Landing on Lake Austin. It will be on Sunday, June 5, from 9 AM  
to 3PM and will involve about 30 boats, dating from the 1900's to 1993.

My concern is with the rough water caused by boat traffic at the end of the lake. This  
could be potentially very hazardous to our classic boats tied at the Oyster dock. Even  
though part of the area is designated as "NO WAKE", many boaters seem unaware of  
what that means, or choose to ignore the signs. I have spoken with the Lake Patrol  
about this and I was told that because this is a new development, it has not been  
determined how much traffic is being generated. I would like to suggest one possible  
solution would be to place a row of "No Wake" bouys across the lake from the Walsh  
boat ramp to the brick building (water intake?) on the other side. I realize the  
procedure for designating an area of the lake as a "No Wake" zone might be time-  
consuming or perhaps not possible at all. If that is the case, is there any way we could  
have a temporary area on the day of our show? The Lake Patrol has offered to supply  
us with an officer and a boat (at our expense) to enforce the zone but we really need a  
more encompassing area.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Jim Frechette  
Vice-President  
Southwest Chapter, ACBS  
8504 Bear Creek Dr.  
Austin, TX 78737  
512-288-5359

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

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

DATE: May 5, 1994

SUBJECT: Request for Ballfield Names

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The Parks and Recreation Department has received a request from Robert Mendoza of the Greater East Austin Youth Association to name the two new softball fields at the Roy G. Velasquez Sports Complex. The names submitted are *Haros Field* and *Capuchino Field*. The request has been reviewed by the Programs Committee, which has asked that the Land and Facilities Committee also review the request.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

*Michael J. Heitz*

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

MJH:jh

**Item 19**

**Create a multi-use loop trail in Zilker Park. The trail would extend south from the Town Lake Trail along the east side of Barton Creek, cross the creek at the site of the Old Bee Caves Road Bridge, intersect with the Barton Creek Trail, and then turn north to reconnect with the Town Lake Trail Directly east of the Mopac bridge.**

The Zilker Loop Trail would:

- Be the keystone of a citywide trail system.

By linking the city's two most important trails (Town Lake and Barton Creek) the loop trail would be the keystone in creating a citywide trail system. Each half of the Zilker Loop Trail establishes important connections:

(a) The east half connects on the north to East Austin via the Town Lake Trail as well as to the Shoal and Waller Creek corridors.

(b) The west half connects on the north via the MoPac bridge to the Johnson Creek Trail and has the potential to connect westward from Deep Eddy Pool through the Brackenridge tract to Red Bud Island.

(c) By connecting with the Barton Creek Trail on the south both halves of the Zilker Loop Trail would link in-city trails with a hill country scenic corridor of regional significance.

- Be a rewarding trail experience in its own right.

The area traversed by the Zilker Loop Trail represents a composite of the best of the Town Lake-Zilker Park corridor:

(a) The Zilker Loop Trail provides views of Barton Creek, Sunken Gardens, Barton Springs Pool, the Zilker Christmas Tree, and the sweep of the south and north Zilker playing fields.

(b) In conjunction with the segment of the Town lake Trail that completes a full circuit of Zilker Park, the loop also provides views of Town Lake and the downtown skyline.

- Tie Zilker Park together by providing a much needed pedestrian circulation system.

Barton Springs Road now severs Zilker Park into separate north and south halves. There is no protected crossing of this road for the entire length of the park west of Barton Creek. The portion of the park east of Barton Creek is similarly cut off from the main body of the park by the absence of a creek crossing south of Barton Springs pool.



By providing a protected crossing of Barton Springs Road in the middle of the park and a crossing of Barton Creek south of the pool, the loop trail effectively knits the existing park fragments into a unified park. This knitting together would create new park circulation opportunities:

(a) Visitors could now tour the park on foot taking in the major attractions from the Nature Center on the west to the Umlauf Garden on the east.

(b) By allowing people to park in all lots and then circulate conveniently throughout the park the trail would reduce pressure on the more popular parking areas.

(c) Although the trail greatly improves access to Barton Springs pool it does so while bypassing the heavily congested area between the Bathhouse and the Zilker Eagle train station. This bypassing not only avoids creating additional congestion but also encourages redistribution of activity away from the area of present overuse.

- Provide pedestrian access from the Zilker-Barton Hills neighborhood to the park.

The trail would establish direct pedestrian access from the neighborhood to the main body of Zilker Park west of Barton Creek:

(a) Present access from the neighborhood is circuitous and requires going through the dangerous intersection at Robert E. Lee and Barton Springs Road.

(b) The south part of the loop trail with its new creek crossing would provide direct access from the neighborhood to the park. The anomaly of residents of the park's one adjoining neighborhood having to drive to the park would be eliminated.

- Be comparatively safe.

Crime would be discouraged due to:

(a) The trail's potential popularity.

(b) Its relatively open character (comparable in this respect to the Town Lake Trail).

Bike - pedestrian conflicts would be limited by:

(a) Thinning congestion on existing trails.

(b) Using three-way rather than four-way trail intersections.

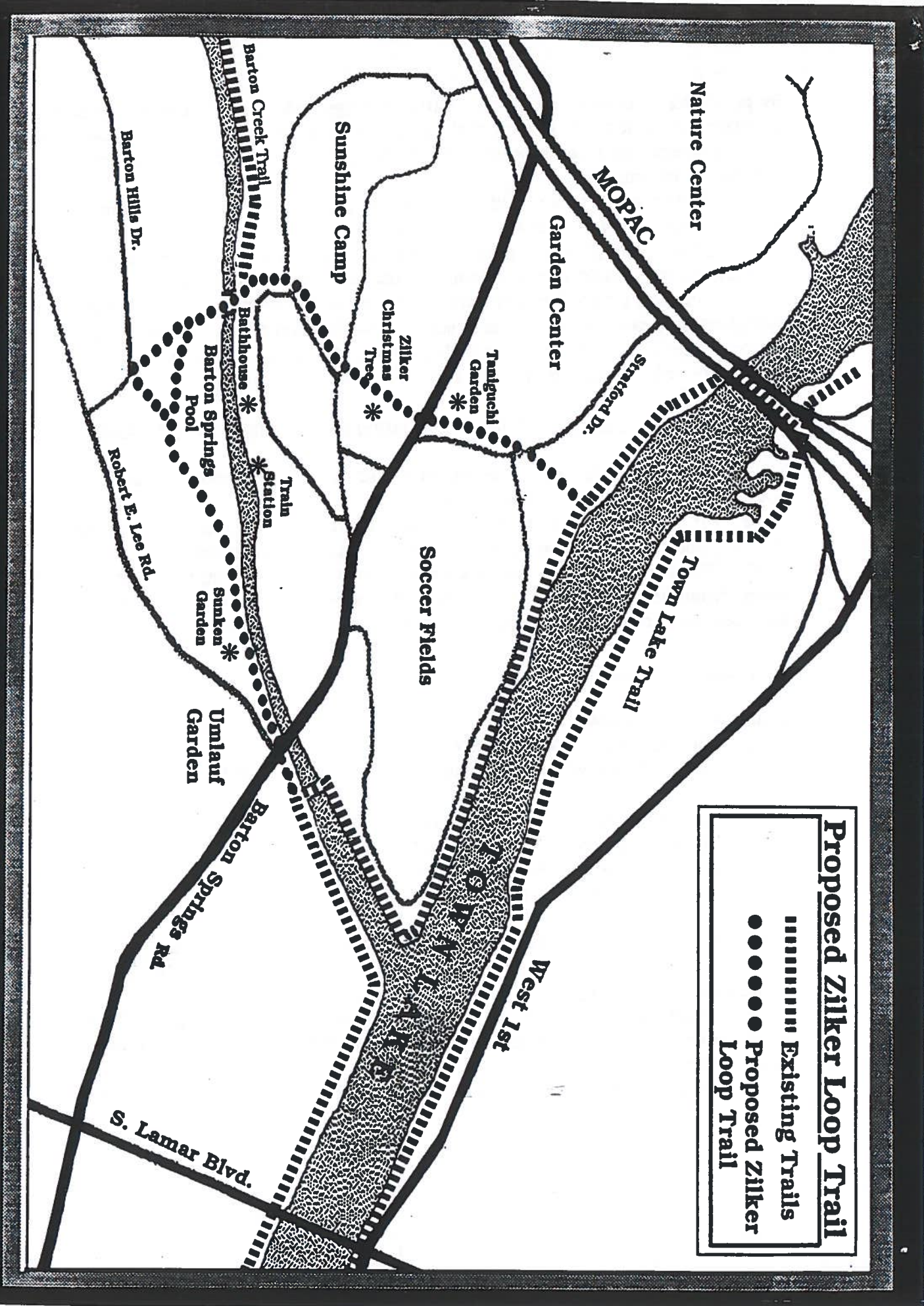
(c) Providing a generous right of way.

Conflicts between trail users and automobiles would be minimized by:

(a) ~~Instituting~~ all-way stops at the park road intersections while giving trail users preferential ~~right~~ of way.

(b) ~~Installing~~ a signaled crosswalk at the intersection of Barton Springs Road and Stratford Drive. (In the long run it would be desirable to construct a trail underpass beneath Barton Springs Road. Such an underpass would be similar in size to the one beneath West 1st that now connects the YMCA and the North Town Lake Trail).





**Proposed Zilker Loop Trail**

----- Existing Trails

..... Proposed Zilker Loop Trail



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board Members

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

DATE: April 26, 1994

SUBJECT: Town Lake Comprehensive Plan Review: Zilker 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 began with the Colorado River Park, concludes with Zilker Park. This meeting will involve a staff description of the Plan and changes recommended by PARD staff and, on May 10, a public hearing. In the meeting of May 24, the Parks Board will formulate a recommendation to the City Council.

### Zilker Park Recommendations (see pages 43-55)

CONCEPT PLAN

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1) Develop structured parking under the MoPac bridge.

Recommendation: Agree, although the size of the structure should be determined at a future planning stage. Parking below MoPac should be developed in combination with Capital Metro Dillo service to the MoPac parking area, and to major destinations in Zilker Park.

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2) Establish a tram system on a separate pathway between Zilker Park and the new Palmer Auditorium parking structure in order to link recreational, cultural and entertainment destinations in the vicinity.

- Recommendation: Delete the tram system from the Plan, in favor of a Dillo shuttle using existing roads.

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3) Construct a bridge over Barton Springs Road to facilitate crossings by pedestrians and cyclists.

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- Recommendation: Agree; a safe road crossing is necessary. The method, whether by bridge or tunnel, should be determined at a later planning stage. Also, the approved Barton Springs Road bridge underpass should be included in the Plan.



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4) The intersection of Stratford Drive and Barton Springs Road should be moved west to reduce residential traffic through the park, and to re-orient the Botanical Garden access to the west.

- Recommendation: Agree.

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5) Automobile traffic in the park is restricted to Barton Springs Road and the existing loop road in the park's southern half.

- Recommendation: Except for the Stratford Drive realignment, retain the existing park road system to allow vehicular access to both sides of Barton Springs Road. The intersections should be monitored and modified if necessary to maintain safety.

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6) Construct strolling paths through the park to serve walkers who want to "get out of the fast lane", but not faster joggers and bicyclists.

- Recommendation: Delete the proposal, since it is impractical to enforce the separation of fast and slow traffic.

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7) Endorse the current Austin Nature Center Master Plan, re-orienting access to the north and parking under MoPac. Vehicular access will be from the realigned Stratford Drive.

- Recommendation. Agree.

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8) The Botanical Garden will develop new facilities within the current site encompassed by Barton Springs Road, Stratford Drive and MoPac, while exhibits not requiring security fencing will be placed on the open field between Stratford Drive and the lake.

- Recommendation. The present Botanical Garden area is available if new facilities are initiated, but the Botanical Garden Society has released its reservation of the open field by the lake.

Boat (+)  
Food (-)

9) Boat and food concessions should be permitted in the vicinity of the Nature Center or the Botanical Garden.

- Recommendation. A boat concession has been approved; a new food concession would require review and approval by the normal concession process.

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10) A water taxi will be introduced to the western end of Zilker Park.

- Recommendation. Eliminate the water taxi from the Plan.

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11) Extend the Zilker Eagle route to the MoPac bridge area, and remove it from the children's playscape area.

- Recommendation. Agree; as well as providing a longer ride, the train can assist in moving people between destinations within the park.

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12) Build a covered swimming pool, more parking, an accessible playscape, a hard-surface trail and an outdoor basketball court at McBeth Recreation Center to enhance the special populations program.

- Recommendation. Agree. A new accessible playscape has been approved; the other improvements should be developed as funding is available.

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13) Retain the existing open space along Barton Springs Road for soccer fields and other open play, but move some of the fields to the south side of Barton Springs Road.

- Recommendation. Agree, but retain the soccer fields in their present location.

NO SOUTH  
soccer fields

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14) The open area north of the rock outcrop will be used as a outdoor performance site for low-amplification concerts and plays.

- Recommendation. Agree, only for low-noise events and when the Hillside Theatre is not available.

low-amplification

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15) Renovate the Hillside Theatre.

- Recommendation: Renovation plans are in progress.

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16) Convert the current caretaker's home to a small restaurant.

- Recommendation: Eliminate from the Plan.

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17) Relocate the maintenance facility.

- Recommendation: Agree.

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18) Improve land east of Barton Springs Pool for neighborhood activities.

- Recommendation: Agree.

Please contact me if you require additional information.

*for* *June M. Heitz*

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

### SCHEDULE

**Phase One: Colorado River Park**

- February 22: PARD Recommendation
- March 8 and March 22: 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: Parks and Recreation Board

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

DATE: April 21, 1994

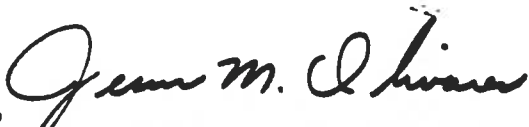
SUBJECT: Austin Aqua Festival

The following information is to share with you the activities and status of the Aqua Festival License Agreement.

Early this year I received a letter from Monica Davis, the 1994 Commodore for Austin Aqua Festival. It proposed modifications to the payment segments of the Licensing Agreement in effect between the City and Aqua Festival. After discussion with Aqua Fest officials, the following consensus was reached between the two groups:

- . Aqua Festival will pay \$1,500 per event day and \$250 per non-event day for use of Auditorium Shores.
- . Monies given the City for park improvements will be used at the discretion of the City of Austin.
- . The City will receive full recovery on direct costs for use of Auditorium Shores.
- . The City will retain the right to conduct and audit and adjust payments as a result of the audit, if needed.
- . Four (4) yearly equal payments will be allowed for Aqua Festival to pay the City funds owned under the Licensing Agreement for the 1993 event.
- . In four years, the License Agreement will be re-negotiated.

We are currently scheduling required review by the Planning Commission, with a proposed request for Council action on May 12. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at 499-6717.

*for* 

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





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Board Members

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

**DATE:** May 5, 1994

**SUBJECT:** Improvement Agreement for Norwood Estate

On April 27, 1989, the City Council passed a resolution (Attachment A) reserving the Norwood Estate - located at the northwest corner of Riverside Drive and IH 35 - for a 5-year period for the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas (WCCT) to make property improvements including the following: relocation and renovation of the house; renovation of the grounds; and creation of a sculpture garden. By April 1993, the WCCT had raised adequate funds to hire an architect to execute a plan for the proper relocation of the house. Several months later, on the basis of WCCT's commitment to continue and complete the project, PARD began discussions on a formal agreement.

The main points of the proposed "Parkland Improvement Agreement" include a term of five (5) years which may be extended on an annual basis as necessary to complete the Improvements. Improvements include relocation and restoration of the house, restoration of the grounds, and creation of a sculpture garden. The Improvements are divided into six phases to be completed sequentially within certain years (see Attachment B). The last phase is development of the sculpture garden, which is seen as an ongoing endeavor, and therefore has no completion date.

All costs of the Improvements will be borne by WCCT. Each phase of the Improvements must be approved by PARD prior to commencing work. WCCT must show substantial progress in completing all Improvements on schedule before the City shall grant extensions to the term of the Agreement.

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Norwood Estate  
May 5, 1994  
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The Improvement Agreement will have an exhibit entitled "Norwood Estate Sculpture Garden Maintenance, Operation and Improvement Agreement" (Operation Agreement), to govern the property after the Improvements have been completed and accepted by the City. This Agreement is based on the City's operation agreement with the Friends of the Umlauf Sculpture Garden. The term is for 10 years, but may be extended for two additional periods of up to ten (10) years each.

PARD will assume standard maintenance and operation responsibilities (equivalent to other PARD facilities) for Norwood, upon annual approval of such duties in PARD's operating budget.

WCCT will assume responsibility for all other maintenance and operations including but not limited to all specialized horticultural and grounds maintenance, operation of the Visitors' Center (in the house), special security to protect the outdoor sculptures, and public information costs. WCCT would also manage, operate and program the Garden to exhibit sculptures, stage events and exhibits, and schedule the facility for special meetings or events.

The Garden will be open to the public, and its hours and fees subject to annual approval by the City. WCCT may make further improvements to the facility only upon written consent from the City. WCCT must follow the City's policies and procedures for acquisition and loan of public artwork, and shall assign ownership of all acquired artwork to the City.

Revenues generated from operation of the Garden shall be used by WCCT to meet operational and maintenance expenses, and for further improvements. Revenues will be deposited in a special account, and WCCT shall make regular accounting reports to the City.

There are no estimated operation and maintenance costs for the restored house and grounds at this time because the project is so conceptual. However, at the request of the Land and Facilities Committee, and for very general comparative purposes only, I am providing the following operating costs for the Umlauf Sculpture Garden.

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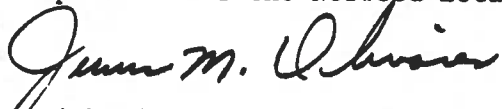
	1993 Actual Costs	1994 Estimated Costs	1995 Proposed Costs
City of Austin	\$46,832	\$50,344	\$50,344
Umlauf	85,821	90,119	94,651
Total	\$132,653	\$140,463	\$144,995

City of Austin budget: 100% General Fund

Umlauf budget: 34% Interest from Endowment Fund  
32% Income from reservation fees  
20% Income from admission fees  
14% Grants

Following Board action, this item will go before the City Council; they will be asked to authorize the Department to negotiate and execute the proposed agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: I request your approval to negotiate and execute this proposed agreement with WCCT for improvements to and operation of the Norwood Estate.

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

MJH:sc

# ATTACHMENT A

## R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan, adopted by resolution of City Council April 14, 1988, envisions the preservation and development of Town Lake Park being accomplished primarily through the generosity of private organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood Park land, better known as the Norwood Estate, is of historic and architectural significance to the City of Austin, and is recommended for renovation in the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas has expressed interest in raising funds to renovate the house and grounds, and to construct a sculpture garden dedicated to the women of Texas;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager, or her designee, shall reserve the Norwood Park land, as identified in the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated by reference for all purposes, for a period of five years for the following activities by the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas: ~~(a) the relocation and renovation of the Norwood House;~~ (b) the renovation of the Norwood grounds, in cooperation with the Texas Landscape Council; and ~~(c)~~ construction of a sculpture garden in honor of the women of Texas. A report concerning the status of the project shall be given to the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board and the Parks and

Recreation Board in October, 1989, and annually thereafter. If, at the end of five years, significant progress is judged by the City Council to have been made, then the City Council may direct that this reservation may be renewed by the City Manager or her designee.

ADOPTED: April 27, 1989. ATTEST: James E. Aldridge  
James E. Aldridge  
City Clerk

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# NORWOOD PLACE

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(COLORADO RIVER)

EDGECLIFF TERRACE

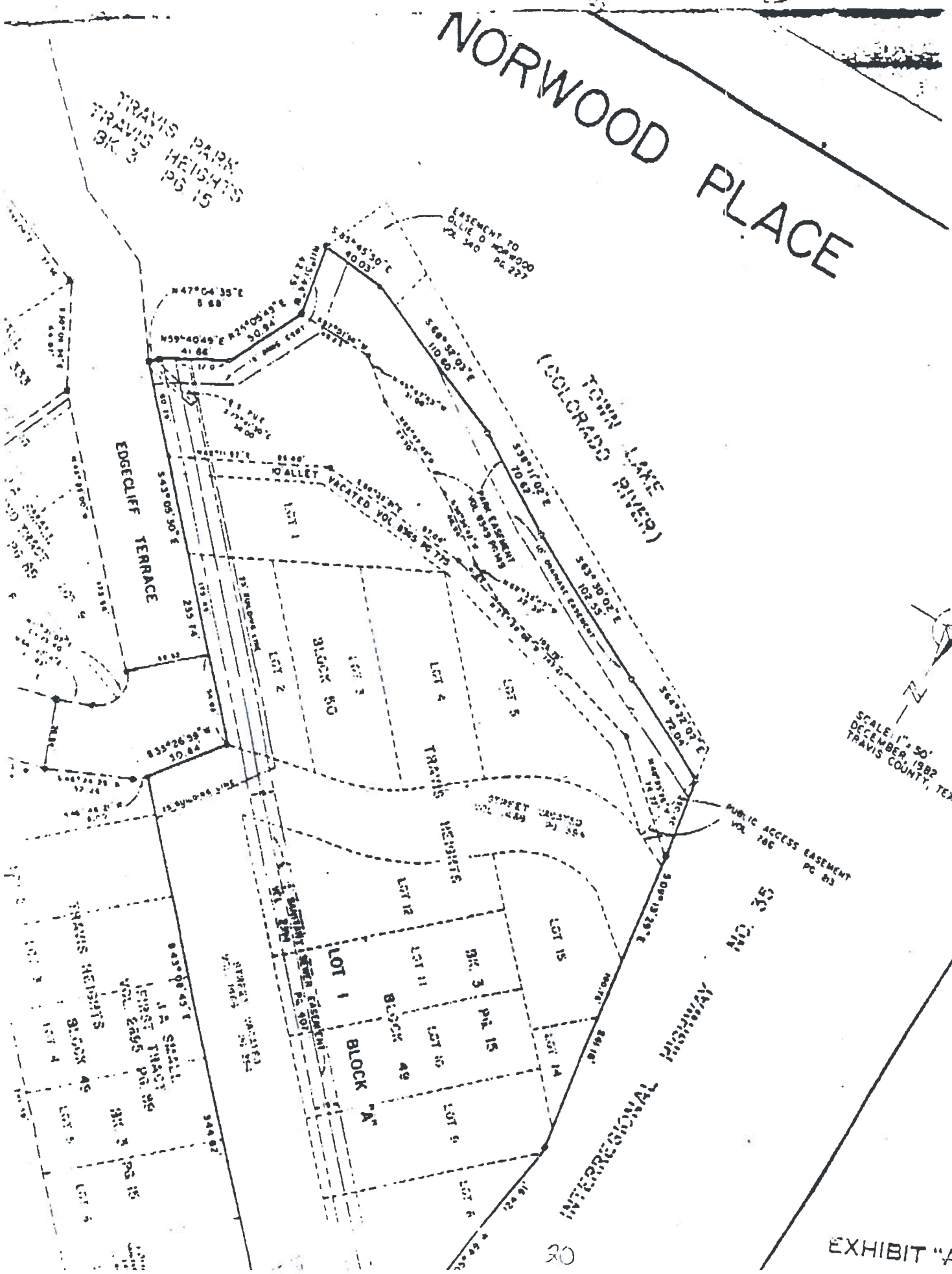
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INTERNATIONAL TOWN LAKE

EXHIBIT "A"





TOWN LAKE

Original location  
of house

EDGECLIFF TERRACE

1.51 AC

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Existing location  
of house

NORWOOD  
Parkland Property

3.08 AC

\* Transportation and Public Services Property

RIVERSIDE DRIVE

NORWOOD PROPERTY  
Not to scale



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EXHIBIT "A"

# ATTACHMENT B

## NORWOOD IMPROVEMENTS

PHASES	COMPLETION YEAR
PHASE ONE: Historical research to determine technical specifications for relocation of house.	1994
PHASE TWO: Relocation of house	1994
PHASE THREE: Historical report for proper restoration of house and grounds as well as candidacy for National Register of Historic Places	1995
PHASE FOUR: Fundraising for next phase	1996
PHASE FIVE: Restoration of house and grounds	1998
PHASE SIX: Develop sculpture garden	Ongoing

ROBERT MARTINEZ, JR. ST.

PARKING LOT

TONY CASTILLO  
Field

ROBERT MARTINEZ, JR.  
Field

ROY VELASQUEZ, Sr. COMPLEX

ROBERT MENDOZA  
Field

- E.

Parking  
LOT

BRIDGE

HAROS  
Field

CAPUCHINOS  
Field

TOWN LAKE - RIVER