



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: September 17, 1997

SUBJECT: Gillis Park, Creek Bank Stabilization Project

The City's Drainage Utility Department has secured a grant from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for a creek bank stabilization demonstration project. The proposal is to use alternative methods of bank stabilization to the hard engineered materials such as concrete and gabions.

Stabilization would take place along about 300' of the creek in the southwest corner of Gillis Park adjacent to South First Street and the South Austin Health Center. The various stabilization methods to be used would be stacked limestone rocks, a soft retaining wall system (comprising soil wrapped with a geotextile fabric and a vegetated face), and grading to provide a continuous overbank area that would accommodate flood flows.

During construction the individual processes would be videotaped and compiled into a presentation that would be a "how to" for construction crews.

Recommendation

I recommend support for this demonstration project to stabilize the eroded creek banks in Gillis Park. If I can answer any questions or provide you with any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.


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SUBJECT: Parkland Improvement and Use Agreement
Sendera Park

*Milburn -
Build everything
Maintain pking lot, pool
CoA-maintain parkland*

Milburn Homes, developer of the Sendera Subdivision (see Attachment 1) located within the boundaries of the former Maple Run at Austin MUD, dedicated a 4.6 acre park to the MUD prior to the City's annexation and dissolution of the MUD. Upon dissolution of the MUD, the park (known informally as "Sendera Park") became City of Austin parkland. Immediately adjacent to the park is the 1.5 acre private lot which Milburn Homes will develop as the Sendera Amenities Area with a bathhouse, pool and picnic facilities.

Through the proposed Parkland Improvement and Use Agreement, Milburn Homes will build a driveway and parking lot for use by patrons of both the City's "Sendera Park" and the private Sendera Amenities Area. The parking lot will straddle the two adjacent lots. Only the pool and bathhouse will be fenced; all other areas of the two lots will be open to the public (see Attachment 2).

Milburn Homes will build on the parkland to the specifications of the Parks and Recreation Department a trail traversing the length of the park, connecting from Davis Lane to Slaughter Lane via sidewalks along Sendera Mesa Drive, as well as to the parking lot and the Amenities Area. Milburn Homes will also build a fence around a cave found on the park property.

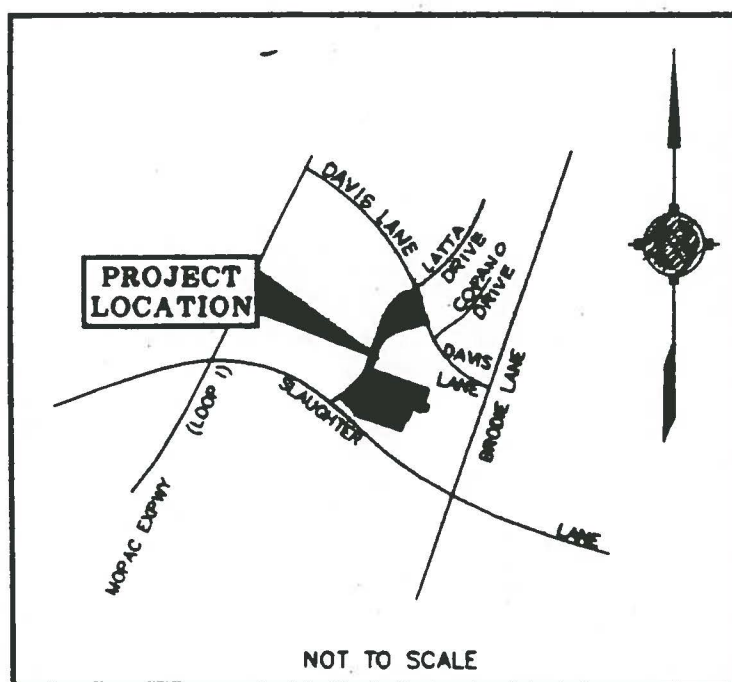
Maintenance of the private Sendera Amenities Area lot will be performed by either Milburn Homes or the newly formed Sendera Owners Association, should Milburn Homes transfer that responsibility to the Association. The entire parking lot will be maintained by Milburn Homes or the Association. The parkland will be maintained by the City.

The Agreement will specify that neither Milburn Homes nor the Association may build a fence or other enclosure of their property without the consent of the City, so the property line between the adjacent lots will be invisible to the user.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement and Use Agreement for construction of a joint use drive and parking lot, as described above.

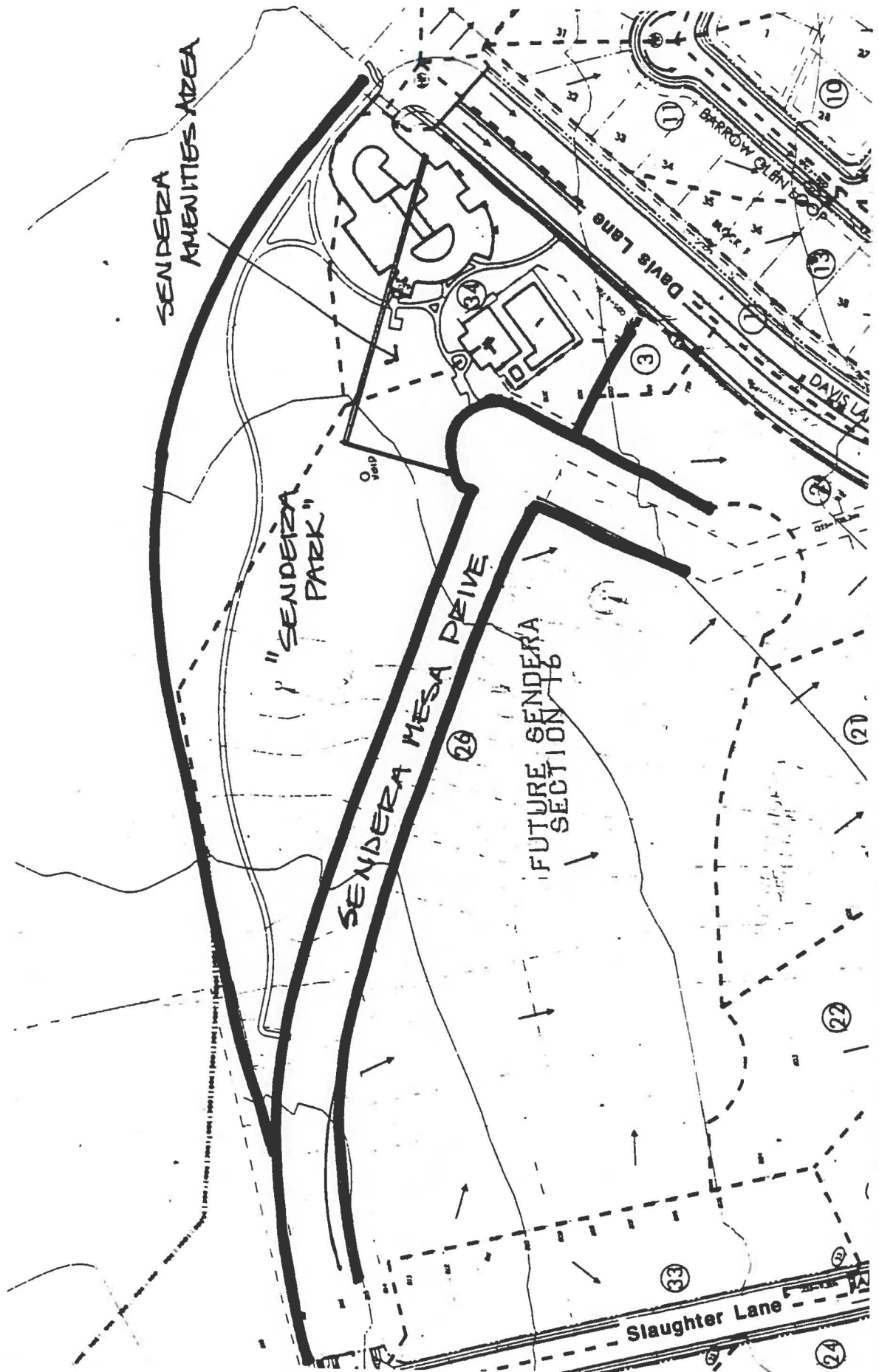
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ATTACHMENT 2





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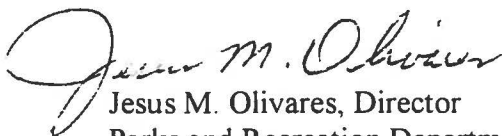
DATE: September 18, 1997

SUBJECT: Public Hearings for BCP Land Management Plans

In order to receive public comment on the BCP Land Management Plans, I am proposing that the Parks Board and the Environmental Board hold two joint public hearings. The staff from Drainage Utility and Parks and Recreation have been working to coordinate the desires of both boards.

The Environmental Board reviewed the proposed process and some potential dates at their meeting of September 17, 1997. They agreed with the staff recommendation on the public input process. The Environmental Board stated **October 21, 1997** would work for their schedules and suggested that the following public hearing take place the week of November 9, 1997. Since there is a holiday early that week and since the Council meeting has been cancelled, it was determined to hold the meeting on Thursday, **November 13, 1997**.

I look forward to discussing this process and potential dates under "Director's Report" at your meeting of September 23, 1997.


Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

Xc: Juan Valera, Division Manager



MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board Members

From: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

Date:

Subject: Concession under the 360 Bridge

In response to your request for information on the Jet Ski concession under the 360 overpass, I have the following:

- ◆ The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) owns the Loop 360 Boat Ramp Park.
- ◆ TxDot contracted with Travis County in approximately 1983 to build the boat ramp at Loop 360 Boat Ramp Park.
- ◆ After the boat ramp was built, TxDot then contracted with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife (TDPW) to operate and maintain the park.
- ◆ Subsequently, TDPW entered into a contract with Travis County to operate and maintain the Park, without TxDot's approval.
- ◆ In 1996 Travis County entered into a contract for a Jet Ski rental concession next to the boat ramp.
- ◆ This summer, TxDot instructed Travis County to move the Concession out of Loop 360 Boat Ramp Park.
- ◆ Travis County has amended its contract with the Jet Ski operator and will relocate this concession by September 30, 1997. The new location will be on County owned property near Mansfield Dam on Lake Travis.
- ◆ Earlier this year TxDot realized that the management of this park had been subcontracted to Travis County. TxDot, TDPW and Travis County are currently negotiating an agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Loop 360 Boat Ramp Park.

Staff has requested legal to review and give an opinion on the City's authority on the waterways of Lake Austin.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at 499-6717.

Sincerely,

Jesus M. Olivares, Director
City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department