## ADDRESS: $\quad 7100$ Northcrest Blvd.

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| AREA: | 7.464 acres |
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| EXISTING ZONING: | P-NP |
| WATERSHED: | Waller Creek (Urban) |
| NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN: | Highland |
| T.I.A: | N/A |
| COUNCIL DISTRICT: | 4 |

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The applicant proposes to remove a portion of a parking lot and to replace with a water quality facility (approximately 0.5 acres in size) designed to receive flow from both an existing 48- and 21-inch storm drain. The proposed water quality facility is a partial sedimentation and biofiltration pond.

Multiple waivers and administrative variances were granted:

- LDC 25-8-261 - Critical Water Quality Zone Development
- B. 3 - a hard surfaced trail (access road) is planned to provide Austin Energy with maintenance access to existing assets
- DCM 1.2.4 - Drainage System
- E.3(a) - 12-foot maintenance access strip
- E.3(b) - 50-foot setback


## SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the conditional use permit because the Public ( P ) zoning district allows civic land uses. The proposed improvements would fall under the use of Parks and Recreation (General), which is in the civic land use category. The site plan will comply with all requirements of the Land Development Code prior to its release.

## SUMMARY STAFF COMMENT ON SITE PLAN:

The applicant proposes improvements to the existing Highland Neighborhood Park and Reznicek Fields at W St. John's Avenue and Northcrest Blvd. Sites zoned Public (P) greater than one acre in size are a Conditional Use that require Land Use Commission approval according to Land Development Code section 25-2-625.

## PROJECT INFORMATION:

| SITE AREA | 7.464 acres, approximately $325,131.8 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$. |
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| ZONING | P-NP (Public) |

CARTS Eastside Bus Plaza

| PROPOSED USE | Parks and Recreation Services (General) |
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| PROPOSED IMPERVIOUS COVER | 1.19 acres, approximately $17 \%$ |
| PROPOSED BUILDING COVERAGE | 2,115 sq. ft. |
| PROPOSED BUILDING HEIGHT | 2 stories, approximately 20 ft . (pavilion) |
| PROPOSED F.A.R | $0.0065: 1$ |
| PROPOSED ACCESS | Existing access from W St. John's Avenue |
| PROPOSED PARKING | 147 spaces, reduced from 219 (50 required) |

## NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Independent School District
Austin Neighborhoods Council
Bike Austin
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
Highland Neighborhood Association
Highland/Skyview Neigh. Plan Contact Team
Hill Country Conservancy

Homeless Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
North Austin Neighborhood Alliance
SELTexas
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
The Midtown Alliance

## CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REVIEW AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation is included to provide staff position on each point of the conditional use permit criteria. Section 25-5-145 of the Land Development Code states: "The Commission shall determine whether the proposed development or use of a conditional use site plan complies with the requirements of this section."

A conditional use site plan must:

1. Comply with the requirements of this title; Staff response: This application complies with the requirements of this title.
2. Comply with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district; Staff response: This application complies with the objectives and purposes of the zoning district.
3. Have building height, bulk, scale, setback, open space, landscaping, drainage, access, traffic circulation, and use that are compatible with the use of an abutting site; Staff response: This application is compatible with the abutting sites.
4. Provide adequate and convenient off-street parking and loading facilities; Staff response: Adequate parking and loading facilities have been provided.
5. Reasonably protect persons and property from erosion, flood, fire, noises, glare, and similar adverse effects; Staff response: The proposed project does not contribute to any of these adverse effects.

A conditional use site plan may not:

1. More adversely affect an adjoining site than would a permitted use; Staff response: The site plan will conform with all regulations and standards established by the Land Development Code prior to its release.
2. Adversely affect the safety or convenience of vehicular or pedestrian circulation, including reasonably anticipated traffic and uses in the area; Staff response: The project is not anticipated to have any detriment to safety or convenience.
3. Adversely affect an adjacent property or traffic control through the location, lighting, or type of signs; Staff response: No signage or lighting is proposed that would affect adjacent properties or traffic control.

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