

**Agenda Questions/Responses
July 29, 2004**

6. Please provide 30-year revenue and cost estimates. (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

Response is confidential due to Public Power Utility Competitive Matters, and will be hand-distributed to Council Members on Wednesday, July 28, 2004.

10. Does this include both water and wastewater? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

It is only wastewater. This is continued work on the Northeast Service Area Wastewater Master Plan.

12. - Please translate the gpm into LUEs and compare to current situation. (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

Currently the Village of San Leanna has approximately 168 connections. The maximum service level of the proposed wholesale water agreement should be able to provide service to approximately 190 connections.

- Does San Leanna continue pumping from the aquifer and just use COA water in an emergency? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

Under the proposed contract, during a ten-year period, San Leanna could continue to use the aquifer and just use City water for emergencies only. Under the proposed contract, the City would not provide emergency water after the ten-year period. At any time during the contract term, San Leanna could choose to initiate wholesale water service from the City of Austin and curtail their use of the aquifer for potable water.

- What is considered an emergency in this case? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

Emergency is defined as an act of God or similar sudden unforeseen and unpreventable catastrophic combination of circumstances that renders San Leanna unable to provide water service from their wells. It does NOT include water service interruptions for scheduled maintenance, regulatory impediments or events that are foreseeable or preventable by the exercise of due diligence (including drought contingency management).

- Please provide a map of the service area. The one in the back-up is very difficult to read electronically. (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

A copy of the map has been sent to Council Offices.

13. Is this tract in the COA limited purpose annexation area? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

The tract is not located within the City's limited purpose annexation area, but is located within our ETJ.

17. What are the ages of these racers? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

It's proposed as a family entertainment business and the ages will range from 6 - 60.

21. Can it be determined how much the state does provide in childcare funds to Austin? (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Development Board (state) direct childcare funding for Travis County is as follows :

Total for FY 02:	\$ 9,855,678
Total for FY 03:	\$ 9,663,200

FY04 current budget: \$10,482,037*

*\$655,583 is for Child Protective Services clients' child care.

36. Please clarify how much of the street this is. (Council Member Daryl Slusher)

The entire 2900 Block of University Avenue, which equals .463 acres.
There is also a highlighted "sketch" backup map in AMS.

Z-1a. Has the staff or owner/applicant reached agreement on any alternative proposal? (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

No. The applicant has not provided any new information regarding this neighborhood plan amendment.

Z-1b. Please provide a map of the property that shows the AO-3 airport overlay zone on it. (Council Member Raul Alvarez)

A copy of the map indicating the property (currently zoned CS-CO-NP) and the AO-3 airport overlay zone line is being sent via e-mail attachment to Council. According the Aviation Department, the area between the southern boundary line of the property (CS-CO-NP & SF-6-CO-NP/MF-3-CO-NP boundary) and the AO-3 line is occupied by a City of Austin electric transmission easement that prohibits development, including residential structures.



Citizen
Communication
7-29-04

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Warren Struss, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Joe Pantaloni, Director, Watershed Protection and Development
Review Department

DATE: July 28, 2004

SUBJECT: Dannie Miller
Citizen Communication - July 29, 2004

Stuart Strong, Division Manager, Planning and Design for the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) spoke with Mr. Dannie Miller by telephone on July 15, 2004 regarding flooding on West Bouldin Creek. Mr. Miller expressed concerns about the impact of flooding on his rental houses at the north dead end of South Sixth Street, which are located within the 25- year and 100- year floodplains.

The City owns the 15-acre West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt which extends approximately ½ mile south of Barton Springs Road and is bounded on the east in one section by South Sixth Street. In order to provide an accessible route across the creek, PARD is building a concrete low water crossing near Mr. Miller's houses, which are across the street from the greenbelt. Mr. Miller's houses have flooded in the past and he feels flooding is getting worse, in part, due to this new low water crossing. The low water crossing is designed as a concrete slab, raised approximately two feet above the bed of the creek, supported by a central pier and abutments at either end.

It was explained to Mr. Miller on the telephone and in a meeting on site in April, that PARD applied for and received City development permits for the low water crossing. As required for all structures in a creek, PARD commissioned a professional engineering analysis of the impact of the crossing on the existing floodplain. According to the engineering report, the impact of the low water crossing on the floodplain will be negligible and, if underbrush in the area is cleared, the existing floodplain will be lowered. PARD has included a bi-annual clearing of underbrush in the maintenance schedule.

As referenced above, four of Mr. Miller's residential structures on South 6th Street are located within the 25 and 100- year floodplain and are subject to flooding. Citywide there are an estimated 7,000-8,000 structures in the 100-year floodplain. Proposed solutions considered for this segment of West Bouldin Creek include channelization and buyouts. According to the Watershed Protection Master Plan, the creek channel in this area would have to be widened at least 100 ft. to contain the 100- year flood which is considered financially infeasible from a land/easement acquisition, construction and environmental perspective.

In accordance with the Council approved Master Plan, WPDRD is proceeding with flood hazard mitigation projects on a priority basis. Problem areas with the most severe flooding are given a higher priority for funding. Within the West Bouldin Creek watershed, there are two creek segments considered high priorities. These areas are the very bottom of West Bouldin Creek in the Barton Springs Road area which is ranked as a "High" problem area and the Woodview mobile home park area which is rated as a "Very High" problem area.

In response to Mr. Miller's request for maintenance along West Bouldin Creek adjacent to his properties, WPDRD Field Operations Division staff inspected the creek on July 26th. In response to this site visit, creek maintenance field crews are scheduled to remove a downed tree and any other flow obstructions within the next three weeks.

Staff concluded that any modification or excavation of the berm along South 6th Street would not have a beneficial effect on the flooding situation. The berm is estimated at one ft. to two ft. in height above the curb height and lengthwise runs approximately two hundred feet parallel to South 6th Street to the north dead-end of the street. The berm contains smaller storms within the channel, with the channel being only about four feet in depth in this area. During large storm events when water is flowing out of the channel into South 6th Street, the berm does not impair the flow of flood-waters by the creek or increase floodplain elevations. Floodwaters re-enter the creek channel at the end of South 6th Street. As for the point where the access to the low water crossing intersects South 6th Street possibly allowing floodwaters to spill into the street, PARD will request the design engineer to survey the elevation of the berm to determine if it would be appropriate to construct a high point in the drive that is equivalent to the berm elevation. However, it does not appear that the recent construction has lowered the ground elevation to accommodate the low-water pedestrian crossing.

Given this information, it is PARD's position to move forward with the construction of the low- water concrete pedestrian crossing. For further information regarding this matter please feel free to contact Stuart Strong, Division Manager, Park Planning and Design at 974-6766 or George Oswald, Division Manager, Watershed Protection and Development Review, 974-3369.

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