



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Urcha Dunbar-Crespo, Acting Purchasing Officer *Urcha Crespo*

DATE: October 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Walter E. Long Golf Course Development, RFQS TVN0102

The purpose of this memo is to forward correspondence from neighborhood associations received by the Purchasing Office regarding the briefing on the October 16, 2014 Council agenda for the development of a golf course at the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park. The attached letters were received by the Authorized Contact for the solicitation.

Attachments:

Colony Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. letter
WildHorse Ranch PUD letter

Cc: Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer
Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Dale Glover, PARB
Jane Rivera, PARB
Jeff Francell, PARB

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On Monday, October 6, 2014 representatives of the Colony Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) and the Colony Park/Lakeside Community Development Corporation (CP/LS CDC) met with Warren Hayes, Vice President of Decker Lake Golf-the company who has been awarded the RFQ to develop the Walter E. Long Park PGA style Golf Course. This meeting was held to address concerns that would impact the Colony Park/Lakeside Communities

It is our understanding that the Golf Course is already a part of the original plans for the Walter E. Long Park. It has been explained to us that many of the issues and concerns we emphasized in a previous letter to the City Council, Mayor and City Manager will be addressed in the next phase of the project. Some of our main concerns; extensive community engagement, job creation, the ecological impact of the development on the parkland, and the participation of the community in the development and planning process.

At our meeting with Mr. Hayes, he tried to respond and address our concerns pertinent to his area of expertise. Though there are still several issues that remain outstanding, it is the consensus of the Core Team and membership of the Colony Park Neighborhood Association, as well as the Executive Committee and a quorum of the Board of Directors of the Colony Park/Lakeside Community Development Corporation to support the development of this project.

Another critical concern is the role of the City of Austin Parks and Recreations Department ("PARD"). Our experience with the PARD staff and their lack of willingness to get things done in an efficient manner is less than stellar. The CPNA and the newly formed CP/LS CDC will press for a more efficient working relationship with PARD and City Management in order to ensure that this monumental project is not hampered by poor communication or coordination.

Finally, we are requesting that the same process that is being used with the NHCD department in developing the 208 acres located in CP/LS be implemented with this development project. We request that Core Team members of the CPNA and CP/LS CDC be represented in all key decision making meetings, especially those dealing with distribution of funds/scholarships or youth education to the community from those sponsored/tournament events to be held at the Decker Lake Golf Course.

We sincerely look forward to the opportunity to be involved and be an active participant in this development project. Thank you for your consideration in our requests regarding that involvement.

Sincerely,

Barbara Scott, President
Colony Park Neighborhood
Association

Margarita Decierdo, President
Colony Park/Lakeside Community Development Corporation



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Honorable Mayor Lee Leffingwell
Austin City Council

Re: Support for Decker Lake Golf in Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

On behalf of WildHorse Ranch PUD, please consider this Letter of Support for the abovementioned - Planned Golf Course Developments. The plans seem consistent with the long standing Lake Long Master Plan.

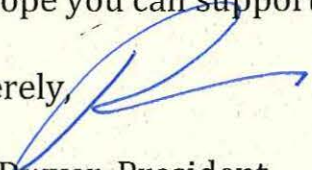
WildHorse Ranch PUD is directly adjacent to the northern border of the planned golf facility. We would welcome the economic development opportunities and the potential to bring events, jobs and customers to the surrounding area.

This Planned Golf Course Development is consistent with the Imagine Austin Green Infrastructure Priority and will be complementary with the Austin to Manor Rail Trail; and the Gilleland Creek Greenway being assembled by Travis County.

The many CAMPO planned roadway improvements like the Highway 290 Manor Expressway, SH 130, the Parmer Lane Extension, and the WildHorse Connector Phases 1 and 2 are providing transportation infrastructure in the Desired Development Zone of Eastern Travis County, that should help facilitate traffic movement at future events at this Planned Golf Course Development.

We hope you can support this project.

Sincerely,



Pete Dwyer, President
Dwyer Realty Companies