




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kimberly A. McNeeley, CPRP, Acting Director 
Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: December 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Update on Council Resolution No. 20110825-070 Barton Springs Master Plan

In October 2006, Austin City Council directed the City Manager and the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to work with the Friends of Barton Springs Pool and other community groups to develop the Barton Springs Pool (BSP) Master Plan. Due to the environmental sensitivities of the pool and the springs, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) and Watershed Protection Department (WPD) began working together on the BSP Master Plan in February, 2007. PARD and WPD made recommendations to Council for short-term improvements and deferred maintenance projects in September, 2007. Following the recommendations, Council approved action to fund the identified short-term projects, and recommended creating the Joint Committee consisting of Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board Members.

In October 2007, funding for the Short-Term Projects was received by PARD and in December, 2007, the first official Joint Committee meeting was held to support the completion of the short-term projects. The purpose of the Joint Committee is to provide assistance in conducting public outreach, and to ensure that projects meet both the environmental goals and objectives of the BSP Master Plan, as well as the recreational needs of the general public. In addition, the Joint Committee provided oversight for the implementation of the Council-approved short-term projects.

Below is a summary of the short-term projects along with progress status to date. Please note that all short-term projects have been completed, with the only exception being the restoration improvements on the historic Sunken Garden, which are on hold until additional funding is identified.

Subproject Name		Date Completed\Status	Budget Estimate
Barton Springs Pool - General Grounds Improvements	Completed	2014	\$4,600,000
Barton Springs - Tree Assessment	Completed	2014	\$95,000
Barton Springs - Interpretive Plan	Completed	2012	\$83,605
Barton Springs - Removal of Flood Debris	Completed	2011	\$741,000
Barton Springs - Bathhouse Renovations Roof\Mech.	Completed	2011	\$766,404
Barton Springs - Hydrodynamic-Related Study\Imps.	Completed	2017	\$102,000
Barton Springs - Sunken Garden Imp. Phase 1	Hold	Requires Funding	
Barton Springs - Structural Testing of Dams	Completed	2013	\$137,000
Barton Springs - Replace Bypass Inlet Grate	Completed	2012	\$311,000
Barton Springs Pool - Pump Replacement	Completed	2017	\$50,000
Total To Date			\$6,886,009

While PARD continues to evaluate alternative funding sources, including Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funding, for the completion of the improvements to the Sunken Garden, PARD respectfully requests the suspension of CIUR 588 – Barton Springs Master Plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6722.

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