



PARKLAND EVENTS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation Number: 20160517-E1: Recommend policy changes regarding the Long Center for the Performing Arts, center scheduling, coordination and status of the Skyline Theatre performances.

WHEREAS, the Town Lake Metropolitan Park is an important public asset that is utilized by park users, trail users, the Long Center, Palmer Events Center, and Daugherty Arts Center, Ballet Austin, Austin Opera, Austin Symphony, event producers, and visitors, and,

WHEREAS, Town Lake Metropolitan Park includes Vic Mathias Shores, which is immediately adjacent to the Long Center property, and,

WHEREAS, Vic Mathias Shores has a limit of 25 event days per year to ensure that the park is available to the general public and minimize the traffic, parking and noise impacts on adjacent neighborhoods, and,

WHEREAS, the 25-event-days-per-year limit at Vic Mathias Shores has been consistently reached and is likely to be reached in the foreseeable future, and,

WHEREAS, the Long Center has recently scheduled a significant number of outdoor concerts on its property immediately adjacent to Vic Mathias Shores, and,

WHEREAS, communication or coordination of Long Center plans for large outdoor concerts with other stakeholders including the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC), Palmer Events Center, Daugherty Arts Center, adjacent neighborhoods, producers for events at Vic Mathias Shores, and Austin Parks Foundation did not follow the standard permitting process as established by the city of Austin and followed by other events, and,

WHEREAS, the outdoor concerts on the Long Center property will impact these stakeholders, and,

WHEREAS, the contract between the City and Long Center apparently does not limit the number and size of outdoor events on the Long Center property or require the Long Center to coordinate with other stakeholders on outdoor events, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parkland Events Task Force (PETF) hereby recommends that the Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Committee of the City Council:

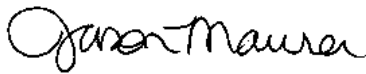
1. Enforce existing contract provisions and review and amend the contract between the City

and Long Center to address policies regarding outdoor concerts on the Long Center property.

2. Redefine leasable space for the Long Center to be limited to the building's footprint, including the terrace, with all other land subject to existing policies for reserving parkland for events, and events on that land incorporated into overall limits for Vic Mathias Shores/Town Lake Metropolitan Park.
3. Direct the City Manager to establish a permanent committee that includes the Long Center, PARD, Palmer Events Center, Ballet Austin, Austin Opera, Austin Symphony, Daugherty Arts Center, adjacent neighborhoods, producers for events at Vic Mathias Shores, and Austin Parks Foundation to establish a permanent committee to coordinate and plan events at Town Lake Metropolitan Park.
4. Require that the Long Center conform with existing City event policies to reduce and/or eliminate all scheduling conflicts between venues and organizations.

Date of Approval: _____ May 17, 2016 _____

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 13-0 vote



Attest: _____

City Staff Liaison to Task Force