

**Public Hearing
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing the realignment of the road known as Sandra Muraida Way and construction of a water quality pond in the area of dedicated parkland known as The Sand Beach Reserve in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

REQUESTING Public Works **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Parks and Recreation; **AUTHORIZATION:** Sondra Creighton

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Junie Plummer, 974-7085; Laura Bohl, 974-7064

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Parks Board and the Environmental Board.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Public Works Department requests approval to relocate of Sandra Muraida Way and construct a water quality pond in the area known as Sand Beach Reserve. This work will improve overall access to the Seaholm District. The net benefit is an increase in the area of dedicated parkland of 0.551 acre. The parkland will be reconfigured so that 2.591 acres of the resulting 3.142 acres will be in one large rectangular parcel, thereby improving the usability of the parkland.

The new street configuration will improve mobility and access for automobiles, bicyclists and pedestrians. It will also facilitate the proposed alignment for extending the Pfluger Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge across Cesar Chavez. The water quality facility located on 0.619 acres of dedicated parkland will collect runoff from the proposed roadway improvements from an area that presently drains existing roads directly to Town Lake. A temporary construction area of 975 square feet (0.022 acres) is required to upgrade the storm sewer pipe and outfall for the water quality facility. A temporary realignment of the Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail through the outfall construction area will provide continuous access to the Hike and Bike Trail during the construction. Mitigation will be in the form of 0.229 acres of adjacent property (.094 acres from the UPRR Crescent Tract and .135 acres from Lumbermen's Investment Corporation tract in 2000) and 1.17 acres of the existing Sandra Muraida Way right-of-way to be added to the area of dedicated parkland as approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and all restoration in

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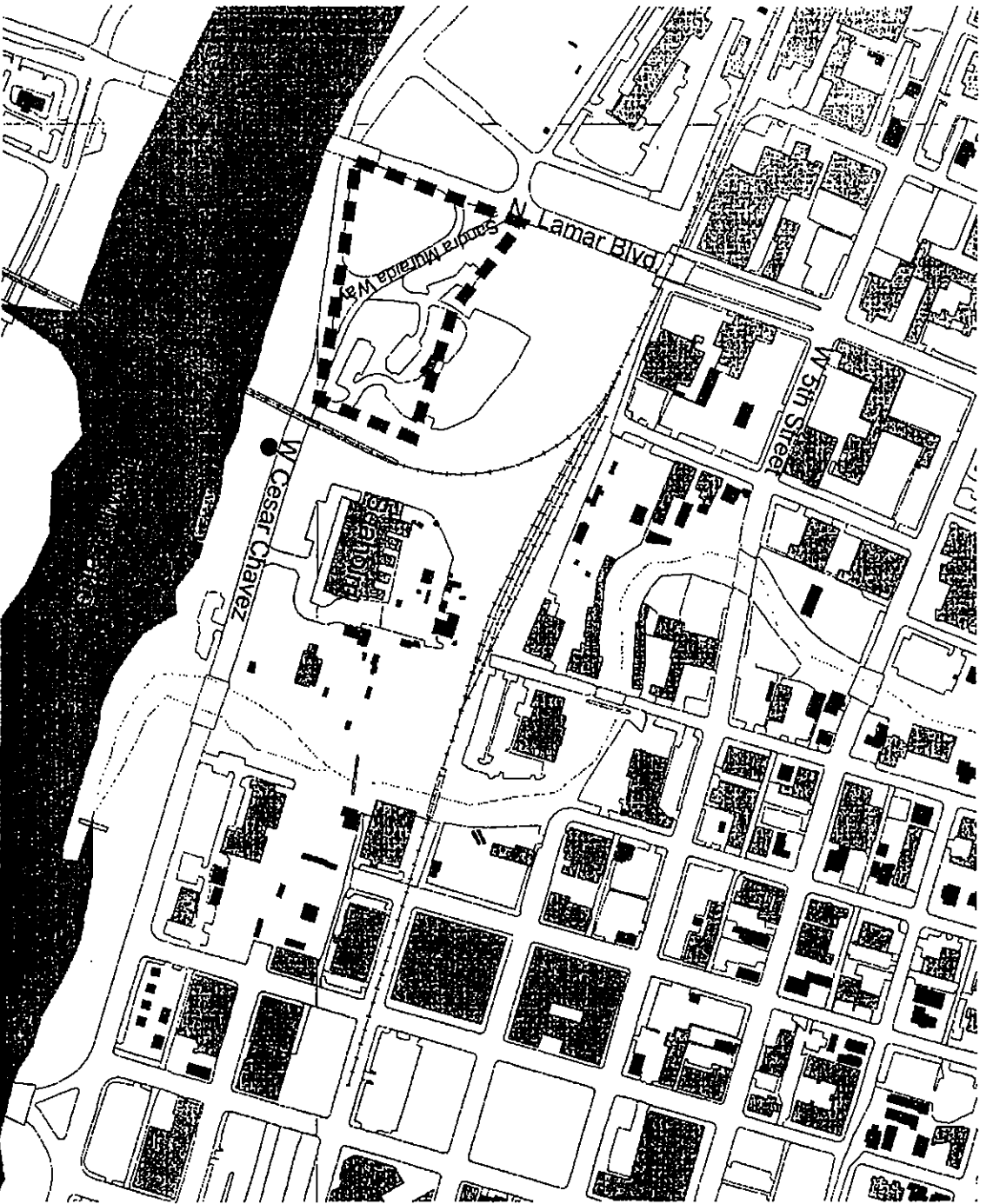
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parkland will be completed in accordance with the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The requestor is required to pay any and all costs associated with the restoration.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland, which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are: October 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2005.

Overall Calculation:

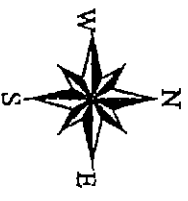
Sand Beach and other COA Tract Total:	5.079 acres	
Existing Parkland {2.591 ac – 0.619 ac Pond}	(1.972) acres	*Note: Total reconfigured parkland 1.972 + 1.17 = 3.142 acres
Parkland Mitigation	(1.17) acres	
Reconfigured ROW	(1.217) acres	
Water Quality Pond	(0.72) acre	

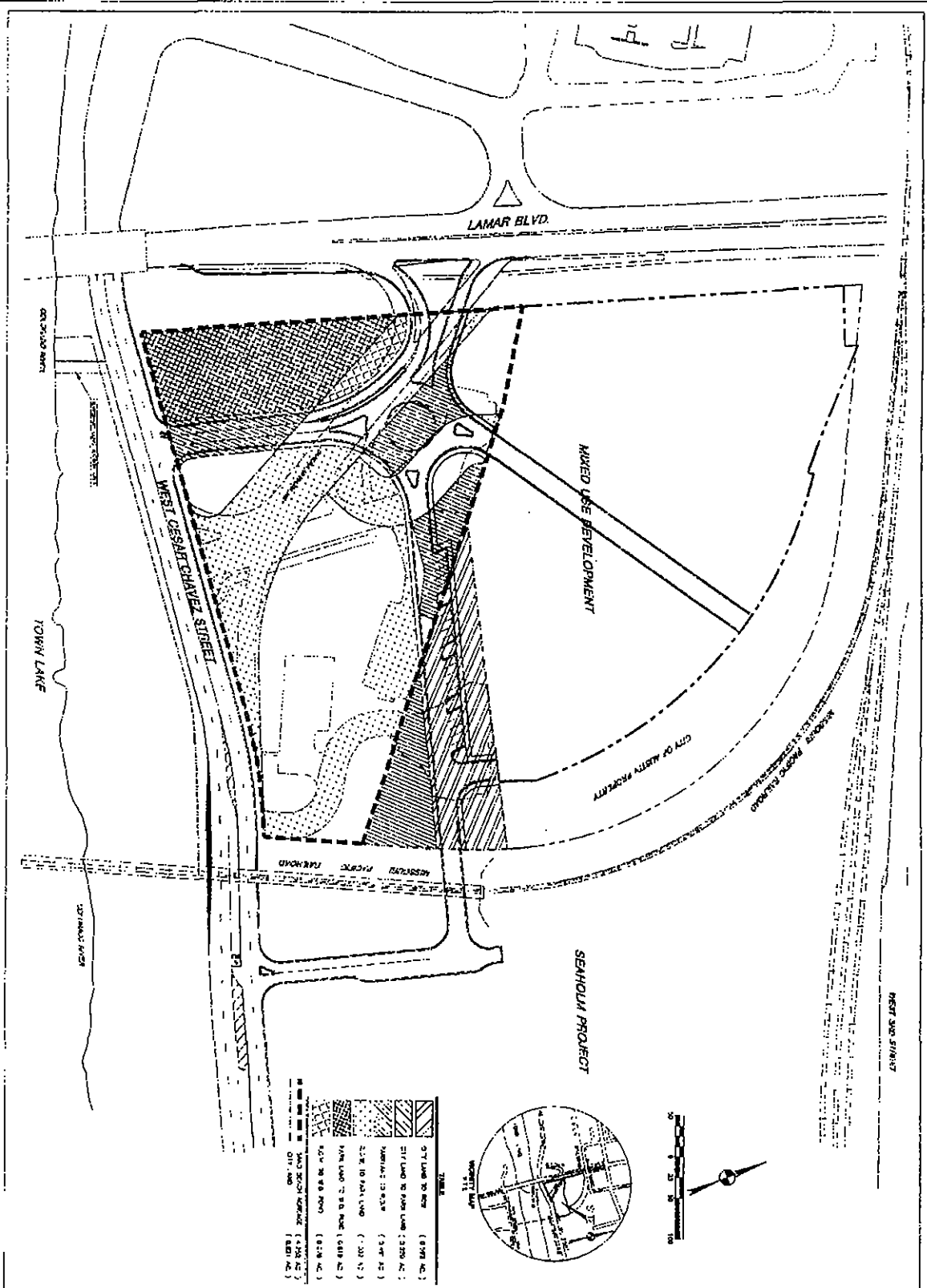


SAND BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

Subject Area

- ▲ Railroad Crossing/Intersection
- Building (100-400 sq. ft.)
- Building (400-1000 sq. ft.)
- Large Building (>1000 sq. ft.)
- Church
- School
- Industrial/Commercial
- Residential
- Public Building
- Private Property
- Other Areas of Importance
- Surroundings





From September 27, 2005 Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes:

Board member Boyt moved a recommendation in favor of staff proposal regarding the Sandra Muraida Road Realignment and detention pond on parkland and the completion of the Pfluger Bridge. Seconded by board member Bostick. Motion passed 4-2.

RESOLUTION NO. 20051103-

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

WHEREAS, the City Council was requested to review and approve the realignment of a road and construction of a water quality pond in the area of dedicated park land known as The Sand Beach Reserve; and

WHEREAS, notice of public meeting to be held on November 3, 2005, was given for three consecutive weeks on October 9, 16, and 23, 2005 in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was held November 3, 2005, by the City Council to determine the approval of the improvements proposing the use of the parkland; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council finds that, having taken into account clearly enunciated local preferences, there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of parkland (detailed in the attached Exhibit "A") for the proposed realignment of a road through and construction of a water quality pond on The Sand Beach Reserve and such proposed uses are approved.

That the City Council finds that the program of improvements includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland from the resulting use.

That the City Manager or his designee be authorized to take such measures as may be necessary for the realignment of the road and the placement of pond.

ADOPTED: November 3, 2005 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk