



## DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230413-002

Date: April 14, 2023

Subject: Draft Zilker Park Vision Plan

Motioned By: Chair Weaver

Seconded By: Commissioner Salinas

Amended By: Vice Chair Meiners, Commissioner Carroll, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Taniguchi

### **Rationale:**

Whereas, the City of Austin PARD has undergone a multi-year visioning process for Zilker Park and prepared a draft Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan with years of public engagement processes,

Whereas, The Design Commission has received a presentation dated March 22, 2023 on the current status of the draft plan in compliance with the Shared Values for Urban Spaces from the Urban Design Guidelines,

Therefore, the Design Commission recommends the adoption of the Zilker Metropolitan Vision Plan dated March 2023 as compliant in meeting Shared Values for Urban Spaces listed in the Urban Design Guidelines only with the following changes:

1. Engage a P3 Advisor for the Organizational Partnership; consider alternate funding methods for parking structures.
2. Remove the parking structure in Zone 1 to the west side of the park away from the Great Lawn. Increase services like restrooms and bike services within parking structures. Do not bury any parking structures.
3. Create a detailed accessibility plan to connect parking structures, destinations, bike racks, restrooms, water fountains and illustrate path shading. Indicate responsiveness to the current erosion due to informal trails by adding designed trail uses.
4. Create a concept lighting plan for the park
5. Maintain existing size of the Great Lawn.
6. Include language that a certain portion of sidewalks receive shade.
7. Additional locations other than the location for the Hillside Theater should be explored.
8. Remove the parking garage in Zone 5 on Azie Morton.
9. Remove all pavement on Lou Neff road and replace with an accessible pedestrian path also accessible to emergency vehicles.
10. Maintain recreational facilities as much as possible and maintain the inclusiveness of diverse communities.
11. Continue improving connectivity of the shuttle program to and within the park.

**Vote 8-0**

For: Chair Weaver, Vice Chair Meiners, Commissioner Anstead, Commissioner Carroll,  
Commissioner Luckens, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Salinas, Commissioner  
Taniguchi

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Commissioner Ladner, Commissioner Rollason, Commissioner Whatley

Attest:

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Jen Weaver, Chair  
City of Austin Design Commission