

From: Arnold, Tony [PARD]
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2016 2:11 PM
To: Stump, Marty; Kallivoka, Liana; Mike Walker [REDACTED] Lindsey Sokol
Cc: Lesniak, Chuck; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth]; McKown, OB
Subject: Zilker Parking Lot

All,

Good Afternoon, I met with Beth and Chuck Yesterday afternoon and they have both agreed that this can move forward in the smaller section of land as we had discussed in our latest meeting. There are a couple of caveat's that I agree with as we move forward:

1. I will prepare a letter to TCEQ indicating what we are doing and why to keep them in the loop.
2. I have agreed that we will place 6 inches \pm 1" of clean Gravel (Ballast) in the gradation provide by C-3.
3. The gravel will be removed upon exit of Trail of Lights (TOL) and the area impacted vegetated and a Temp irrigation system placed to water in seeding.
4. C-3 will need to install mulch sock along the upper slope of the existing swale along the trail and at the entrance of the pipe passing under the trail to collect any fines from the graveled or unraveled area during operations and removed after TOL.
5. WE agreed in the meeting that any work beyond this level will need a full sigh plan moving forward.

Beth or Chuck, please include anything I may have missed here.

Mike and Lindsey please provde a couple of times and dates that will work for you to meet and determine the best approach to move forward.

On Aug 3, 2016, at 4:10 PM, Lesniak, Chuck <chuck.lesniak@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Tony,
Beth and I understood that the gravel would come out after ACL, not after TOL. That's a much longer time frame that we're not comfortable with. With that change, we're good with what you wrote up.
Thanks,

Chuck

From: Arnold, Tony [PARD]
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2016 8:35 AM
To: Lesniak, Chuck
Cc: Stump, Marty; Kallivoka, Liana; Mike Walker [REDACTED]; Lindsey Sokol; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth]; McKown, OB
Subject: Re: Zilker Parking Lot

My apologies for not clarifying, TOL overlaps with ACL making it difficult to do the removal. I am hoping you can agree that we have the gravel removed by Jan 15. That would be approx 107 days.

From: Lesniak, Chuck
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 9:09 AM
To: Arnold, Tony [PARD] <Tony.Arnold2@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Stump, Marty <Marty.Stump@austintexas.gov>; Kallivoka, Liana <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>; Mike Walker [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Lindsey Sokol <[REDACTED]>; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth] <Elizabeth.Robinson@austintexas.gov>; McKown, OB <OB.McKown@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Zilker Parking Lot

Tony,
That changes things for me. Let me discuss with Beth and we'll get back to you. Please don't proceed with any work until we talk. Thanks,

Chuck

From: Arnold, Tony [PARD]
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2016 9:22 AM
To: Lesniak, Chuck
Cc: Stump, Marty ; Kallivoka, Liana ; Mike Walker [REDACTED] ; Lindsey Sokol ; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth] ; McKown, OB
Subject: RE: Zilker Parking Lot

Thank you sir, again my apologies, I had been so focused on getting this done for ACL, I failed to mention the time frame. I will wait to hear from you.

From: Lesniak, Chuck
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 2:35 PM
To: Arnold, Tony [PARD]
Cc: Stump, Marty; Kallivoka, Liana [PARD]; Mike Walker [REDACTED]; Sokol, Lindsey; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth]; McKown, OB
Subject: RE: Zilker Parking Lot

Tony,
Beth and I discussed the project again. Our opinion is that under a short timeline it is maintenance, not development, so no development permit (general or otherwise) is required. However, for us to consider it maintenance it needs to be temporary protection of the existing vegetation and landfill cap. We don't feel that having it there for 5 months is temporary. To be considered maintenance the gravel needs to be removed within 2 weeks after the last weekend of ACL and revegetation/irrigation installed per the standard revegetation criteria. If the gravel needs to be there longer, we would consider it development and the project would need to be covered by the General Permit and reviewed by OB and his staff or a regular site plan (it's too big an area for a site plan exemption).

Lastly, so that everyone is clear and understands the conditions to do the work we would like something in writing from a PARD Assistant Director and from C3, if they are going to be responsible for any portion of the project, laying out the plan and timeline and agreeing to abide by it.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer
Watershed Protection Department

From: Hernandez, Reynaldo
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Lesniak, Chuck; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth]; Vaclavik, Charles; Arnold, Tony [PARD]; Linseisen, Andrew
Cc: Kallivoka, Liana [PARD]
Subject: Stratford Lane - C3 Improvements
Attachments: memo_Stratford Lane 12-12-2017.doc

All,

Attached is a draft memo to be addressed to C3 regarding the proposed improvements just north of Stratford Lane. Recall, that C3 is utilizing the existing landfill cap for the purposes of parking and staging for the various events held at Zilker Park. PARD, WPD and DSD has been working diligently with C3 to achieve removal of the existing gravel with code and regulatory compliant surface coverage for well over a year. The purpose of the memo is to request compliance of C3 on the agreement reached by all parties to have the existing gravel removed by end of January 2018.

Please review and provide edits as necessary.

Thanks

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: Kimberly McNeeley, Interim Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DATE:

SUBJECT: Stratford Lane: Parking and Staging Area Improvements

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) has been working closely with C3 Events (C3) to address the concerns and requirements expressed by the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department (WPD) in the coordination and execution of designing and implementing a 'cap' to the existing landfill plot adjacent to Stratford Lane at Zilker Park. The current condition exists based on needs identified by C3 for use of this area as staging and parking for numerous Zilker Park events such as Austin City Limits.

In the summer of 2016, C3 placed 'gravel' above the existing landfill cap without meeting City of Austin and State of Texas codes and regulations inclusive of required permits. In mid-January of 2017, representatives of PAR, WPD and the Development Services Department (DSD) met with C3 to offer support and advice on identifying key issues and design considerations for the replacement of the gravel over the landfill cap with the general understanding that the existent gravel would be removed from this area prior to Austin City Limit festival held in September of 2017. The condition and material of the existing 'cap' does not meet with regulations and codes of the City of Austin and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of the State of Texas for intended uses. Issues and concerns related to drainage and water quality need to be addressed in order for utilization as parking and or 'staging' area. PAR and WPD have diligently and closely collaborated with C3 to outline the project schedule inclusive of completing a design that addresses city and state code compliance, permitting timeframe and a construction timeline. PAR and WPD provided dedicated staff in assisting C3 to meet the project goals and schedule including the engagement of the DSD to directly assist C3 in completing the project within the established and agreed upon schedule. To assist C3 on the complexities of the project, early in 2017, WPD and PAR provided an extension on removing the gravel till January of 2018.

As of December 1, 2017, C3 and project consultants, have not completed all of the required phases to receive a Site Development Permit (SDP) through DSD. The required SDP would allow for removal of the existent gravel and re-vegetation of site inclusive of water quality improvements and compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) codes and regulations that apply and as agreed upon by C3. PAR, WPD and DSD do acknowledge the complexity of issues and constraints that have been encountered and addressed by C3 throughout the project development. At this time,

however, the current project schedule outlines that the submittal of the Completeness Check to DSD occurred on November 27, 2017. (See attachment). Response from DSD on the Completeness Check is anticipated to be received on December 11, 2017. The current schedule received from C3 also indicates that the SDP will be achieved in late April of 2018. The anticipated construction time frame is estimated at just under four (4) months after bidding and contract award. Based on this schedule construction of improvements will primarily take place between June and September of 2018.

Based upon the current status of the design, permitting and projected construction time frame, PARD is requesting that C3 comply with the original agreement. The agreement establishes removal of the gravel from the landfill site per specifications which include re-grading and re-vegetation of the site. Care must be taken during removal to minimize damage to the landfill cap and winter seed mix and temporary irrigation will need to be installed to revegetate this area. PARD would allow for storage of the removed gravel at a location west of Mopac in the PARD stockpile area for potential reuse at a later date. PARD is requesting that this work be completed by the next major event at Zilker Park which has been identified as the Austin Kite Festival held in mid-March.

It is the intent of PARD, WPD and DSD to continue supporting C3 in completing the process of obtaining the SDP to replace the existing gravel cap. This will ensure that the area is compliant with current City of Austin and TCEQ codes and regulations. In the interim, PARD and WPD will also continue to provide staff support to C3 per the original intent of the agreement.

If you should have any questions please contact me at 512-974-9464.

Cc: Liana Kallivoka PHD, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department
Andre Linseisen, Assistant Director, Development Services Department
Elizabeth Robinson, Managing Engineer, Development Services Department
Tony Arnold, Project Manager, PARD

From: McNeeley, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 7:15 AM
To: Lesniak, Chuck <chuck.lesniak@austintexas.gov>; Personett, Mike <Mike.Personett@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Kallivoka, Liana [PAR] <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Zilker Park/Strafford Lane Parking

Good Morning,

I am writing as a follow up to both a long standing item and some recent brief conversations regarding the gravel parking lot at Zilker Park at Strafford Lane. I know there have been many meetings that Watershed and PAR have attended regarding this issue and briefly Mike and I had a hallway conversation at the Strategic Planning Meeting earlier this month.

I've been in contact with our partners in C3 who have explained they are very close to receiving a permit- it is expected in March. Their ideal situation is to receive the permit and move to the permanent approved parking area solution. PAR has communicated the urgency of the situation and the concerns with passed missed deadlines.

I realize a message regarding removal is something that has been guaranteed in the past and to date the gravel remains. I respect and appreciate PAR's relationship with Watershed Protection and I value our working relationship. With that being said, I am working to balance relationships with our outside partners. I am writing to see the level of tolerance to allow the permit process to be completed and work to begin in Spring/Summer of 2018. If this is untenable, I am prepared to determine options for removal.

Your feedback is most welcome. Thank you for your consideration

Best Regards,

Kimberly McNeeley, CPRP
Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department
512-974-6722

From: Lesniak, Chuck
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 3:35 PM
To: McNeeley, Kimberly <Kimberly.McNeeley@austintexas.gov>; Personett, Mike <Mike.Personett@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Kallivoka, Liana [PAR] <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth] <Elizabeth.Robinson@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Zilker Park/Strafford Lane Parking

Hi Kim,

Unfortunately, I'd like to have the gravel removed as C3 has been asked to do multiple times. If it would help in your conversations with them I could have a discussion with DSD about issuing a red tag for the work. Generally, DSD will not issue a site plan permit on a site with an outstanding stop work order. I feel like PAR, DSD, and WPD have gone way above and beyond in trying to be flexible with them and we need to make them honor their commitment.

Give me a call if you'd like to discuss it further.

Chuck Lesniak
Environmental Officer
Watershed Protection Department
City of Austin
512.974.2699

From: McNeeley, Kimberly
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Lesniak, Chuck <chuck.lesniak@austintexas.gov>; Personett, Mike <Mike.Personett@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Kallivoka, Liana [PARAD] <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth] <Elizabeth.Robinson@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Zilker Park/Strafford Lane Parking

I call you next week but can you help me know what a red tag is?

Best Regards,

Kimberly McNeeley, CPRP
Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department
512-974-6722

From: Lesniak, Chuck
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 3:47 PM
To: McNeeley, Kimberly <Kimberly.McNeeley@austintexas.gov>; Personett, Mike <Mike.Personett@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Kallivoka, Liana [PARAD] <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth] <Elizabeth.Robinson@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Zilker Park/Strafford Lane Parking

Stop work order for unpermitted development. - Chuck

From: McNeeley, Kimberly
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 7:49 AM
To: Lesniak, Chuck; Personett, Mike
Cc: Kallivoka, Liana [PARAD]; Robinson, Elizabeth [Beth]
Subject: RE: Zilker Park/Strafford Lane Parking

I don't believe the red flag will be helpful. I have contacted the parties involved for removal. I'll keep you posted. Thank you for your feedback.

Best Regards,

Kimberly McNeeley, CPRP
Acting Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department
512-974-6722

From: **Bill Bunch** [REDACTED] >
Date: Sun, May 20, 2018 at 8:32 PM
Subject: Please help stop giant parking lot in Zilker Park
To: steve.adler@austintexas.gov, "Cronk, Spencer"
<Spencer.Cronk@austintexas.gov>, "McNeeley, Kimberly"
<Kimberly.McNeeley@austintexas.gov>, "Personett, Mike"
<Mike.Personett@austintexas.gov>
Cc: "Hensley, Sara" <Sara.Hensley@austintexas.gov>, "Pantalion, Joe"
<Joe.Pantalion@austintexas.gov>

Dear Mayor Adler, Mssrs. Cronk and Personett, and Ms. McNeeley:

Please consider the attached letter requesting your immediate help to stop PARD's rush to pave over approximately eight acres of Zilker Park with a new, crushed stone, permanent parking lot for ACL.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Bill Bunch
Bill Bunch
Save Our Springs Alliance

From: Personett, Mike
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 8:01 AM
To: Hensley, Sara <Sara.Hensley@austintexas.gov>; Pantalion, Joe <Joe.Pantalion@austintexas.gov>
Cc: McNeeley, Kimberly <Kimberly.McNeeley@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: With PARD Fact Sheet -- Re: Please help stop giant parking lot in Zilker Park

Liana and Chuck have been coordinating on this for months. Would you like us to collaborate on a response to Bunch?

On May 21, 2018, at 8:02 AM, Hensley, Sara <Sara.Hensley@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Mike: Yes. I think this will take all hands on deck for tomorrow and Thursday. Kimberly: Please coordinate with Mike. Thank you. Sara

Sara L. Hensley, CPRP
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From: Personett, Mike
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 8:21 AM
To: Hensley, Sara <Sara.Hensley@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Pantalion, Joe <Joe.Pantalion@austintexas.gov>; McNeeley, Kimberly <Kimberly.McNeeley@austintexas.gov>; Kallivoka, Liana [PARD] <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>; Lesniak, Chuck <chuck.lesniak@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Re: With PARD Fact Sheet -- Re: Please help stop giant parking lot in Zilker Park

Are you thinking this could come up at work session tomorrow or at council on Thursday?

From: Lesniak, Chuck
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 8:44 AM
To: Personett, Mike <Mike.Personett@austintexas.gov>; Hensley, Sara <Sara.Hensley@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Pantalion, Joe <Joe.Pantalion@austintexas.gov>; McNeeley, Kimberly <Kimberly.McNeeley@austintexas.gov>; Kallivoka, Liana [PARD] <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: With PARD Fact Sheet -- Re: Please help stop giant parking lot in Zilker Park

Kimberly, Liana,
I suggest we get together later today and put together succinct talking points. I think there is a good story to tell here. I'm in interviews all morning, but have some availability this afternoon.

Chuck

From: Hensley, Sara
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 8:45 AM
To: Lesniak, Chuck; Personett, Mike
Cc: Pantalion, Joe; McNeeley, Kimberly; Kallivoka, Liana [PARD]
Subject: RE: With PARD Fact Sheet -- Re: Please help stop giant parking lot in Zilker Park

Chuck: Thank you so much. I agree that the focus needs to be on the positive environmental efforts, not parking. Sara

Sara L. Hensley, CPRP
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On May 23, 2018, at 9:19 AM, Hernandez, Reynaldo <Reynaldo.Hernandez@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Tony and Scott,

Based on the Parks Board Meeting last evening, I'll be reviewing the presentation for the Environmental Board. Please provide any edits and recommendations you may have. I'll coordinate with Kaela on the Agenda Item as well.

Thanks

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From: Arnold, Tony [PARD] [mailto:Tony.Arnold2@austintexas.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 9:23 AM
To: Hernandez, Reynaldo <Reynaldo.Hernandez@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Smiley, Scott A [REDACTED]; Lesniak, Chuck <chuck.lesniak@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Re: June 6,2018 Environmental Board Meeting

Let me know what you need from me.

From: Smiley, Scott A [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:57 AM
To: Arnold, Tony [PARD]; Hernandez, Reynaldo
Cc: Lesniak, Chuck
Subject: RE: June 6,2018 Environmental Board Meeting

The point the director made regarding the polo fields need to be played up in the next presentation. Existing conditions at the park are that both the polo field and the Stratford lot are being used for parking and support services. With the improvement of the Stratford lot to be more all weather, the polo field can be returned to green space activities. Wow! What an accomplishment. I did a quick parking space count on the area and came up with 1016 spaces. I used a 63' std. city parking bay.

We need to note that the project is in the waterfront overlay secondary setback of Ladybird Lake . Based upon this, the board is asked to make a recommendation to the PC.

We need a conditional use permit approved by the PC because we are doing this as a site plan and not the general permit.

Based upon my conversations with TCEQ, the existence of the deep rooted trees and the pond/wetlands on the cap are violations of their landfill cap rules. Both are being addressed in the project.

The improvements in this project are not permanent and can be adjusted as the uses of the park evolves. This project meets current needs. It is not appropriate to curtail parking in the park and thus limiting public use of the park in an effort to promote alternative transit modes.

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