



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20180620 007a

**Date:** June 20, 2018

**Subject:** Zilker Park – Stratford Drive landfill maintenance, staging and temporary parking area

**Motion by:** Linda Guerrero

**Seconded by:** Mary Ann Neely

### **RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, parking and staging challenges have placed excessive strain on a large portion of the seven acre Zilker Park - Butler capped landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, usage as a festival and event grounds has contributed to environmental problems; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental concerns that currently exist, such as water quality issues, erosion, dust, and exposure to the decomposing landfill need to be addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission oversees the review of policies that relate to improvement and protection of the Colorado River, parkland, and land use planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission's purpose is to oversee the protection and integrity of the natural environment, protect and preserve public trees, assure safety, welfare, and quality of life for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parkland Events Task Force recommended eliminating use of green space parking such as the polo field at Zilker Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Austin need more open space and parkland in the urban core to provide quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential stabilization of the Stratford Drive Zilker Park - Butler landfill cap for the proposed project lacks long term solutions for resolving the parking and staging, soil, landfill condition concerns, drainage and erosion issues, and superior design; and

**WHEREAS**, there is lack of data from the existing three monitoring wells, community notification and public process, and inconsistent information regarding proposed solutions to the multi-faceted project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Environmental Commission recommends denial of the Stratford Drive Zilker Park - Butler landfill redevelopment project as currently proposed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Environmental Commission recommends that any proposed project moves forward only after the following solutions have been addressed and resolved prior to any activity on the Stratford Drive Zilker Park - Butler landfill area:

- Secure money for a Zilker Park Master Plan within two years, have a contract for master planning within three years, and complete the Master Plan within five years. The elements of the Master Plan would include:
  - Conducting a comprehensive study to assess parking and mass transportation needs
  - Provide a transparent community outreach plan to solicit and incorporate public input and feedback
  - Propose options and estimates for revegetation and restoring the landfill into a safe, usable, and open green space within six years.
- Find alternate parking areas to use for scheduled events and for the Zilker Botanical Gardens and the Austin Nature and Science Center.
- Clearly differentiate between the three separate project issues:
  1. Traffic and parking
  2. Deterioration of the landfill cap
  3. Rehabilitation of the polo fields.
- Require C3 to find alternative parking for all large trucks and trailered vehicles, and to eliminate all heavy loads on the Stratford Drive Zilker Park - Butler landfill site.
- Secure money to rehabilitate the polo fields with a timeline demonstrating each of the stages.
- Provide a detailed assessment of how the proposed improvements comply with the maximum impervious cover allowed within the primary and secondary Waterfront Overlay.
- Ensure compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requirements for the landfill cap.

**VOTE 9-0**

For: B. Smith, Creel, Thompson, Neely, H. Smith, Guerrero, Gordon, Coyne, and Maceo

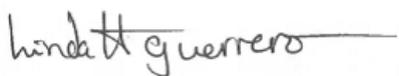
Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Perales

Approved By:



Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair