



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20231206-004

Date: December 6, 2023

Subject: Proposed amendments to Title 25 related to environmental protections at the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail.

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol

Second by: Perry Bedford

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is requesting three specific amendments to 25-8-261 Critical Water Quality Zone Development are proposed: 25-8-261 (B)(3)(c) to allow the Butler Trail to exceed 12 feet in width; 25-8-261 (B)(3)(f-g) to allow the Butler Trail to be located within 50 feet of the shoreline of Lady Bird Lake with mitigation for impact with a 2:1 or alternative compliance as approved by the Director of the Watershed Protection Department; and 25-8-261 (C)(2) to remove the requirement for additional restoration for shoreline disturbance associated with shoreline access for the Butler Trail.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Lady Bird Lake Watershed.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that staff recommend this amendment.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the requested amendment with the following:

Staff Conditions

City staff recognize the need to accommodate necessary improvements and updates to the Butler Trail for the benefit of the community especially those related to safety and mobility. The proposed code amendment provides a pathway forward to allow approval of future Butler Trail capital improvement project while balancing the needs of water quality protection and environmental function.

Vote: 7-0

For: Perry Bedford, Richard Brimer, Jennifer Bristol, Mariana Krueger, Haris Qureshi, Melinda Schiera, and David Sullivan

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hanna Cofer, Peter Einhorn, Colin Nickells, and Kevin Ramberg

Attest:

Kaela Champlin

Environmental Commission Liaison