

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20250205-003**

Date: February 5, 2025

Subject: Westcreek Mixed Use, SP-2023-0276C

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol Second by: Perry Bedford

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is requesting a Redevelopment Exception in the Barton Springs Zone [LDC 25-8-26]; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes this project requires approval from City Council because the redevelopment includes more than 25 dwelling units. The project proposes 305 units; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the property is located within Barton Creek Watershed, Barton Springs Zone classification, Drinking Water Protection Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes staff recommends this Staff recommends the Redevelopment Exception for this project.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends the Redevelopment Exception with the following recommendations:

- 1. Upgrade the biofiltration ponds to a system that is SOS-compliant.
- 2. Consider EV charging stations and solar panels.
- 3. Mitigate run-off to adjacent neighborhoods with green infrastructure, including tiny forest concepts that utilize dense vegetation that also increases biodiversity and reduces heat islands.
- 4. Consider partnering with AISD to utilize the campuses as parkland with some of the parkland dedication fee going to the school to improve the property as a park setting.
- 5. Work with the school to offer signage or education materials on the aquifer and watershed.
- 6. Include pollinator gardens throughout the property.
- 7. Reduce impervious cover to 40% from 45.29%

**Vote: 9-0** 

For: Perry Bedford, Jennifer Bristol, Richard Brimer, Justin Fleury, Mariana Krueger, Collin

Nickels, Haris Qureshi, Melinda Schiera, David Sullivan

Against: None Abstain: None

Absent: Hanna Cofer

Recuse: None

Attest:

Perry Bedford, Environmental Commission Chair