

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20210303 003c

Date: March 3, 2021

Subject: Dougherty Arts Center Replacement Project

Motion by: Kevin Ramberg Seconded by: Andrew Creel

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has completed an extensive alternatives analysis and public outreach campaign for the proposed Dougherty Art Center relocation; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that PARD has selected Option 1B as the preferred scenario for several reasons, including the preservation of heritage trees.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission does not support the preferred alternative presented for Option 1B because the footprint of the layout of the site is too spread out and does not cluster consistent with the Commission's understanding of what was presented to Council in the beginning.

The Environmental Commission would like to note their support for Option 1A with the following additional understanding, exploration, and conditions:

- The Environmental Commission supports Option 1A for several reasons, including the clustering of the footprints of buildings farther away from the lake and trail.
- Include the condition that any heritage trees that are removed will be relocated onsite.
- The Environmental Commission recommends clustering buildings away from the trail and a larger buffer from the trail and the park along the lake. The Environmental Commission recommends that the alternatives analysis team coordinate with PARD for their future use of the main building and anticipated future use of that.
- Under scenario 1A, the Environmental Commission recommends that the restoration or rehabilitation of the Parks main building be done in the historical context with the eligibility of the building.
- The Environmental Commission also asks the design team to review stormwater controls related to the siting of the buildings and stormwater.
- The Environmental Commission recommends the design team reach out and coordinate with the neighborhood, commercial, and residential users as it relates to parking along Toomey Road.

VOTE 7-0

For: Creel, Thompson, Barrett Bixler, Ramberg, Guerrero, Gordon, and Bedford

Against: None Abstain: None Recuse: None

Absent: Coyne, Maceo

Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair

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