

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: District 7

AGENDA DATE: October 18, 2011

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Steve Ortega, (915) 541-4124

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT: Presentation and Action on comments prepared by Nestor Valencia and his team for the San Jacinto Plaza Park Concept Plan.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Brought forward from October 4, 2011 City Council meeting.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

October 4, 2011

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

n/a

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

n/a

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

The following public process has been implemented to create the design concept for the San Jacinto Plaza Park.

(Meetings 1-3 were held at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center)

1. Open House: Share Ideas & Input

Tuesday –March 29, 2011

12:00 pm-1:30 pm

4:00 pm-7:00 pm

2. Conceptual Landscape Design Alternatives

Thursday-April 14, 2011

4:30 pm-6:30 pm

3. Concept Design Presentation

Tuesday-April 26, 2011

4:30 pm-6:30pm

4. SWA presented their Concept Plan for San Jacinto Plaza Park to City Council on **Tuesday, June 7th, 2011** for their consideration. City Council received an alternative plan from Dover Kohl and directed the City Staff to go back with SWA and have further dialogue and consider the suggestions by Dover and incorporate those into the plan.

5. **On June 29, 2011** a video conference was held between City staff and Jason King of Dover Kohl. Changes were incorporated into the SWA Concept plan.

6. The SWA Concept Plan—with all the changes -- was placed on the City's WEB page and public comment was solicited and received for approximately 2 weeks.

7. SWA presented the amended version of their Concept Plan to the Historic Landmark Commission on **August 11th, 2011**. Comments were received and incorporated into the Plan by SWA.

8. SWA presented the amended version of their Concept Plan to the Economic Development, Planning and Tourism LRC **on Thursday, Sept. 8th, 2011**. Motion there was to move the San Jacinto Plaza park concept plan "as is" for consideration by the full Council within four weeks. In addition, Rep Ortega stated that he would like Nestor Valencia to convene a 5-person local committee to report back to City Council within 3 weeks on suggestions and input regarding the design.

9. SWA presented their proposed concept plan for the last time, incorporating **all the comments** received by the various committees and the web site to the City Council on **Tuesday, October 4th, 2011**. No action was taken, rather Rep Ortega asked that the City Council hear the report from Nestor Valencia and his team **on Tuesday, October 18, 2011** at the regularly City Council Meeting.

10. IN SUMMARY - This process has been ongoing for 8 months with public input, committee review, web site input and city council consideration.

Final Proposed Concept Plan

San Jacinto Plaza Park

URBAN RESPITE
plan



- ① Central Plaza
- ② Pop Jet Fountain/Splash Pad
- ③ Specimen Native Oaks
- ④ Stage
- ⑤ Flexible Seating/Game Tables
- ⑥ Stairway
- ⑦ Terrace Seating
- ⑧ Raised crosswalk
- ⑨ Retail kiosk
- ⑩ Outdoor dining
- ⑪ Formal tree planting
- ⑫ Historical Interpretive Walk
- ⑬ Benches
- ⑭ New location for sculpture
- ⑮ Restrooms
- ⑯ Native shade trees in open lawn