



June 26, 2018

Wilderness Oaks Alliance
San Antonio, Texas

Friends of Panther Springs Park
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Bill,

First, thank you for meeting with the Development Services Department, the Parks Department, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Southern Edward Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan preserve establishment in Panther Springs Park. Your concern, care, and vision for the Park are indeed commendable, and we are happy to work in partnership with your groups.

Based on our meeting on June 5, 2018, held at Parman Library Stone Oak, to discuss the proposed karst fauna area (KFA) preserve, the Development Services Department agrees that the following activities as identified within the Park's Master Plan shall continue to be allowed and shall not be encumbered in any way by the establishment of the preserve:

1. Access to existing trails.

Access to or use of the existing trails by park visitors will not now, nor at any time in future, be prohibited as a result of establishment of the KFA Preserve associated with the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan in Panther Springs Park. This condition does not apply to maintenance, repair, and/or construction activities by the City, or its representatives, which may impact accessibility based on the nature of the work to be performed. When the trail maintenance, repairs, and/or construction activities are completed, normal trail(s) access will be restored.

2. Construction of future trails as identified on the Panther Springs Park Master Plan (including the Trail Nodes and the YMCA Trail).

The preserve establishment will not encumber or inhibit the construction of planned future trails, trail nodes, and the YMCA Trail as shown on the Panther Springs Park Master Plan Phases I and II (see **Attachment 2**). Nodes may be defined as park benches, exercise equipment, and/or shade shelters on new or existing concrete or cement pads.

3. Existing use such as mountain biking activities.

Existing use of designated hike and bike trails and mountain biking activities on informal natural surface trails will not now, nor at any time in the future, be encumbered by the establishment of the KFA preserve. No trails or development will be allowed within 360 feet of the protected karst feature (occupied cave).

4. Development of future new trails, entrances, and other park amenities outside of the KFA preserve will not be affected by the establishment of the KFA preserve (see Attachment 1).

In addition, any proposed future changes to the Panther Springs KFA preserve by the city, state, and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be presented to and reviewed by the Wilderness Oak Alliance and the Friends of Panther Springs Park before any future changes to the KFA are approved or implemented.

We appreciate having the opportunity to partner with your group to protect and preserve Panther Springs Park, and we will strive to ensure that the relationship that we have built through the process will continue in the future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Shannon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Shannon, PE, CBO
Director of Development Services