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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Student Life Plaza

Whereas, the University Architect, Jim Taylor, stated that great public spaces are places where students feel welcome and comfortable, places that offer shade, seating, and public art, as well as places that create a sense of pride and community ownership;

Whereas, creating a great public space on campus would benefit students by providing them with a place to socialize and spend time outdoors;

Whereas, the existing Student Life Plaza does not offer shade or comfortable seating;

Whereas, there is a Master Plan to renovate the Student Life Plaza to make it a great public space for students;

Whereas, Phase 2 of the Master Plan consists of the addition of more trees for shade as well as native shrubs and grasses;

Whereas, Phase 3 of the Master Plan consists of re-plastering the water basin, relocating the pump for the pond, adding more trees, native shrubs, and grasses, as well as adding an art sculpture with a custom bench and additional seating if needed;

Whereas, the sidewalks surrounding the Student Life Plaza are made of aggregate concrete which is less seamless and stable than standard gray concrete;

Whereas, students who use mobility devices have expressed that aggregate concrete is a potential safety hazard for both themselves and their device;

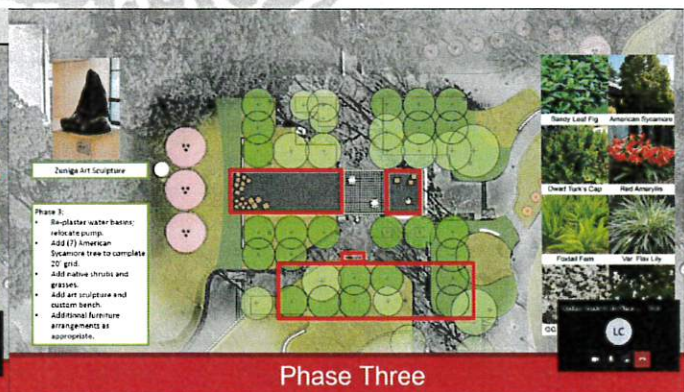
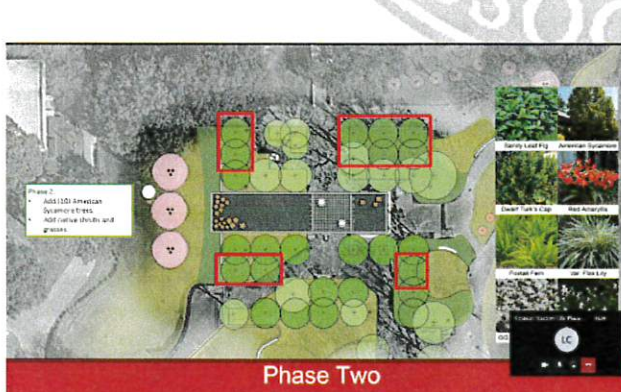
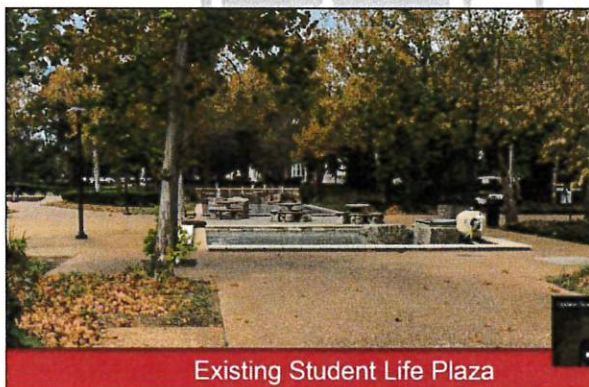
Whereas, the University has removed the aggregate concrete and replaced it with standard gray concrete in various areas on campus;

Whereas, the Student Life Plaza should be accessible to all students,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

The Student Government Association supports Phase 2 and 3 of the Master Plan for renovating the Student Life Plaza;

Be it further resolved, the Student Government Association supports and encourages the removal of the entirety of the aggregate concrete in the Student Life Plaza during any phase of the Master Plan to renovate the plaza.





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Date of President's Approval: 7/31/2020

APPROVED



Julian Cheng

Speaker of the Senate

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