

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARD FOR COMMISSIONER RUSTY SENAC,
SCOTT ELMER, P.E., AND PATRICK WALSH, P.E.**

Summary

Staff will recognize Commissioner Rusty Senac, Scott Elmer, P.E., and Patrick Walsh, P.E. for their many years of service to the TAC. Patrick Walsh passed away on November 23, 2018, and his obituary is attached.

Patrick Walsh

1973 - 2018



Patrick Michael Walsh of Houston, Texas, lost his courageous battle against glioblastoma brain cancer on Friday, November 23, 2018. He was 45 years old. Pat was preceded in death by his father Jim Joseph Walsh. He is survived by his wonderful wife Lindsey Aldrich Walsh, one-year old son Julian, and loyal dog Goose. His mother Eleanor Walsh, brother Sean (Michele) Walsh, all of Houston, and twin brother Jamie (Amy) of Austin, Texas also survive him. Pat was an amazing uncle to his three nephews Grant, Colin, and Trent.

The City will also feel the loss of this dedicated and visionary public servant. Pat was born and raised in Houston, graduating from Bellaire High School in 1992. After completing a BS in Civil Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, he returned to Texas and earned his Master of Science in Civil Engineering at The [University of Texas](#) at Austin. Pat found his professional passion in urban planning and spent the past five years as Director of the City of Houston's Planning and Development Department, proudly serving both Mayor Parker and Mayor Turner. Pat was the driving force behind the passing of Houston's first general plan, Plan Houston. He was also involved in the first update to the City's Bike Plan in decades, ensuring improved facilities for Houston's bike riders for many years to come.

Houston's dog owners know Pat as the founder of Paws on Patios. In 2011 he led the campaign to change the City's health codes to allow four-legged friends on restaurant patios. Pat loved dogs and spent many happy hours running through Memorial Park with Goose. Pat enjoyed music and was an avid piano player who loved having friends over for sing-alongs. He was a skilled amateur ballroom dancer who competed nationally and internationally. Pat treasured his family and friends. He was always available to help, and his friends knew they could count on him. He was a devoted and loving husband to Lindsey and, most importantly, the best dada in the world to Julian.

Lindsey and Julian want to thank the large number of friends and family who loved Pat and have assisted them over the past few months. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Julian Walsh Trust that has been established for Julian's future educational needs, sent to 1834 Marshall Street, Houston, Texas 77098 or make a donation to a charity of your choosing. A celebration service will be held at the Emancipation Park Community Center on December 14, 2018, at 10 am.

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