

## **Hancock Golf Course Community Meeting Update**

December 2, 2021

6 to 7:30 p.m.

### **Zoom Meeting Chat**

17:59:12 From PARD Kasey Corpus to Everyone (in Waiting Room):

Thank you for joining us tonight for the Hancock Golf Course Update. We should be starting in a few minutes.

18:17:53 From Zainab Ariché to Everyone:

Hi, can you explain the DEI efforts for this survey and community engagement?

18:18:58 From Adam Sparks to Everyone:

Leasing the land out however does not have to go through voting?

18:20:03 From Adam Sparks to Everyone:

Hi, this is Adam Sparks of the Hancock Conservancy. But I am not the person who sent that last comment. Are there two Adam Sparks' in this meeting, or is someone using my name?

18:20:49 From PARD Justin Schneider to Adam Sparks(Direct Message):

If you emailed the link after you registered, that could be the case. Can you rename yourself and put a middle initial?

18:21:06 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

I see two Adam Sparks listed in the Participants list

18:21:21 From PARD Justin Schneider to Adam Sparks(Direct Message):

If this isn't Adam Sparks, can you please rename yourself?

18:21:24 From Adam Sparks to PARD Justin Schneider(Direct Message):

Yes, thank you. I am Adam E Sparks and will change my name.

18:21:54 From PARD Justin Schneider to Adam Sparks(Direct Message):

I messaged that person and asked them to change their name.

18:22:11 From Adam Sparks to Everyone:

Why were the respondents of pard survey overwhelmingly not inclusive of people living close to the golf course? I understand you wanted a wide mix, but at least a 50 / 50 split would have shown the desires of those who use it most.

18:23:03 From Zainab Ariché to Everyone:

As far as surveys go, I think that is a leading and ambiguous question? Doesn't leave much room for community members who want the space used for something other than golf.

18:23:11 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to PARD Justin Schneider(Direct Message):

Thank you Justin. I have DMed them too

18:24:12 From Amanda Braziel to Everyone:

Are the slides still visible to others? I lost the images...

18:25:26 From PARD Justin Schneider to Amanda Braziel(Direct Message):

Amanda, I think they are still visible. Sorry you are having difficulty.

18:25:28 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

Amanda ,I can see the slides

18:25:31 From Amanda Braziel to Everyone:

Nevermind- operator error! 🙄

18:26:12 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

Do you have a map displaying the density of "No" responses? The color spectrum of # of yeses were confusing and feels misleading.

18:27:35 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The map of the responses to the email survey does not include the number of responses, which is an important omission. The 12 zip codes that immediately surround Hancock had a total of 0.8% of all responses to the email survey, while 12 zip codes in Austin's periphery (such as Steiner Ranch, Oak Hills, etc) accounted for 80% of the responses

18:28:01 From Nick van Bavel to Everyone:

How many golfers play per year at Hancock, and what are the average green fees?

18:28:03 From PARD Justin Schneider to Everyone:

Michelle, I believe the full results are available on the project webpage. We will put the link in in just a moment.

18:28:06 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

When will Hancock be coming to Parks Board?

18:29:31 From PARD Kasey Corpus to Everyone:

Hancock Golf Course project page: [www.austintexas.gov/department/hancock-course](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/hancock-course)

18:29:36 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

This data was given to me by PARD. I asked the number of Email Surveys sent out per zip code but was not given that data. Assuming that the number of responses is somewhat proportional to the

number of surveys sent out, the 12 zip codes in the periphery of Austin were sent literally 100 times as many surveys as the 12 zip codes that surround Hancock

18:30:45 From John Davis to Everyone:

The city could improve waller creek and expand the area around the 9th green by making 41st street a dead end from both sides, opening the creek up and reclaiming some of the road space with reduced traffic

18:31:59 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

I'm curious about future plans of the community rec center that's at the center of the course. Seems like there's lots of potential there for revenue and community enrichment

18:33:08 From Ella McCrea to Everyone:

It was me - Ella who asked about leasing

18:33:57 From Paul Groepler to Everyone:

Any idea what the Commodore Perry folks want out of Hancock?

18:34:12 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

Is there a metric that the City or PARD utilizes, something like acre per people using it? It seems to me that golf has a certain # of people that can use 50 acres in a day, and a general park would have a different # of people that can utilize that space in a day. Im curious how those compare

18:35:21 From PARD Justin Schneider to Adam Sparks(Direct Message):

Are you able to change your name?

18:36:09 From Adam Sparks to PARD Justin Schneider(Direct Message):

ope my bad!

18:36:14 From Adam Sparks to PARD Justin Schneider(Direct Message):

working on it

18:37:56 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

#### Survey Responses by zip code

Oak Hill (78749)	323
Steiner Ranch (78732)	233
Bee Cave (78738)	230
Jollyville (78729)	133
Hancock (78751)	0

North University (78705) 0  
Hyde Park (78751) 0  
Cherrywood (78722) 1

18:38:00 From Amanda Braziel to Everyone:

Hmm... my husband and I are in Cherrywood and we both answered the survey...

18:38:23 From PARD Justin Schneider to Everyone:

Just a reminder: Please stay muted to avoid feedback issues. Thank you!

18:38:29 From Paul Groepler to Everyone:

So did we... data error?

18:38:41 From Paul Groepler to Everyone:

Also in Cherrywood/Wilshirewood?

18:39:15 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The discrepancy is between the Email Survey and the Open Link Survey

18:39:41 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The Email SURvey was only sent to 40,000 citizens, over 100x more represented in the periphery

18:39:50 From Paul Groepler to Everyone:

Ahh

18:40:07 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

I'd like to see the same data too. I'm not sure if we are getting that same sort of response from 78749 on the Zilker Vision Plan or with other municipal surveys but I want to check.

18:40:35 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The Open Link survey is the survey that anyone could answer, and that showed 46% percent No to the question of maintaining golf at Hancock

18:40:49 From Paul Groepler to Everyone:

Link to survey please?

18:40:50 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

I wonder how the community misinformation campaign altered the survey responses? To me the profitability of the golf course speaks a lot to the value the community places on the existing park/golf course.

18:41:11 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

There is 1 response from cherrywood

18:41:15 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

to the Email Survey

18:41:21 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

My data came from Anthony Segura

18:41:30 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

and 323 from Oak Hill

18:41:47 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Anyone who wants the data can email me at AdamESparks@gmail.com

18:41:49 From Helene Pruitt to Everyone:

Hyde Park and Hancock neighborhood has a lot of students. These are people that might not sign up for park district or neighborhood association emails. polling issue?

18:41:52 From Paul Groepler to Everyone:

Thank you

18:43:38 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

The fact that it is a regional park does not explain the lack of representation from central Austin—even if there was a continuous uniform distribution of these “regional” parks this would still mean that there should be an approximately similar number of people sampled in each zip code which is not the case. This is not even taking into account the cost of distance travel, probability of usage of the actual park, impact on day to day life, and even adjusting for population

18:43:47 From Wendy Wheeler to Everyone:

Hmmm, I've not heard something that makes me believe this feedback process was a random survey. The lack of responses from the people who live in or near 78751 can't possibly be a random occurrence.

18:43:54 From Helene Pruitt to Everyone:

Hancock Golf Course is an Austin-wide asset. High School golf teams use the course. at least for practice, attendance boundary is AISD wide

18:44:05 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

My issue is that the survey report states that the survey was sent to a random selection of Austinites, and it wasn't.

18:44:21 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

I agree with everything that Kevin regarding the need for diverse programming but can we have AE check the raw data to make sure the data table didn't get inadvertently compromised when they cleaned it for their analysis?

18:44:22 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

The point of a random survey is to have a representative set of responses, not to send emails to a representative set of people. You should have a proportionate number of responses of people per zip code at the very least if this is a regional survey.

18:44:52 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

Not being a specialist isn't an excuse to turn a blind eye to bad methodology

18:44:57 From Paul Groepler to Everyone:

folks this is turning into a data science and field survey discussion... let's focus.

18:45:19 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

I walk the perimeter of the course multiple times a week and make note of the women and people of color present and they are few and far between, I can assure you. Golf is a white man's game and the usage of the space is not representative of the community.

18:45:43 From Rebecca Batchelder to Everyone:

word

18:45:46 From Ella McCrea to Everyone:

Yes

18:45:52 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

I saw links to the survey sent out on social media by groups other than the city, so the argument that central Austin neighbors did not get a chance to have input seems bogus to me.

18:46:05 From Ella McCrea to Everyone:

It was from me - Ella McCrea

18:46:08 From Melynda Nuss to Everyone:

I'd like to know why central Austin assets are considered "regional" parks. I live near Zilker, and it's so loved by people outside the neighborhood that we can barely use it. Doesn't this neighborhood need park space?

18:46:24 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

Additionally, even if this WAS a random survey (which it does not really seem like it is) any respectable survey or experiment would have to do resampling because this displays very clear sampling bias—especially bc income and other demographics vary a lot with zip codes, so in no way could this sample be considered as representative.

18:46:29 From PARD Kasey Corpus to Everyone:

Webpage link: [www.austintexas.gov/department/hancock-course](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/hancock-course)

18:46:38 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

That was the open link survey. The open link survey is the one in which the 12 zip codes around Hancock voted 46% No to the idea of maintaining golf

18:47:12 From Deaton Bednar to Everyone:

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18:47:33 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

I'm looking for the data on the web page and can't find it

18:47:56 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

There were two main surveys. The Email Survey was a closed link, and it is this survey that was sent 100x more to Austin's periphery. It is this survey that led PARd to state that "the results of the survey strongly indicated a desire to maintain golf"

18:48:13 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

The only survey report on the site is the February 2020 one

18:48:38 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The Open Link survey could be answered by anyone, and 46% of the 12 zip codes that surround Hancock voted No to maintaining gold, which discredits PARd's statement in my previous comment

18:48:47 From Rebecca Batchelder to Everyone:

I have never filled out a survey. is there an opportunity to do that now?

18:48:59 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

PARd declares that the Email Survey should be considered the most statistically accurate survey

18:49:23 From David Guarino to Everyone:

We get through meetings as best we can. Sorry about that.

18:49:24 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

I see a lot more signs supporting golf in the neighborhood than signs supporting the anti-golf conservancy. This leads me to believe there is fairly broad support for current operations that the golf course/park space/rec center.

18:49:56 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The survey was indeed presented to the Parks and Rec Board

18:49:59 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

back in August

18:50:02 From Rebecca Batchelder to Everyone:

I would have an anti golf course sign if I knew where to get one :)

18:50:02 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

Thanks Kevin, I can get a second on the board to bring it forward before any decisions are made.

18:50:21 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

People care about the survey because it presents a distorted truth

18:51:01 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

Exactly

18:51:09 From Mariella Krause to Everyone:

Even if the numbers are growing, golf is still overwhelmingly white and male. Is there a world where you would consider something that would be of value to \*everyone\* in the community — not just a specific demographic?

18:51:12 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

Exactly! PARD is using the survey data to support their decision so of course it should be subject to scrutiny.

18:51:43 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

I work in data analytics and this is bad data science.

18:52:14 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The assessment that the survey overwhelmingly supported maintain golf was indeed presented to the Parks and Rec Board. And that is unfortunate because it is using very misleading data

18:52:17 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

You know what else people enjoy? A park that doesn't require driving through Austin traffic to enjoy

18:52:25 From Jason Black to Everyone:

Many people on this call are suggesting the golf course go away... that has never been on the discussion... am I correct? Seems like this call has been about how to get rid of a course.

18:52:26 From Melynda Nuss to Everyone:

What happens if the golf course becomes unprofitable again?

18:52:42 From PARD Stephanie Arena to Everyone:



Hancock is averaging 100 to 150 players per day. Fees range from \$15-22 depending on day and time of day.

18:52:46 From PARD Kasey Corpus to Everyone:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/hancock-golf-course-planning>

18:53:04 From Joe Linsalata to Everyone:

You could get rid of the bunkers, that would lower operating costs and who needs them.

18:53:35 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Can I ask how much money private-public partnerships are bringing to Austin parks every year?

18:54:05 From Tim Bauer to Everyone:

That's a lot of space for only 100 people a day. Maybe if we did something like a park, more than 100 people would enjoy it.

18:54:19 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

We would love to help!!

18:54:29 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

The groundskeepers at the course are amazing, I can agree with that.

18:54:36 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

We are currently mapping every tree in Waller and are making a restoration plan

18:55:07 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

All of our current ideas will not interfere with current golf operations

18:55:17 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

How much profit do softball fields or tennis courts make on city parkland? I'm glad that golf is profitable right now, but parks across the city need to provide for a multitude of activities, and park activities shouldn't be about profits.

18:55:23 From Ella McCrea to Everyone:

What about community days? Like you do with the disk golf?

18:55:31 From Joe Linsalata to Everyone:

Butler Pitch and Putt has a party atmosphere, maybe Hancock could be operated to have similar fee;. That could draw more players.

18:55:39 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

We want to remove ligustrum from Waller Creek (and all the concrete that is dumped in there!), protect the heritage trees, plant native species, and stop bank erosion.

18:56:00 From PARD Michael Morgan to Everyone:

That 100-150 paid golfers per day, many more enjoy the space for free every day, walking their dog et cetera

18:57:32 From Joe Linsalata to Everyone:

I've noticed that the walkers often aren't cognizant of flying golf balls and this presents a danger. I would say no walkers on this course

18:57:33 From James Lynch to Everyone:

Imagine how many more could enjoy the rest of the space if it were a park instead of a golf course.

18:57:41 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

But what about the rest of the 88% of the population who doesn't play golf? It would be really nice for them to be able to use the park a bit more freely

18:57:45 From Nick van Bavel to Everyone:

Regardless of how much money the golf course is making at the moment, which may change, what is highest and best and most inclusive use of that green space?

18:57:45 From Rebecca Batchelder to Everyone:

agree that 100 people a day for such a large central area in the city is a bad use of public land. clearly people are driving to come here, they could just as easily drive someone where space is not such a premium.

18:58:36 From Rebecca Batchelder to Everyone:

exactly Nick

18:58:37 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

Thanks Lucas

18:58:57 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

Wouldn't it make more sense to have regional golf courses located outside of dense residential areas where parkland is scarce and more in demand for local use?

19:00:45 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

Moving amenities for people to the periphery of town only encourages more vehicle use and sprawl. Lots of parks in the Hancock area and surrounds.

19:03:36 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

True Bart but Mo Willy is also just 2.5 miles from Hancock.

19:03:45 From PARD Kasey Corpus to Everyone:

AE Survey Report:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Golf/PARB%20Memo\\_Hancock%20Golf%20Survey%20Results\\_05.09.2021Combined.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Golf/PARB%20Memo_Hancock%20Golf%20Survey%20Results_05.09.2021Combined.pdf)

19:04:09 From Melynda Nuss to Everyone:

You'd think there would be plenty of parks, but the closest ones are either Mueller or Rosedale. (Except the intramural fields at 51st, which aren't a public use park either.)

19:04:30 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

Well arguably Austin is already sprawled and does not operate on a mono centric city model, and so moving amenities especially those that serve only a certain population to more strategic points could actually decrease vehicle use as instead of traveling from the periphery to the center (Hancock) they travel a shorter distance to the amenity in the more peripheral location

19:04:36 From Ella McCrea to Everyone:

My questions was not around disk golf, it was about doing something like that for park days

19:04:47 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

And one could argue that moving golf to the periphery in order to replace it with a park could mean an upgrade at Hancoc as far as public use amenities go.

19:05:00 From Joe Linsalata to Everyone:

Lions might history if UT leases it to a developer.

19:05:11 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

It's small, but Shipe is nearby Melynda - probably only a couple of acres though

19:05:27 From Coan Dillahunty to Everyone:

Eastwoods Park is a 5 minute walk from Hanock, just south of it.

19:05:33 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

That's a disingenuous response

19:06:01 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

No because golf requires so many more resources per person

19:06:37 From Michelle Merwin to Everyone:

And soccer and basketball are both more diverse athletic activities

19:06:41 From Chelsie Luis to Everyone:

soccer doesn't require 45 acres for a game

19:07:33 From Ella McCrea to Everyone:

It depends on the concession, lots of things can be done that don't keep the space green

19:09:31 From Carolyn Palaima to Everyone:

The Hancock Neighborhood Association paid for the installation of the trail and continued maintenance. The Association has had a very good working relationship with Golf ATX. I think this bodes well for community engagement and the ability to contribute to sustaining the hybrid park use at Hancock.

19:09:48 From Melynda Nuss to Everyone:

Thank you!

19:09:48 From Richard Pounds to Everyone:

Thank you to the PARD for your work on this. This is the only golf course within miles, but it's not the only park within miles. There are other park options within blocks. Nobody is talking about turning a park into a golf course. Thanks for keeping this unique recreational opportunity that is open to everyone.

19:11:27 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

I believe it's in the tens of millions every year

19:11:35 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

It is the only large green space for miles though— all the other parks either have playgrounds built on the large part or no open space for people to enjoy so it really isn't the same thing

19:12:41 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Yes!

19:12:43 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Absolutely

19:13:07 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

That's great, thank you.

19:13:19 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

Most of the private funds are philanthropic through foundations or individual donors. Austin Parks Foundation's park adopter program is a great vehicle to raise money and most of the conservancy's started off as an Austin Parks Foundation park adopter.

19:13:31 From Nick van Bavel to Everyone:

100 people per day on 45 acres. So 2 people per acre/day. Seems low. I wonder what other activities might achieve in density and also be more diverse and inclusive ? This is what I mean by highest and best use.

19:13:39 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Thank you Kevin

19:13:56 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

Also there is the brand new and larger Morris golf course nearby (which I assume is more interesting from a golfing perspective anyways)

19:14:05 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

Area parks besides Hancock- Shipe, Eastwoods, Adams-Hemphill, Cherrywood pocket park, Sparky Park, Huffstickler Green. And we have the passive park area in the triangle at 38th & Red River, but I don't see it used much.

19:14:24 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Yes, Ausitn Parks Foundation has been bringing in tens of millions to PARD every year

19:14:48 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Wouldn;'t it be amazing if Hancock could get some of that \$\$\$?

19:15:02 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

ImagineHancockPark.org !

19:16:06 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

APF grants are all driven at the park adopter level and based on the grant program's criteria.

19:16:42 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

If you look on a map of Austin you can clearly see that Hancock is the only large green space that is not UT campus, the Capitol fields the Morris golf course, or Mueller

19:16:44 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Thank you Rich. I will just mention that no golf courses are currently a part of that criteria

19:16:55 From Rebecca Batchelder to Everyone:

is the window closed for changing the plan? what is the point of this engagement meeting? what is still on the table for change that the public could have influence on at this point?

19:17:14 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

Thats a great question Rebecca, I hope Kevin can answer that

19:17:37 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

The city would likely be liable for injuries stemming from stray golf balls on public land (i.e. grassy areas, sidewalks, trails). Many people like to come out near sunset which results in a precarious situation where many people are out with their dogs, or throwing a frisbee during set while a few golfers continue playing. I've had a few close calls myself as a runner. It seems like allocating the last 30 min every day would help make this situation safer. Excluding people by force seems untenable...

19:18:37 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

@rebecca there was never any real engagement because from the very beginning they said they wouldn't consider anything else from golf excluding everyone from the community except for the very small minority of golfers

19:19:15 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

I believe it's in the tens of millions

19:19:36 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

I think the last reported number was \$27M because of the large Moody Foundation donation.

19:21:12 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

My last question is this: The current report on the survey states that "the results of the survey strongly indicate respondents' desire to maintain Hancock as a golf course". But that is only supported by the survey that has more responses from Steiner Ranch than the 12 zip codes that surround Hancock". Will PARD change that before presenting to City Council in January?

19:22:51 From PARD Kasey Corpus to Everyone:

Here is the memo Kevin mentioned:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Golf/PARB%20Memo\\_Hancock%20Golf%20Survey%20Results\\_05.09.2021Combined.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Golf/PARB%20Memo_Hancock%20Golf%20Survey%20Results_05.09.2021Combined.pdf)

19:23:26 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

Kasey, I get Page Not Found for this link:

[https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Golf/PARB%2520Memo\\_Hancock%2520Golf%2520Survey%2520Results\\_05.09.2021Combined.pdf](https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Golf/PARB%2520Memo_Hancock%2520Golf%2520Survey%2520Results_05.09.2021Combined.pdf)

19:24:26 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

That was to the Open Link

19:24:30 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Not the Email Survey

19:24:30 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

I'd hate to see positive comments from Steiner somehow invalidate positive comments in the areas immediately adjacent the Hancock Golf Course. I hear the Conservancy say the people around Hancock do not want golf, but I haven't seen data to substantiate this

19:24:54 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

Thank you Lucas.

19:24:55 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

Thanks Lucas, we appreciate the attempt at transparency

19:24:59 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

The Email Survey was the one that showed 46% No to maintaining golf

19:26:30 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

THANK YOU to Justin and Kevin. I appreciate your candor and willingness to spend you weekday evening with us! And to Lucas and Rich as well!

19:26:45 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

You mentioned that you foresee the need for large capital expenditures to continue operations at Hancock. It seems that such large line items will cause financial insolvency once they are made.

19:26:48 From Gordon Kelley to Everyone:

Mainly a repeat of what I said verbally, but the Hancock Golf Course property would make for an excellent 18-hole disc golf course, good for players from beginners to top pros. Austin-area disc golfers on the whole want to see it remain a golf course, but would LOVE to see disc golf added as an additional amenity in some way. As a pay-for-play disc golf course, this could be a great revenue producer for the facility. It could also bring a larger, more diverse group of citizens to enjoy the property. We really enjoy having our one tournament out there each year, and at the very least want to see Hancock stay an operating golf course with other activities occasionally allowed.

19:26:57 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=353945>

We are up to \$21 a resident in private spending in the 2020 TPL data.

19:27:14 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

How will PARD make these expenditures with the tight operational budget that currently exists.

19:28:10 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

Thanks Kasey, I can reach it now!

19:28:27 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

The rest of the question is abover

19:28:35 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

That was a two part question

19:28:40 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

@ kasey You mentioned that you foresee the need for large capital expenditures to continue operations at Hancock. It seems that such large line items will cause financial insolvency once they are made.

19:28:50 From Bob Breeze to Everyone:

I participated in the Waterloo Disc Golf Tourney and really enjoyed it. I'm hoping to see more similar events scheduled there. That should also help the bottom line.

19:29:15 From Bart Whatley to Everyone:

Thanks PARD staff. It is great to see parks facilities provided for a variety of interests and variety of people across Austin. Places for recreation and relaxation are important to all of us.

19:29:22 From Melynda Nuss to Everyone:

Thanks so much for your time! Appreciate the update.

19:30:02 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Thank you PARD staff!

19:30:15 From Agathe Denis to Everyone:

Thank you!

19:30:17 From Rich DePalma to Everyone:

Thank you Kevin, Justin, Lucas, and Kasey!

19:30:24 From Coan Dillahunty to Everyone:

Thank you PARD staff. Very informational and well run meeting.

19:30:25 From David Guarino to Everyone:

Thank you for your time

19:30:35 From Gordon Kelley to Everyone:

Thanks Y'all!

19:30:57 From Jason Black to Everyone:

thanks for the information

19:30:58 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

Thanks Justin!

19:31:02 From Sam Osborn to Everyone:

Thanks to everyone! this engagement is a huge part of what the public wants

19:31:11 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:



I have the raw data by zip code, if anyone wants it you can email me at  
AdamESparks@gmail.com

19:31:13 From Etienne Denis to Everyone:

I really appreciate that you are considering our concerns regarding the survey

19:31:33 From Adam E Sparks (Hancock Conservancy) to Everyone:

Me too!