

Zilker Park Vision Plan

TAG Meeting #4

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Zoom Meeting Chat

00:21:52 Amanda Ross: I have lots of questions about this. If programming is only tied to the number of people that doesn't really reflect programming that is more frequent and in depth. I do question that a music event is true programming.

00:30:41 Nathan Wilkes: Can you share the zoomed out slide again

00:32:32 Cynthia Klemmer: Perhaps a good visual would be a line chart, with different types of programming having a different line/strand across the months of the year. Lines could be thicker to represent heavier programming times. Altogether it would create the tapestry of programming in Zilker.

00:36:54 Amanda Ross: Good point Denisha. Pop-ups at the Spillway/Barking Springs (free side of Barton Springs) on a busy weekend like labor day would reach a wide audience.

00:46:25 Steven Linett: I'm concerned about the framing of the question about the use of parking fees for general park O&M. I don't believe that is an allowable use of parking fees. I brought this up in the last TAG and would suggest discussing with Law, if we're really considering this to be an option.

00:46:59 Claire Hempel: Noted Steve. Thank you for pointing that out.

00:50:12 Jessica Gilzow: It cuts off Zilker PReserve and the Austin Nature & Science Center.

00:53:41 Rose Lisska: Note: There will not be any buses traveling on the Trinity bridge. If someone is paying for a transit only connection under mopac that sounds great. currently it takes awhile to turn around under mopac to access Barton Springs. There are also issues with turning radius under there.

00:55:22 Amanda Ross: Would dogs be allowed on the public transit? That is often a problem for people coming to Zilker is that they would like to have their dog with them.

01:04:25 denisha jenkins: Good point amanda

01:14:56 denisha jenkins: I agree Kim.. I've been here since 2013 and still have challenges

01:17:41 Cynthia Klemmer: I'm glad that there is an interpretive master plan as a significant component of the overall plan. It is, agreed, sorely needed.

01:19:11 Joshua Erickson: What caught my attention was the 9 point spread on the response about park maintenance. 44% of respondents think Zilker is not well maintained, as opposed to 35% who think it is. That is surprising given the current investment in maintenance there...

01:22:54 Cynthia Klemmer: Yes, Joshua. I think most public perspective presumes that whatever is there is 'good' even if it's invasive species and degraded landscapes. Attention to that, and how to keep the landscape sustainable in the longrun (a tall order) will be important. I would like to advocate for the entire park being considered an arboretum. It wouldn't take away from types of usage,

but could offer some protection, emphasis for new/better tree species planting, and fundraising opportunities from a support/private group.

01:27:15 Eric Loucks|WPD: There is variability in how members of the public define maintenance Lawn mowing versus a 90-year bathhouse

01:27:21 denisha jenkins:Thanks everyone for these updates and details

01:29:46 Cynthia Klemmer: Claire-- you mentioned Programs, Policies, and... a third P. Can you repeat that?

01:30:27 Cynthia Klemmer: Thabks!