

Zilker Park Vision Plan Community Meeting #4

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	Question	Asker Name	Answer(s)
1	can we get the link for question and answer poll yet?	Deana Dossey	We will be using www.menti.com during the presentation. We will have a slide with those instructions as well as a QR code.
2	Is it best to put the questions here in the Q&A or in the chat or both?	Robin Rather	Hello Robin. It is best to use Q&A and allow us some time to answer it in order. Thanks for your understanding in advance.
3	Is there sound? I am not getting any.	Wendy Floyd	Yes. You may not have heard that bit regarding Spanish language interpretation if you already selected English.
4	Can we please see the speakers?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
4	Can we please see the speakers?	Anonymous Attendee	We will be working to rotate the spotlight to the speakers. You can also pin the speaker on your screen as well, but we will work to show speakers as well as ASL interpretation.
5	Would you please enable chat?	Anonymous Attendee	We are using Q&A function for this meeting so that we don't miss any questions and keep track of.
6	I did a test on my speaker and it seems to be working fine. Is it just me, or is anyone getting sound?	Wendy Floyd	Wendy, I believe others are getting sound. You may try to exit and then reenter.
7	Will this be recorded and distributed to participants? This is a challenging time slot for many to attend.	Anonymous Attendee	Yes, tonight's recording and materials will be uploaded and available on the project website. https://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision
8	Finally got it, thanks!	Wendy Floyd	Fantastic!
9	These slides are all available on the website correct? Some great info here.	Jas Gill	The presentation file will be uploaded to the project website after the meeting.
10	The 7,000 voices mentioned continue to be so heavily skewed to white, affluent, older, West Ausitnites, a case could they be made that these surveys are INVALID. What steps are being taken to fix this problem, how are	Robin Rather	Robin, we are aware that many groups are underrepresented in the process, which is why our additional outreach is focused in areas of town that are not in West Austin. This is an issue that the entire city faces in large part due to the system of racism our city was built on. We are grateful for community champions who continue to work alongside us to help reach neighbors

	you adding questions about equity and lived experiences of people of color and are you open to suggestions regarding best practices to make your outreach far more representative?		who may be unaware of the process so far. If you or anyone would like to help get the word out to increase representation in our input, we would appreciate your help.
11	Can you repost the QR code for menti?	Mark Weiler	live answered
11	Can you repost the QR code for menti?	Mark Weiler	You can go to 'www.menti.com' and use the code '1465 5737' to participate on voting
12	Can't get connected to the poll	Steve Barnick	If you are able to place www.menti.com in your search bar. Then enter, 1465 5737 as the access code. If you continue to have trouble, the survey will also be available after tonight's meeting.
13	where is the link?	Michael Cannatti	menti.com code 1465 5737
14	grass. Bouncing between grandson birthday dinner and this. Arrgh	Michael Cannatti	live answered
15	Cannotnconnect to the pool site!	Steve Barnick	You can go to 'www.menti.com' and use the code '1465 5737' to participate in voting
16	I'm trying to answer 8 (Ellis) but can't seem to get it to work.	Anonymous Attendee	Not sure how to address that.
17	Each time I've attended one of these zoom meetings, the bulk has consisted of these bubble questionnaires being addressed to the same group of mostly white people that have the ability to attend a zoom meeting at 6pm. How many times have you conducted similar, but more tangible, surveys throughout Zilker Park park (ie NOT just sitting at a table near the pool)? That is, have you mingled with park users throughout the park?	Anonymous Attendee	Thanks for reaching out. Walking through the park and showing up in multiple locations is one of the ways in which we are doing outreach at Zilker. We anticipate continuing this process for this next survey. We will also be tabling, since some of our additional materials is not easily carried as we walk around. If you have suggested times or places, feel free to email us at ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov .

18	Has there been any effort to differentiation of the community input due to their proximity to the park?	Anonymous Attendee	The input received during meetings and through surveys is disaggregated based on responses to information provided through demographic data. We want to explore the input in many ways and through multiple lenses.
19	Are you reaching out to people under 18?	Jessica Gilzow	We met with a few of the PARD afterschool teen programs. We are continuing to look for additional connections and appreciate any ideas you have.
20	Seems like these online meetings may be hard for older adults to work, if they don't have smart phones (like my mom).	Anonymous Attendee	Hello, good point! We are aware of that part also but this is only part of our engagement effort. We have had more than 40 pop-ups with paper copies of survey to reach out more people. We will have various ways to hear people's opinions about the project more. Thanks
21	Justin, there are many best practices for surveys and pop ups that ZNA and others have been trying to get implemented since this project started. Where there is a will, there is a way. Happy to help as are many others. It is not enough to blame it on racism. Got to get the job done or quit doing it in ways you know don't work. Thanks	Anonymous Attendee	Thanks for reaching out. Shoot me an email at justin.schneider@austintexas.gov , and we'll get you any resources we can.
22	Could this participant demographic information be collected through a survey participants fill out when they log on to the meeting? This is taking a lot of time - we are 25 minutes into the meeting and it feels like the time could be used for reviewing options and questions.	Sarah Faust	Thanks for the suggestion! We will try to go through the process faster next time or look for another option but please understand that it is important part of process also. Thank you
23	When does the meeting end? Enough user survey—we came to hear what you plan to do to our park. Please get to it and leave time and CHAT open to receive our questions and responses.	Anonymous Attendee	The meeting will end at 8 p.m.
24	I am joining late. How do I vote?	Anonymous Attendee	You can go to 'www.menti.com' and use the code '1465 5737' to participate on voting

25	Thanks for answering, Justin. I was just curious because I didn't see any one under 18 on the call tonight.	Jessica Gilzow	Typically, if we have under 18 attendees, they are with their families.
26	Who is Clair and what's her role?	Anonymous Attendee	Claire Hempel is Landscape Architect and Planner at Design Workshop which is the prime consultant for this project.
27	Justin, here are a few suggestions: 1. Actually ask questions at the pop ups and don't just point people to a QRCode or tell them to take the survey. RECORD THE INPUT ON THE FLY. 2. Do out bound, statistically accurate surveys, not junky self selective surveys. 3. Do at least some of the zooms on the weekends. 4. Ask questions in lay person terms, not jargon. Make the surveys easier and shorter and more coherent. There are many other proven techniques.	Anonymous Attendee	Thanks for the feedback. Happy to continue the conversation. justin.schneider@austintexas.gov.
28	Discribe Stich/Land Bridge more thoroughly please	Roy Waley	making connections and working to stich the northside of the park to the southside.
29	Would "stitch" be the concept that would entail a potential pedestrian bridge?	Jas Gill	Yes. Claire Hempel will explain in detail in a minute!
30	Exactly how much new, additional pavement is being proposed in the common elements and in each concept, measured in square feet? Also, what are the costs of each common element.	Anonymous Attendee	This information is forthcoming and will be shared in our 5th community meeting. Thanks.
31	Again, thank you, Justin. That makes sense.	Jessica Gilzow	
32	What is the cost of the land bridge and where would the funding come from.	Anonymous Attendee	There will be more detailed information in upcoming slides! Partnerships and future PARD Bond Funding are options. Thanks
33	But what is it?	Roy Waley	Hello Roy, could you explain your question more? Thanks
34	How big is the parking lot with the land bridge how many spaces and what is the cost?	Anonymous Attendee	There will be more detailed information in a minute about your question! Thanks
35	Do you have a graphic? Visualizing it is difficult for me.	Roy Waley	We will have zoom in to the major sections of the park in each concept and have graphics of the proposed mobility improvements.

36	These meetings are vague, uncommitted, and repetitive. This makes me wonder if this is because in the background you're working on a plan to maximize park economics and future design work?	Elizabeth McGreevy	We're working to create a vision plan that serves all park users. Thanks.
37	They have not talked to many groups around town, just around Zilker. As an Allandale N'hood member, I can tell you that these contractors do not live here and bring their own ideas and baggage to these projects. The one in NW park insists on putting a bike velodrome right next to the residential area -- disruptive and dangerous behavior that we don't even want in the park. It is NOT how we use NWPark that is full of wildlife and in fact supports wildlife and migratory birds and butterflies. They are also pushing removal of the park perimeter and replacing it w/ a board walk -- a major maintenance problem and a trip slip fall danger.	Caroline Reynolds	Caroline, you can see the locations we have reached out to in person on the project webpage: www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision . Northwest District Park was one of the locations we were at during the vision process for that park as well. Our focus on additional outreach has been to underrepresented groups throughout Austin.
38	Love the traffic circles!	Jessica Gilzow	We are glad you like it!
39	would that also include potential retail? on Lou Neff	Jas Gill	No retail is being proposed along Lou Neff. Thanks.
40	Moving the theater disallows easy dips in Barton Springs before the show, which is a common tradition.	Laura Cottam Sajbel	
41	Okay, I take that back. Finally seeing some actual plans!	Elizabeth McGreevy	
42	Is auto parking the same, more, or less with Stitch Concept?	Richard Smith	The presenter will explain about each element of the plan in details with diagrams in a minute!
43	How big is the welcome center?	Robin Rather	No square footage has been identified for a welcome center at this time. That is to be determined in the coming months. Thanks.
44	love the land bridge!	Tanya Walker	
45	Can you say more about the partially buried parking garage? I am very concerned about above ground parking. thank you.	Jessica Walbridge	The parking garage will be under the land bridge so you will not see it even if it is partially buried.
46	With regard to the "stitch" option was there any fiscal cost to the	Jeff Jack	This is to be determined in the coming months on funding options for all proposed improvements. Thanks.

	tax payers of the land bridge idea presented in the previous community meetings		
47	Parking garage sounds like a very bad idea to me.	Wendy Floyd	Hello Wendy, we have option without parking garage today. But could you explain more why you think it is a bad idea? It will be really helpful us to understand your concerns.
48	With the change in parking near Barton on the south side, what is the ADA compliance? Seems like a long way from parking on Azie Morton to the pool entrance.	Laura Cottam Sajbel	We will have parking lots for ADA accessible near the pool area. But it will not be the main parking area for general public.
49	2235 spaces.. are those new spaces or total existing plus new???	Robin Rather	This is total number of parking spaces for the option.
50	What is the parking volume at Zilker and Barton Springs currently? Do any of the plans exceed current parking (formal and informal) infrastructure?	Sarah Jovinelly	Sarah, it has about 2250 spaces, including polo fields.
51	So is "stitch" rolling up and removing existing parking in favor of a consolidated, smaller, green or buried parking solution at the central area where the pedestrian landbridge would be located?	Michael Cannatti	Correct! So that we can creat more green spaces
52	Love the lowered speed limit and street diet!	Cade Ritter	Thanks for your comment.
53	Please be specific in descibing the underground parking lots. How underground would these structures be?	Joan Saidel	This will be partial buried parking lot under land bridge so it will not be seen from above ground.
54	I love how it clears Polo Field of parking and most of the Butler Landfill area. What is the total of other parking areas that are being removed?	Michael Cannatti	Existing parking number for Zilker right now is 2,450 but it is including all informal parking on landfill and Polo field area.
55	Is the overall parking of 2,235 overall spaces more, less, or the same as now?	Richard Smith	Current parking is comparable to the proposed # in the Stitch Concept. Thanks.
56	Saw it thanks	Roy Waley	
57	Appreciate the thoughtful addition of bike lanes, walking areas and focus on safety for non car users	Felicity Maxwell	Thank you Felicity!
58	Stitch is amazing so far. Love that its pushing green spaces.	Jas Gill	Thank you for the comment, Jas!
59	Will the off-leash area be fenced?	Ingrid Karklins	Yes it will be.

60	Will the land bridge go where the traffic light at Stratford now is?	Karen Kreps	Correct. In this option, Stratford Drive would be relocated to run adjacent to and just east of Mopac, so the traffic signal would no longer be needed.
61	What is the sports complex exactly and how big is it?	Robin Rather	Currently it has ball field, volley ball courts, and off-leash area. And the size will be smaller than current rugby field.
62	With disconnection of Columbus Drive, won't there be greater bottleneck on Barton Springs Rd?	Karen Kreps	Thank you, Karen. Traffic volumes on Columbus Drive are relatively low today. The facilities that are accessed from Columbus Dr would still be accessible by vehicle in the stitch concept, but that access would be from Mopac directly instead of Barton Springs Rd.
63	Can we see all three before we break it down.	Melissa Hawthorne	Sorry, but the presentation isn't formatted that way. Thanks.
64	Please please please don't make it look like Waterloo Square	Roy Waley	
65	Will there be bathrooms on/near Great Lawn area?	Lisa Muir	There will be multiple new restrooms throughout the park. We heard from lots of people about lack of restroom within the park.
66	Below ground garage is a must. yay! I cannot imagine trying to carry items to a picnic spot though for a family gathering.	Jacks Newell	We are aware how hard that it so planning internal shuttle route and Zilker Eagle as part of the plan to solve that issue.
67	Do you have plans for sustainable materials for the land bridge (other than concrete)?	Karen Blizzard	We will study the materials and details of the land bridge based on the survey we will have after this meeting. Thanks
68	4 lanes of traffic plus island is 54', plus 12 for bikes, plus 10 for walkers plus 15 to 20 feet for trees ALL TotALs 105 feet of ROW for the road you designed for stitch. City does not own the ROW approaching the park and will need to condemn and pay for expensive multifamily residential or commercial property. Do you think I am going to want to pay more \$\$ to PARD that has not taken care of what I have been paying for since 1960, and then my grand ather and his father going back to 1886	Caroline Reynolds	
69	Are you saying a pedestrian bridge will be added from Toomey Rd.? Where will people using that park?	Judith Sims	Correct. This connection would provide a more direct path to existing parking facilities on and along Toomey Rd in addition to other multimodal options like Capital Metro bus routes and bicycle facilities along S Lamar Blvd.
70	Claire, this is moving really fast, is very superficial and not explained in terms of how the elements fit together . Has no costs or tradeoffs. Hard to give feedback	Robin Rather	The cost information is part of the next community meeting. We understand it is a lot of information. We will upload all materials you can take time and study for survey. Thanks

	in any meaningful way doing it this way.		
71	Will there be a comparison of the 3 plan options in terms of Cost, Enviro benefit, etc.?	Melissa Hawthorne	This presentation file will be uploaded after the meeting so that you can take time and compare in a deeper level. Thanks
72	Instead of a super expensive land bridge, how about re-designing Barton Springs to cater to pedestrians, not cars?	Elizabeth McGreevy	We are considering many aspects of the design. As Barton Springs road is one of the major roadway within the city and big barrier within the Zilker Park. There are three options for Barton Spring Road today. Hope there is one you like! Thanks
73	I don't feel like an underground parking garage would be environmentally conscious and would encourage even a larger population to visit this already becoming congested area.	Wendy Floyd	
74	Also you seem to have the off leash in two places...?	Judith Sims	In this concept, there are two off-leash areas. One relocated to the Polo Field and one on the south side of Barton Springs Pool.
75	Adding more sports fields within the riparian zone is NOT a good idea. Also, is that dog park area supposed to replace the larger one north of Barton Springs?	Elizabeth McGreevy	Yes, the Great Lawn's off-leash area would be relocated to the Polo Field.
76	Will the land bridge be covered btw? Can we explore a somewhat covered bridge that uses solar panels?	Jas Gill	Thanks for the idea! We will explore the design in more detail based on the survey after this meeting. Thanks
77	what would be the user experience for accessing the Garden Center and the nature Center?	Clark Hancock	Depends on each concept. One keeps Stratford in its current location, while the other two propose that it be realigned. Thanks.
78	Also.... sorry that we are using this as a comment section and not just Q&A but this should show that people want to be vocal during these sessions	Jas Gill	Thanks. We understand. As you can see that we are struggling to keep up with questions as it is. When we did chat in addition previously, we missed too many comments. Our hope is that we can find more safe opportunities for connecting in person in the future.
79	If you pave the Butler Landfill, you will contain methane and cause a build up of flammable gas and an asphyxiant to the birds and small animals.	Caroline Reynolds	Improving the cap on the top of the landfill will be part of the process if the public decide to pave that area. Thanks
80	How does the number of parking spaces related to current? Increase by how much?	Elaine Robbins	We estimate there to be about 2,450 existing spaces today. This includes informal parking.
81	Accessibility is very important though out Zilker. Whatever transportation improvements should include light at night.	Nancy Crowther	We understand that safety is really important part of the plan. We will make sure about your concern. Thanks

82	Are these concepts alternates or facets?	Clark Hancock	These are overall park concepts with elements that may be combined among the 3 concepts based on feedback we receive.
83	There are historical structures on the Nature Center side of Mopac	Clark Hancock	Thanks for mentioning this. We are working closely with our PARD staff at the ZNSC.
84	Does "sports complex" mean a building? How large?	Karen Blizzard	Hi Karen, its mostly fields for outdoor play.
85	Which would be less expensive: land bridge or tunnel??	Elizabeth McGreevy	Tunnel will be less expensive than land bridge.
86	Just a note of thanks for starting to present a lot of heavy information. Seeing lots of complaining in here. People chill. There is time to read and study. They have said it many times. Quit complaining.	Jacks Newell	Thanks for the comment Jack. Yes this presentation file will be uploaded to the project website after the meeting so you can take time and study in detail. Thanks
87	Is off-leash next to Eliza Spring in the Edges plan?	Ingrid Karklins	No dog off elash area is proposed near Eliza Springs. Thanks.
88	What type of activity is envisioned for the expanded water play area along Azie merton? What should the residents along AM expect with this idea?	Clark Hancock	The detailed plan will be on next meeting but you can imagine various types of water play for children not just splash pad.
89	Have you explored External shuttles to the park or only internal shuttles within the park?	Robin Rather	Good point. We explored off-site shuttle also. It will come up at the later part of the presentation.
90	How big is the welcome center? How big is the sports complex? Where will there be potable water sources? How will shade be provided?	Karen Kreps	We do not have specific square footage for a welcome center and sports complex at this time. If that option is desired through this process we can provide more detail. Yes to potable (we have diagramed where water fountains and interpretive signage will go and that work continues). We have also increased shade in the park in all options through the ecological uplift options.
91	Fence the off leash to make it clear it's not the whole park	Roy Waley	
92	Fence the off leash areas to make it clear it's not for the whole park	Roy Waley	
93	Would not want to see concrete sidewalks all through the park and hope you'll explore decomposed granite or similar.	Karen Blizzard	Understood. We need to balance ADA accessibility while minimizing impervious surfaces and also providing multimodal access.
93	Would not want to see concrete sidewalks all through the park and hope you'll explore decomposed granite or similar.	Karen Blizzard	Sidewalks are appropriate in some areas of the park, but trails could be incorporated in other areas. Ped & bike connectivity thru out the park is very important. Thanks.
94	I like the aesyhetic but having the Hillside Theater parrlell to the	Clark Hancock	

	river whill cause wind ishes for performances		
95	Can he Ecology maps with all green sections be changed to a more colorblind coloring?	Anna Pittala	Thank you for the note, Anna. I will pass it on to the graphic designers.
96	Would new transportation options allow a visitor to bring their dog(s)?	Laure McLaughlin	We are discussing that option with CapMetro now. And we are aware of the struggle. Thanks
97	Have y'all received feedback from Zilker Hillside Theatre about the new proposed location in Edges?	Michael Cannatti	We've recieved feedback from PARD staff and have received comments from the theater group. Thanks Mike.
98	Would the theatre be particularly susceptible to Mopac road noise? Seems like it should be far from Mopac if possible?	Logan Daum	There will be appropoate noise controlling plans for this area if the public decided to go this way. We can build proper system on the top of the parking garage also.
99	Can you address the Azie Morton Road is dangerous question? And is the answer to decrease surface parking and access to Zilker from Azie Morton?	Jennifer Treat	We are rearranging the parking layout on the south side of Barton Springs pool for this option.
100	I'm at Zilker 5-6 days/week walking my dogs and I can tell you that soccer is very, very popular for young guys. Without that, I don't see how a sports complex would help.	Laure McLaughlin	Thanks for sharing your thoughts. Informal sports in the park is very popular.
101	why does the hillside theater need to be moved?	Linda Guy	Hello Linda, This is one of the solutions to solve conjection around the pool area.
102	What would the "seating" be for the Hillside?	Roy Waley	A sloped groud as it is today. We could entertain other ideas though. Thanks.
103	Where will a bridge end up on north side of lake?	Sara Madera	Austin High Scool and Lamar Beach. Thanks.
104	pardon my typos: love the aesthetic of having the Hillside Teater adjacent to the river however the winds from the river corrdidor will cause performance concerns	Clark Hancock	Thanks for your comments. We will research more about that issue cause there are lots of precedents of theaters beside water.
105	Hi, I joined late and am curious how I can partipate in the poles? Do I need to be on facebook to do so?	Diana Dierks	Hello Diana, You can go to 'www.menti.com' and use the code '1465 5737' to participate on voting
106	There are two plans so far that include off-leash dog areas near Barton Creek, this seems like it could create a water quality issue with runoff from dog waste. Could the off-leash areas be located somewhere that does not	Sarah Faust	That's a possiblity, but dogs are already accessing Barton Creek at Barking Springs at a high volume. Thanks.

	drain to Barton Creek? Near Mopac?		
107	Where the Boat house currently is located was the site of the McGill Ferry	Clark Hancock	
108	What is the purpose of the of a Welcome Center? Can't info be accomplished by permanent signs or possibly an interactive kiosk with QR codes? I see a building like this getting tagged and not needed for the size of this park.	Carolyn Vernick	Thanks for your comments. You can leave additional feedback in the survey.
109	Are there details to the re-work of Stratford for Plan Concept C available?	T.J. Owens	This presentation will be uploaded to the project website after the meeting so that you can take a closer look. About funding or implementation, it will be on the next community meeting.
110	Question. Can anyone love the roundabout idea more than me?	Michael Cannatti	Excellent question. ATD may be able to provide some insight on biggest fans.
111	wow incredible green lift for Barton Springs rd. Hope it gets included additionally in one of the other concepts :)	Jas Gill	
112	are the surface lots envisioned pervious cover or impervious?	jessica walbridge	This is TBD but we would anticipate that the travel lane would be impervious and parking bays impervious. We have employed such detailing at Houston Arboretum and Nature Center which is quite effective.
113	Need better accessible parking for lift equipped vans. High top vana. level areas.	Nancy Crowther	Thank you for your comment.
114	Can you provide how many square feet of development - including buildings, roads, parking spaces total are included in each of the three concepts?	Robin Rather	We have developed a number of comparative metrics and will continue to develop others. We have, for example, calculated length of trails, parking spaces, area of ecological uplift but will consider these too.
115	How does the new Atlas floodplan map affect the Welcome Plaza option?	Michael Cannatti	We have studied the most recent floodplain mapping and incorporated that into our thinking. Some improvements, perhaps the welcome plaza would need to be resistant to flooding.
116	Would Azie Morton be considerably widened for onstreet parking?	katie edwards	It will be partially widened where the street parking is located.
117	Or is it only Barton Springs for on-street parking?	katie edwards	Azie Morton have on-street parking partially also.
118	What hours and frequency would the shuttles run? Would they be free? Air conditioned? What bicycle parking and riding access will there be?	Karen Kreps	This is all to be determined but in general you want 15 minute "headways" (a bus comes every 15 minutes). Ideally they would be free as this increases ridership, and they would be air conditioned. Funding is TBD but will be discussed at our next meeting.
119	So far, there is no mention of climate or equity in any of these	Robin Rather	A detailed climate analysis is beyond the scope of the work, but we have looked at floodplain, tree canopy,

	concepts. Are you planning to provide some climate analytics and some metrics around inclusion and equity for these three options/		water use, and other factors. We will be looking further at equity and inclusion - of course these public transportation strategies are key to more inclusive use of the park.
120	Don't use white letters on green sheet Cannot read	Caroline Reynolds	Thanks for the comments. We will make sure about that part next time.
121	How would the Barton Springs Bridge be addressed in these three concepts?	Felicity Maxwell	ATD is undertaken a separate study on the Barton Springs Bridge. That said, we would recommend that appropriate bike and ped improvements as you have seen in these potential road sections continue across the bridge and beyond. Again funding for these improvements are TBD and will be discussed at our next meeting.
122	How would the large oaks' roots be protected with the terraces	Judith Sims	Hello Judith. Yes we are aware of them. As we go into more detailed design, that part will be more clearly addressed.
123	Do all plans use raised crosswalks for Barton Springs Rd?	Edgar Handal	We have one option has raised crosswalk currently to explore various options.
124	I cannot read the writing on my laptop. I don't want to go to my office and wide screen	Caroline Reynolds	
125	Yeah this is a detail tbd but if Goathouse is moved, what would happen at its current location?	Clark Hancock	As currently anticipated that area would be revegetated. That idea is to increase habitat connectivity from the Nature Center to the lake and take improvements out of Eanes Creek.
126	Plan 3 seems like it will have accessibility problems when it gets crowded. People park in Strange places when Zilker is full.	Nancy Crowther	We will have accessibility plan not only with parking but with internal and off-site shuttle to address the issue. Thanks
127	Street parking or a parking gargage on Azie Morton is a terrible idea. It's a main thoroughfare for two neighborhoods with lots of traffic	Mary Lou Bell	
128	Dedicated bike lanes for hike and bike trail is an excellent idea	Karen Brimble	Thank you Karen!
129	Why have a welcome center??	Elizabeth McGreevy	
130	I am not infoavor of the Welcome center and want to avoid more built areas	Megan Meisenbach	
131	Be sure, with that berm as your ADA option, that it is not too steep for a wheelchair.	Laura Cottam Sajbel	Thanks Laura, we must comply with ADA regulations as specified by the City of Austin
132	In terms of enhancement for families/ children did I see that all three concepts include new playground / play areas in	Felicity Maxwell	Yes, new playgrounds are proposed in all three concepts. Thanks.

	different parts of the park? If so Thank you!		
133	Park parking should cater to families and ada	Roy Waley	Thanks for your comment.
134	You know, of course, that he bikers drive at 25 mph and faster down hill and can easily harm themselves and walkers . We have asked the;m to not come to our n'hood, because they are a danger to our children and elderly walkers.	Caroline Reynolds	
135	I hope improved signage is part of all plans. I'm forever giving folks directions to Barton Springs.	Laure McLaughlin	It is part of the plan and will be addressed in more detail as we move the plan forward. Thanks
136	Has there been any analysis of the capacity of the park for people with various levels of activity? How many visitors can the land sustain?	Jeff Jack	We performed in depth site analysis and needs accessment plan which is accessible in the project website.
137	Thanks for speaking to the idea of both internal and external shuttles. But they need to go much farther out into the city, farther in all directions and the shuttle needs to be a) free and have tons of storage.	Robin Rather	We have discussed that specific question with CapMetro. The big challenge is funding. They believe that the biggest impediment to more transit use if the lack of quality transite facilities on BSR and we have reviewed these sections multiple times with both CapMetro and ATD.
138	Need more time to study is not an option	Melissa Hawthorne	
139	Is there a plan for secure bike parking?	Edgar Handal	Not specifically but that is something we can look into that.
140	Why the enormous clearance unde the pedestrian bridge? 18-wheelers?	Elaine Robbins	City of Austin requires, I believe 14 foot clear for all roadways.
141	When you say "exploring," is the transportation team having conversations with offsite garage operators?	Karen Blizzard	Yes we are currently made a list of all the garage operators near Zilker Park and reaching out to them.
142	Need more time is not an option.	Melissa Hawthorne	The survey will later be available on the project website if you need more time to reflect on your preferences.
143	I'm confused. How do any of these concepts "make Zilker Park a more profitable major events center for private interests"? I'm missing something.	Michael Cannatti	live answered
144	Is the design team aware that Toomey is a residential area of >1,000 residents and not restaurants as is the case along Barton springs Road? Shuttles	Rebecca Taylor	We are aware of that issue. There will be proper safety plan if the public choose the option. Thanks

	along Toomey are a nonstarter. Think lots of children and dogs.		
145	Again concepts unfolded now.	Melissa Hawthorne	
146	I thought there was an option for a part of the Great Lawn for sports complex?	Clark Hancock	Not the great lawn. We have shown sports field in one option on the Polo Field with the idea that these spaces could still be accessible during events on the Great Lawn.
147	Yikes! Who wants enjoy a musical by MoPac	Roy Waley	There will be proper treatment about MoPac if the public choose that option. Thanks
148	I agree with Clark	Roy Waley	
149	Water access with your own boat depends on where the parking is. Can you remind us where parking would be near the proposed boat areas?	Karen Blizzard	It varies in each of the three schemes.
150	Are you differentiating water access by canoe/kayak/boat and swimming? Bc I think the steps and revegetation by the Barking Springs area from Concept C is brilliant and definitely should be part of any plan... but not for boating. For swimming!!	Sarah Jovinelly	That's a level of detail we've not yet gotten to but a good point. We'll give it a look!
151	How will the MoPac Expansion work with this plan?	Jason Cheng	There is not a specific plan yet for MOPAC but we have met with the state and these options can work with the options currently under consideration. It is not our task to design MOPAC and it is anticipated that the public process for that proposal will take several more years to be resolved.
152	The nature Center side of Mopac is wilder and should be maintained	Clark Hancock	Thanks for your comment.
153	Would there be security issues with the tunnel concept (especially at night)?	Karen Blizzard	We are aware of the issue following with tunnel option. But there are a lot of good precedent about how we can make tunnel safer and the team will explore more as the survey goes. Thanks
154	Many of the productions at the theatre rely on foot traffic coming from the pool to boost attendance. Moving it near MoPac would limit that considerably.	David Ponton	There is as with all of these options, tradeoff. The theater is open to looking at a new location because of the current congeestion in the pool area, but of course there are details that will need to be resolved. The internal shuttle will help alleviate some of your concern.
155	Love the tarffic circle at Barton Springs Rd and the back entry of the Nature Center. Assuming sidewalks along Barton Springs Rd and Stratford Dr would be part of any plan allowing for safe foot traffic	Judith Craft	You are correct Judith. In any plan, safer pedestrian traffic will be part of the plans.

156	Design Workshop has presented three very creative strategies. Thank you for your great work.	Karen Brimble	Thank you Karen. Lots of moving parts here and you know. We welcome your ideas and comments!
157	Off site parking with shuttles to and iside the park	Roy Waley	Thanks for your comment.
158	Barking Springs is part of Zilker Park's accessibility to people of all income levels. It allows for a free family outing. The SES split of people on the paid side vs free side is almost visible... so removing swimming accessibility in Barking Springs would really reduce equity and accessibility	Sarah Jovinelly	live answered
159	I agree that there will be beauiful views if the theatre was close to the water, but how will the affect the wildlife (ex. ALAN exposure)?	Jonatan Salinas	The intent on either side of MOPAC is to increase habitat connectivity from the nature center to the lake and from the botanical garden to the lake. This scheme is a substantial improvement over the current condition and we believe that even with the theatre we believe there is adequate width for habitat connectivity
160	Is the great lawn still a concert venue? I hope not!	Laure McLaughlin	The city has current arrangements with events that will continue. Whether those arrangements continue or are modified in the future is beyond the scope of this study.
161	Another vote for secure bike parking. Unbelievable that that's not yet incorporated!	Elaine Robbins	Thank you for your comment, Elaine.
162	Is it safe to put parking on top of the landfill?	Anna Pittala	live answered
163	Great job, Design Workshop!	Karen Blizzard	Thank you for your comment Karen!
164	I'm sorry this question is late.. But, is there more minorites on the eastside of Mopac and is it easy to access? If there's a place to rent kayaks there?	Tanya Walker	Tanya, I'd love to help answer. Can you clarify in another question?
165	Why are y'all using ecological uplift rather than ecological restoration?	Jonatan Salinas	This is the term we are using for this plan and includes the meaning of ecological restoration inside. Thanks
166	Dig up the landfill and put an underground garage on part of it, if you are going to add parking.	Craig Nazor	That is an option though it would require further study beyond the scope of this master plan.
167	Will there be a time to view or take a deeper dive to bring up the cultural preservation aspects of these proposals?	T.J. Owens	Yes. The cultural resource members on the consultant team have reviewed all three schemes relative to the cultural resource survey to insure that all of those resources are protected.
168	Why is there not more rewilding of the Great Lawn?	Roy Waley	As great lawn is one of the most loved part of the Zilker, we are trying to keep the space with more tree canopy and partial ecological uplift.

169	I do like the idea of water access points to Barton Creek, but I don't care for the paved Welcome Center version in the slides. Don't we need more wild restoration in that area to shore up and stabilize the banks of Barton Creek?	Laura Cottam Sajbel	live answered
170	Would it be possible to consider the use of more natural paving materials for lots, bridges and trails? The plans show soooo much concrete. It would be heartbreaking to pave Zilker Park which is best known as a natural GREEN space. Would it be possible to simplify the land bridge? so that it's not such an imposing manmade structure? Would it be safe to remove lanes from Barton Springs Road and allow on-street parking on such a busy road? Thank you for your time and effort.	Anne Miller	live answered
171	Where would the main entrance be for Zilker Botanical Garden?	Mary Lou Bell	live answered
172	too many cars driving through to get to MoPac. Is there any way to reduce that traffic?	maggie Stenz	Unfortunately no. The existing road network is in place and we're trying to propose road calming elements to help slow traffic. Thanks.
173	Are these figures posted somewhere? Can you provide how many square feet of development - including buildings, roads, parking spaces total are included in each of the three concepts? Design Workshop Kurt Culbertson 7:16 PM We have developed a number of comparative metrics and will continue to develop others. We have, for example, calculated length of trails, parking spaces, area of ecological uplift but will consider these too.	Megan Meisenbach	
174	Appreciate the strong alternative transportation elements in this round. Also the ecological uplift focus is critically important. Thank you for that. Still so much that is	Robin Rather	

	hard to follow, hard to translate for general audiences and comes across somewhat incoherent.. but thank you for putting concepts out for continued study and dialog.		
175	Agree with an earlier comment that we need more secure bike parking. Theft has been a big issue near Barton Springs, and more people would likely ride to the park if there were better, more secure means of storing or guarding locked bikes.	Laura Cottam Sajbel	Good point. We'll take a look at that
176	why were facilities dedicated to natural and cultural heritage preservation not included in the first two options?	Clark Hancock	live answered
177	Great work. Please consider adding potential spots for RETAIL. Nothing worse than being hungry/thirsty in the park (which already doesnt have enough lighting or shade to walk in/out). Added foot traffic will be amazing for this. Thanks	Jas Gill	We would anticipate a discussion about this point at our next meeting.
178	what is cost estimate for each major component of each plan?	Bill Bunch	We have begun costing major elements but want to focus our efforts on the ideas that emerge from this meeting. Costs and funding will be discussed at the next meeting.
179	We need as much ecological restoration as possible.	Craig Nazor	Thank you for your comment, Craig.
180	Will the off leash areas be fenced? To make clear the rest of the park is on leash	Roy Waley	Yes the off-leash area in the plans will be fenced.
181	We don't need any re-wilding in Zilker Metropolitan Park.... We are fortunate have over 800 acres of beautiful WILD protected land immediately to the west of Barton Springs Pool...it's called the Barton Creek Greenbelt. The metropolitan park needs to be maintained as a conventional/traditional park...much like the Great Lawn is now...we have thousands of people who live in condos and apts just across the river that need that open park land	Ralph Webster	live answered

182	We need to minimize mowing.	Craig Nazor	We're hearing that some park patrons want fields and open areas to play in, that requires mowing. All park concepts try to balance open play area and non mowed areas. Thanks.
183	where is plan to save Barton springs?	Bill Bunch	
184	Also wondering if ACL and Trail of Lights would still be in Zilker Park, or if in the new vision these events would no longer be at Zilker?	maggie Stenz	The city has current arrangements that would be honored. Wether those relationships continue as is, discontinued, or modified is not a topic for this master plan.
185	What did the "needs" accessment base its metrics on? Did it start with what the land can sustain versus what people want to do with the land?	Jeff Jack	live answered
186	How is there another planning process.	Melissa Hawthorne	live answered
187	Where will people would park if they got rid of the parking lot to make the welcome Center? How far will people have to walk?	Heather Potts	Hello Heather. The accessibility plan for Zilker park will noe be limited to parking but with internal shuttle, Zilker Eagle, and off-site shuttle to maximise accessibility. Thanks
188	Thank you	Roy Waley	
189	It seems that some components of each of these plans could become the final design, rather than one plan being adopted as is.	Judith Craft	In our experience that is typically the case. The preferred plan is almost always a combination of the best elements of each alternative scheme.
190	Isn't that the point of the Vision Plan was to bring together all the pieces of the park.	Melissa Hawthorne	live answered
191	Curious what other cities' creative approaches have been studied for inspiration/adoption?	Rebecca Taylor	We are looking at other parks within Texas and outside of Texas at the same time. This include Memorial Park in Houston and Hardberger park in San Antonio.
192	I agree with Craig	Roy Waley	
193	Will future meetings also be on zoom if held in person?	Debbie Cooper	It will be decided based on the situation at that time with COVID.
194	Need more wheelchair accessible picnic tables, Wheelchair swings.	Nancy Crowther	Good point. There is an accessibility consultant on the consulting team who is tasked with developing that component of the master plan. We will pass on your comments to him.
195	There are the roadway improvements, the so called "maintenance", the bridge at Azie Morton, and now the Garden Vision Plan...	Melissa Hawthorne	live answered
196	Is there room for charter buses to park?	Nancy Crowther	live answered
197	The botanical garden still has some excellent native habitat,	Craig Nazor	it is our understanding that the botanical garden will be preparing an update of its master plan. Although we have

	which they are going to want to remove eventually. The public may not have much control over that process. The best way to mitigate for that would be to increase native habitat elsewhere in Zilker Park.		considered the needs of the garden and met with them several times, what happens within the boundaries of the garden itself, will be the subject of that new planning effort.
198	Re traffic, is the goal to accommodate or mitigate/translate to other forms of transit aside from cars?	Rebecca Taylor	Ensuring accessibility for folks to get to the park in a variety of ways - including walking/rolling, biking, taking transit, as well as driving - is a major goal for the Vision Plan.
199	Please post the cost estimate for each major component of each plan before the next meeting on March 3.	Megan Meisenbach	Cost estimates will be incorporated at the next community meeting when preferences are narrowed to a draft plan. This meeting will address operations, implementation and funding strategies.
200	Where can I find a copy of the Austin Nature Center Vision Plan? As well as the Zilker Botanical Garden Vision Plan?	Susan Goldberg	Zilker Botanical Garden Phase 1 Master Plan can be found on their website: https://www.austintexas.gov/department/zilker-botanical-garden-master-plan . Austin Nature and Science Center's plan is still in the process.
201	Suggest that you consider an extra zoom that would focus on issues more deeply. for example, a deeper look at ecological uplift, at transportation issues, parking issues, welcome center, recreation features, cultural and equity issues. This was a “fly over” that left a lot of questions unanswered in terms of specifics and was long and somewhat hard to follow due to inherent “choppiness.”	Robin Rather	live answered
202	I second Robin Rather's concern for an environmental impact study and saw the answer.....why is an environmental impact study not feasible?	Nicole Sanford	live answered
203	Regarding interpretation, it would be great to have numerous education hubs throughout the park.	Karen Blizzard	There will be an interpretive component to the master plan that is underway. Educational opportunities is an important focus of that effort.
204	Can we find out total proposed impervious cover - added or subtracted - per the three plans? And does this impervious cover replaces current parking lot space? Thanks.	Robbin Trusty	live answered
205	Getting to this meeting made me jump hurdles to multiple	Jonatan Salinas	Sorry for the inconvenience. If you sign up for updates, it will be much easier to keep track of the project. Thanks

	platforms (facebook —> instagram —> links), how can y'all improve this process?		
206	It was mention that in the next community input meeting (#5) there will be a discussion which would include "partnerships" what groups does this partnership opportunity include? So how much more "commercilization of the park is included in the options presented?	Jeff Jack	That will be part of the discussion at the next meeting.
207	Thank you to everyone for all the time and effort being poured into this project. It matters to so many people.	Laura Cottam Sajbel	Thanks for your comment!
208	How have y'all reached out to the east side? Who is on this team? How about BIPOC leadership positions?	Jonatan Salinas	
209	Sierra Club is supportive of Rewilding because of the Carbon Capture aspect. Why isn't that a bigger part of the discussion?	Roy Waley	live answered
210	Is the Zilker Vision Plan integrating the Zilker Rewilding Plan? If not, why not?	Anna Pittala	live answered
211	Has the design team included the known traffic impacts associated with multiple 90' towers approved for either end of Toomey, in the suite of attributes of the various options? Public safety was not mentioned as a priority for the plans as criteria. When does that factor in?	Rebecca Taylor	Public safety, particularly on Barton Springs Road and calming of traffic in and around the park is a consideration in all of the options.
212	Thank you, Claire. There is a lot to take in here and I appreciate your process. Good possibilities.	Clark Hancock	
213	Does PARD and the vision plan support raising the Austin Livable Wage and providing increased benefits to lower income "temporary" PARD staff, such as the lifeguards at Barton Springs Pool and other park employees who work to keep the park clean and nice on a daily basis?	Scott Cobb	No, this issue is not part of the scope of work. Thanks.
214	We just heard about tree canopy being the easiest climate	Bobby Rigney	There is considerable provision of additional tree canopy in all three options.

	mitigation, because it's practical shade! Rather than Barton Springs Rd being made tree-lined, why not instead have that swath(s) of shade trees thru the open space - practical shaded pedestrian use instead of walking thru a little momentary shade crossing the street? -Bobby		
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216	I see a proposal for an off-site shuttle in conjunction with the removal of parking. Where do you envision shuttle stops being? The accessibility has always been a real benefit of the park. Having to drive somewhere, pick up a shuttle to go to the playground with your young children will likely mean families using alternate parks.	Tracy Mitchell	There are a number of ideas for an off-site shuttle. This could access places like Republic Square or offsite parking garages. The detailed design of that shuttle would be beyond the scope of this study and will require resolution of funding for such a study.
217	Will some of the ecological work also include brush control, esp. junipers west of Mopac? They're not only big water consumers but also a big fire hazard.	Laure McLaughlin	The vision plan anticipates a water budget for the park so that water conservation is prioritized, as well as the management of invasive species. Also management of the ecological uplift areas.
218	Have there been talks with programs like Art in Public Places for public art installations and sustainable curation?	T.J. Owens	Not specifically but this is a good point. There is work underway on the interpretive aspect of the vision plan and perhaps that can be addressed there.
219	As the owner of Rowing Dock, this is the first I've heard of a potential move of the boathouse east of Mopac. Who should I contact to obtain additional information regarding this?	Susan Goldberg	Please reach out to Greg Montes for further reach out. We are in the process of exploring various options for now so nothing has been decided. The boathouse we are indicating is the one along Eanes creek which have separate planning process currently.
220	crickets.....what a wasted opportunity	Roy Waley	
221	The problem w/ the outreach in person and "pop ups" is that you are not actually capturing any feedback. There is no specific feedback for example from Dove Springs. If you don't have feedback that you can share you aren't inclusive. Just going there is	Robin Rather	

	nice but actually getting feedback is what is needed.		
222	<p>We don't need any re-wilding in Zilker Metropolitan Park...thanks a stupid Idea.</p> <p>We are fortunate have over 800 acres of beautiful WILD protected land immediately to the west of Barton Springs Pool...it's called the Barton Creek Greenbelt. The metropolitan park needs to be maintained as a conventional/traditional park...much like the Great Lawn is now...we have thousands of people who live in condos and apts just across the river that need that open park land</p>	Ralph Webster	live answered
223	Will you consider an external shuttle coming from south of the park, since the current plan shows external routes only coming from downtown/north of the river? Folks who live south probably won't drive north to shuttle south.	Robbin Trusty	Good observation. We can discuss that with CapMetro.
224	The Siglo Report provides excellent, informed guidance for ecological uplift throughout the park.	Karen Blizzard	
225	South side of the pool bridge is just a bad idea	Melissa Hawthorne	
226	Are there any actual climate analytics in these concepts presented tonight? Do you feel this plan is in alignment with the city's Climate and Equity Plan approved by Council last year?	Robin Rather	Yes we do.
227	It's not clear to me that "ecological uplift" and "rewilding" are the same concept. We need to minimize mowing and increase biodiversity. I'm not sure that "ecological uplift" does that.	Craig Nazor	That is very much the intent of ecological uplift - habitat diversity, emphasize of native species, management of invasive species, and habitat connectivity.
228	What is the financial impact to our city and the park itself by limiting commercial use? Investments from ACL and others have funded many improvements	Tracy Mitchell	Hi Tracy, much of the funds from events and programming go to the city and into the general fund. The general fund funds the bulk of Zilker Park operations. Some specific funds for parking fees go into a parking fund. The improvements come from events via nonprofits. The

	to the park and have driven revenues to local businesses. Corporate sponsorships of Trail or Lights have resulted in many park improvements. How do you replace this revenue?		parcs dept is responsible for permitting and allowing these events.
229	With regard to the programed activities proposed for this park has there been any study of other parks that could be more suitable for these activities?	Jeff Jack	The parks department refers to the Council approved PARD Long Range Plan for recommendations for desired recreational amenities in our metro and district parks city wide. Thanks.
230	Ashe juniper is a keystone species of Hill Country ecology.	Craig Nazor	Understood. We have reviewed with Siglo, a list of appropriate native species as part of the ecological uplift effort.
231	With regard to the closing and moving of Stratford, please provide details with additional information. Will Stratford continue to be accessed from both directions on Barton Springs?	Susan Goldberg	That is a topic for further discussion, and one option for consideration. No conclusion has been drawn.
232	Where is the website URL?	Karen Kreps	https://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision
233	Thanks again to all.	Robin Rather	
234	Appreciate all your hard work!	Judith Sims	
235	Well said, Jonathan	Clark Hancock	