

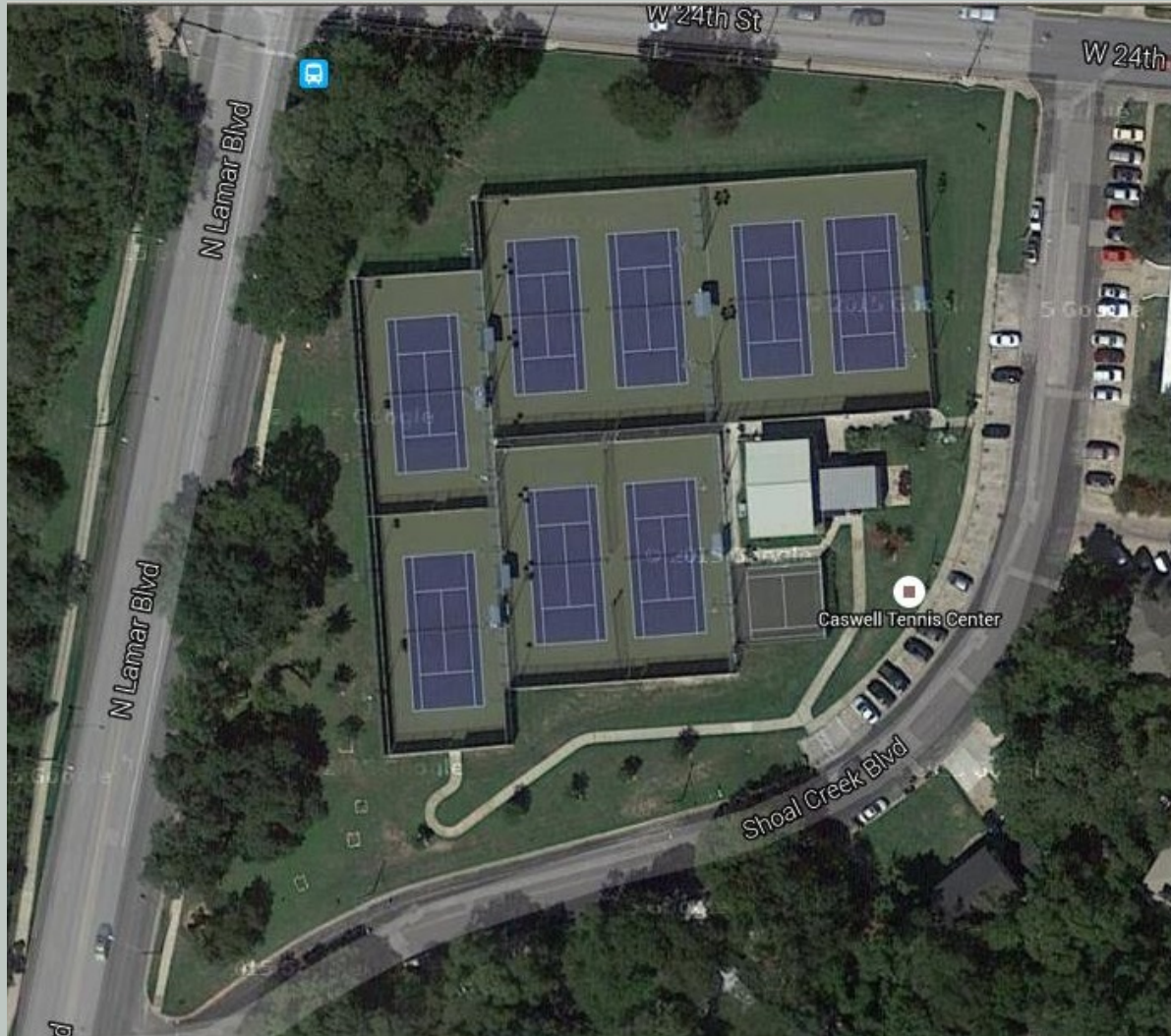
CITY OF AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**The Open Space, Environment & Sustainability Committee
Parking Spaces
At Caswell Tennis Center**

August 26, 2015



Caswell Tennis Center

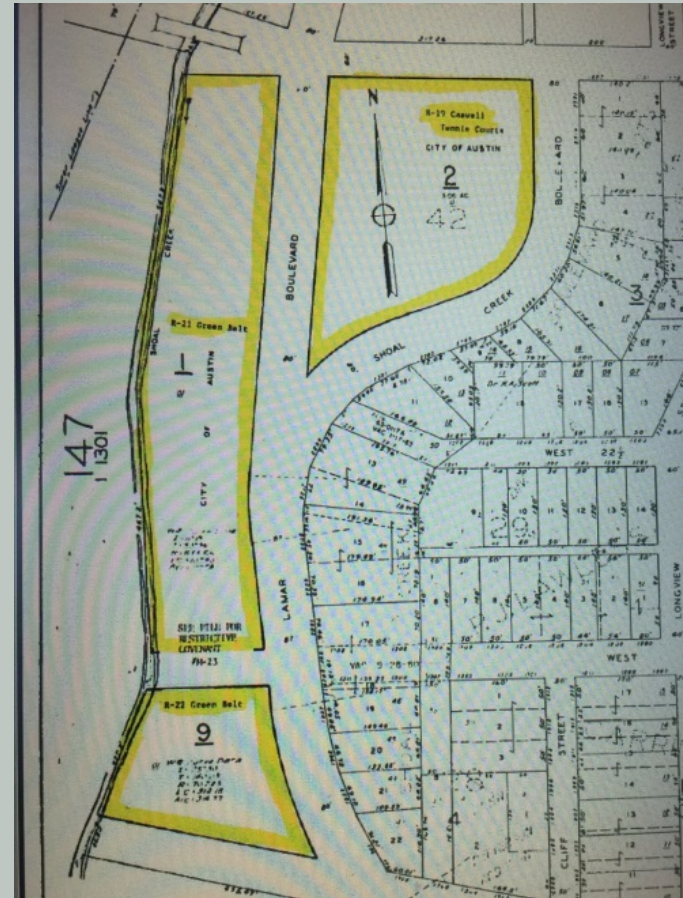


Tennis Center Parking Background

1931 – PARD purchased the tract of land called the Shoal Creek Park
(Highlighted in Yellow)

1947 – City Council pass a Resolution identifying a part of this track located at the corner of 24th and Lamar to allow W. T. Caswell to construct a Tennis Center.

The development plan included the construction of tennis courts, court back-stops, surface drainage, parking spaces & other necessary improvements by the City.



Background (Continued)

2005 – PARD installed “Caswell Patrons Only – Towing Enforced” signs along the straight-in parking spaces in front of the tennis Center.

2011 – PARD was contacted by Transportation Department that the parking spaces were in the Right of Way (ROW) and PARD needed to remove signs.



1947 to 2011

The straight-in parking spaces were assumed to be PARD’s responsibility and were maintained & re-striped as needed by PARD.



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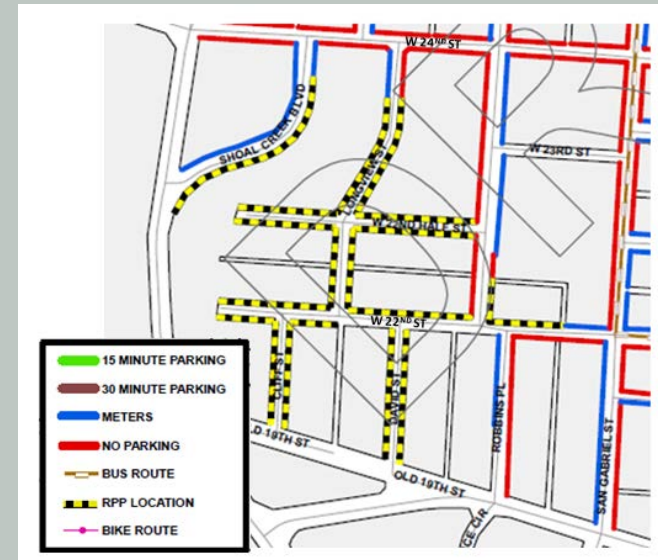
2012 – Transportation installed 2 hour parking signs along that one block section of Shoal Creek in front of Caswell; signs were NOT placed at ROW spaces across the street.



2012 - Transportation designated 4 parking spaces for Caswell's staff.

Background (Continued)

June 2015 – Transportation Department presented a West Campus Parking Expansion Plan Draft. Picture shows detail of the Caswell area.



July 2015 – Real Estate Office reviewed multiple documents associated with this property and all documents point to the parking area as ROW

PARD has requested a site survey of the property and is waiting on results to determine the appropriate land designation.



Stakeholders

- Caswell Tennis Center Patrons
- University of Texas
- Two Neighborhood Associations

Decisions regarding parking need to take into consideration
the feedback from all stakeholders

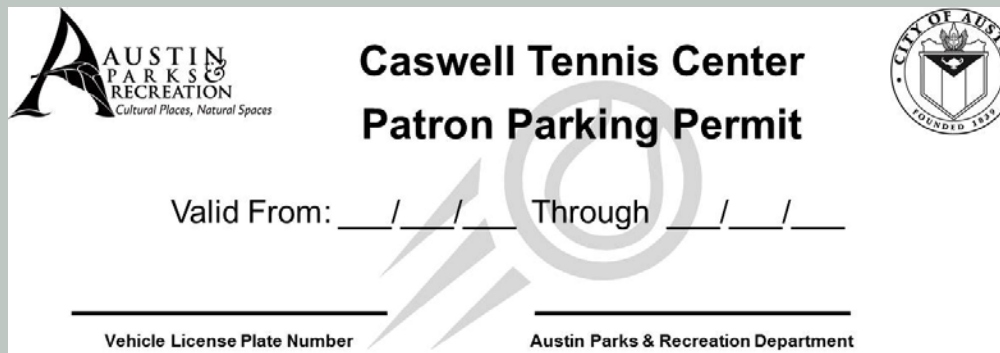
Consistent Practices

- The Transportation Department has a consistent standard across the City not to reserve parking in the ROW for a specific purpose long term
 - Exception to this standard will cause inconsistencies throughout the City
 - Specifically allocating parking spaces for Caswell and excluding other surrounding agencies is deemed inconsistent with how similar situations are handled
 - The Transportation Department did consent to providing 4 parking spaces for Caswell's staff.

Alternative Options vs Meters

- Straight in parking spaces to be permanent designated parking specifically for Caswell Tennis Center (dedicated parkland). This would be managed by the Pro Shop at Caswell. Two hour on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.
- As stated above but during the hours of 7 am – 1 pm daily (all seven days). Two hour parking all other times and on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.

DRAFT Permit



The image shows a draft permit form for the Caswell Tennis Center. It includes the Austin Parks & Recreation logo on the left and the City of Austin seal on the right. The title is 'Caswell Tennis Center Patron Parking Permit'. Below the title, there is a line for 'Valid From' followed by slashes and a line for 'Through' followed by slashes. At the bottom, there are two horizontal lines: the left one is labeled 'Vehicle License Plate Number' and the right one is labeled 'Austin Parks & Recreation Department'. A large, faint circular watermark is visible in the background of the form.

AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION
Cultural Places, Natural Spaces

**Caswell Tennis Center
Patron Parking Permit**

Valid From: ____/____/____ Through ____/____/____

Vehicle License Plate Number

Austin Parks & Recreation Department

Alternative Options (Continued)

- Keep two hour limits as is now with 4 parking spaces designated for staff parking. Two hour parking for on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.
- Straight in parking spaces designated parking specifically for Caswell Tennis Center patrons during the hours of 7 am – 1 pm daily (all seven days). Metered parking all other times and on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.
- Metered parking in all areas along Shoal Creek Blvd.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

THANK YOU!

