

A close-up photograph of a honeybee on a white flower, likely a clover, with green leaves in the background. The bee is positioned in the center of the frame, facing the viewer. The text is overlaid on this image.

**City of Austin  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Parks and Recreation Board**

**Bee-Lieve it or Not!**  
Exhibit at  
Austin Nature & Science Center

**Interlocal Agreement with Purdue University  
December 8, 2015**

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## Exhibit at Austin Nature & Science Center

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*We need Pollinators and*

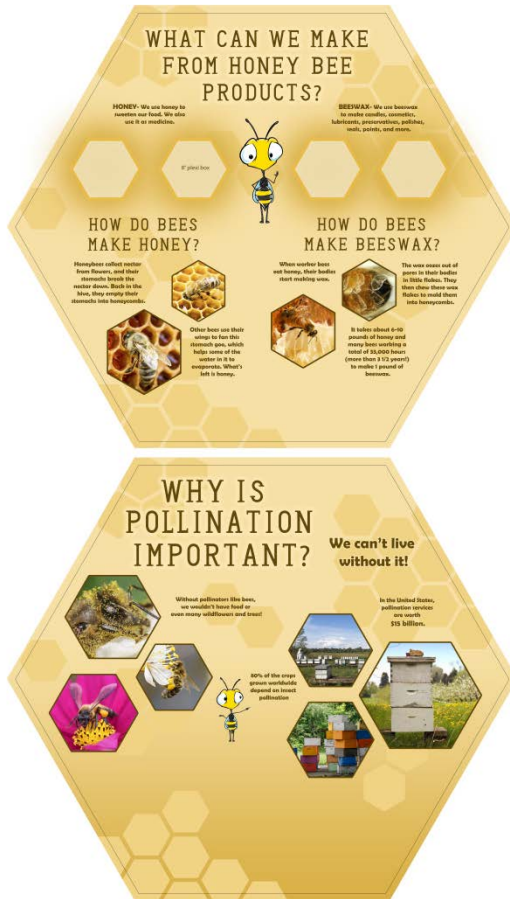
*Pollinators need us*

- Current programming includes visiting pollinators in gardens and at the observation bee hive.
- The Center hosts changing exhibits to encourage visits and provide new topics of programs and conversations.
- There is critical need to support pollinators with appropriate habitat, and the Center shows visitors how.



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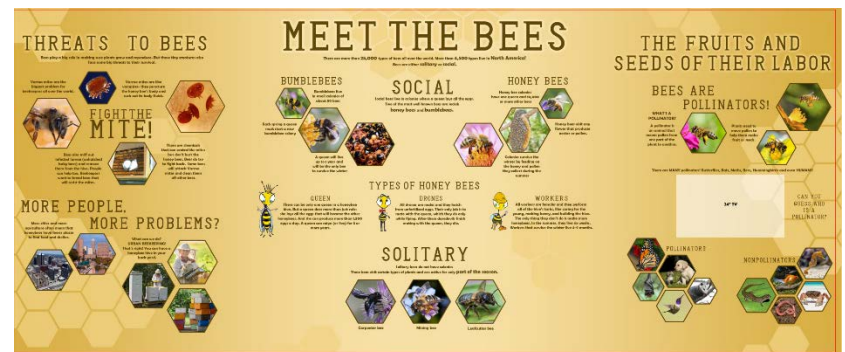
- Purdue University Exhibit Design Center fabricated the exhibit
- 500 sq. ft.
- Supports existing programming and exhibit
- To be housed at the Visitor Pavilion
- Currently in Houston, Texas
- Discounted transportation due to date of reservation
- Arriving in Austin January 16, 2016
- Departing from Austin May 8, 2016
- Rental cost \$6,500; transportation \$500

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Recent traveling exhibit rentals:

- *Robot Zoo*, September 2014 – January 2015;  
2,000 sq. ft. exhibit, (discounted 300%), 2 special events and  
1 week Home School programs
- *Conservation Quest*, September 2013– January 2014;  
funded by Austin Community Foundation, 3 special events  
and visited by all Title 1 Austin ISD 5<sup>th</sup> graders



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### Use and Evaluation

- Special Events feature
- Home School focus
- Track info requests
- Gather facility, event and program surveys



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**Exhibit at Austin Nature & Science Center**

## Board Action

Make a recommendation to the Austin City Council regarding authorization to negotiate and to execute an interlocal agreement with Purdue University for the rental of the traveling exhibit for the Austin Nature & Science Center