

Auditorium Shores Improvements Project
Community Meeting Notes – September 28, 2013

The individual comments listed below reflect a summary of notes taken by City staff and are not necessarily reflective of the consensus opinion of meeting attendants.

Middle Section Comments

- Allow dogs off-leash during non-peak park hours
- This area should be a part of the proposed OLA
 - What problem is being solved by not having this section as part of the OLA
 - There seems to be no dedicated activities for this section
 - Re-route the trail around the middle lawn, so it can be included in the OLA

Proposed OLA Comments

- Demand on parkland
 - How is the proposed OLA going to accommodate current and future users – it seems too small
- Do not allow special events to encroach on the OLA
- Ensure the space is ADA accessible for special needs humans and dogs
- Trail users have the entire trail to recreate on, the dog-users only have a small portion
- Not enough trail space to walk dogs off-leash
- Concerned about controlled access points – should be more open, inviting
- OLA needs similar movement to Zilker OLA
- Request for no cable fencing or fencing of any kind
- Erosion issues need to be taken seriously
- Post notices on the city webpage as when the OLA will be down for maintenance

Safety Concerns

- Request for lighting from parking areas to OLA
- Limit tree removal
- Parking during construction, specifically ADA parking, will be challenging to OLA users
 - Seek use of PARD Main Office and/or Butler Shores parking as supplemental during the course of construction
- Would like to see a pass-through (underground tunnel) to safely get dogs from OLA to middle section
- Water Access/Water Quality
 - Trash that comes from Bouldin Creek will affect the west side of the proposed OLA
 - Bouldin Creek delta area unattractive to dog owners due to perception of low water quality
- First-hand accounts given of incidents involving dogs, pedestrians and cyclists at existing shoreline access

- Incidents and collisions not solely the fault of dogs and dog owners, rather attributed to inattentive pedestrians and cyclists

Information Requests

- Department definition of OLA & dog park
- Post signs along trail regarding future meetings
- Is there a long-term plan for Austin's OLAs
- Density of dogs in current area vs density in proposed OLA
- Data regarding number of safety issues between dogs and trail users/park patrons
- Was the data collected to determine how park patrons use the space
 - Did this determine the current design