

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park Vision Plan Community Meeting #3

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11:54:04 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement To Everyone(in Waiting Room):

Thank you for joining us for Sheffield NW Park Community Meeting #3. We will be starting shortly after noon; thank you for your patience.

12:01:57 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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12:04:01 From Sue Bilich To Everyone:

Spring, summer,

12:04:02 From Julie Peckham To Everyone:

When the pool is open

12:04:07 From Dan Eden To Everyone:

spring

12:11:58 From Steve Johnson To Everyone:

Please address signage to the park. Right now it's hard to find because of lack of signage on Burnet Rd and Shoal Creek Blvd

12:17:05 From Julie Peckham To Everyone:

So the pool will be closed two seasons when it is being replaced?

12:18:19 From PARD Darcy Nuffer To Everyone:

Julie I will check with Patrick to verify - but at least one season.

12:19:50 From Sue Bilich To Everyone:

Sue Bilich, I worked for PARD, special populations, with Micheal Lord. Will the pool be accessible to wheelchairs, ie., a ramp, etc. I live on Treadwell Blvd. and my back yard faces the creek. In 1981 we had 3 ft of water in our home.

12:20:34 From George Thompson To Everyone:

removal of woody vegetation will ruin the greenbelt

12:24:30 From Steve Johnson To Everyone:

“Patch up” erosion how?

12:25:33 From George Thompson To Everyone:

if done right it may not ruin greenbelt, leave large trees? keep habatat

12:25:52 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

Do you plan to use native Central Tx plants?

12:26:23 From Julie Peckham To Everyone:

The foot/Bike? traffic pathway will be paved too?

12:26:23 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

will invasive trees even if large be removed?

12:26:25 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

What and where are the MSE walls?

12:28:43 From Julie Peckham To Everyone:

Will the path be easy to navigate from the bridge on a bik and when pushing a stroller?

12:33:05 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

How were emailed comments incorporated for those who did not complete the survey?

12:33:09 From George Thompson To Everyone:

Add more water fountains in park

12:34:44 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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12:36:42 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

love the pathway in place of the road

12:37:37 From Carri Crowe To Everyone:

Which floodplain is marked on this map? It looks different from the one marked on the earlier maps used in the dam project maps.

12:38:45 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

love the pickle ball courts between the existing courts

12:39:24 From George Thompson To Everyone:

parking near pond provides acessability for disabled to center of park

12:40:14 From Nanci Macfarlane To Everyone:

Love removing so much parking!!

12:40:14 From PARD Darcy Nuffer To Everyone:

Mary, emailed comments were forwarded to the design team and compiled for review along with the survey feedback. We will do the same with feedback for this draft vision plan - review survey responses, responses to open-ended questions and email comments.

12:40:26 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

much safer location for bike park

12:40:35 From George Thompson To Everyone:

#13 has one of the best old oak trees in the neighborhood

12:41:51 From Jed Rogers To Everyone:

This looks amazing!

12:42:44 From George Thompson To Everyone:

water fountain at baseball fields?

12:43:20 From Leslie Geballe To Everyone:

The tennis and basketball courts could use a drinking fountain.

12:43:39 From Benjamin Rustenhaven To Everyone:

#17 is where Soccer Shots offers youth soccer

12:43:45 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

second the need for water fountain near the sports courts

12:43:47 From Jed Rogers To Everyone:

This seems to be the best place for the bike playground. Great call! Really looking forward to this.

12:44:37 From Benjamin Rustenhaven To Everyone:

I image this would move to one of the multipurpose lawns, but just wanted you to be aware that contractor may not be pleased.

12:44:42 From Patrick Bachman To Everyone:

Can you project a larger view of the park plan so it is possible to see what you are discussing?

12:45:08 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

Ditto! This is too small!

12:45:14 From Carri Crowe To Everyone:

Can this include signage that tells park users to not play their stereos loudly? I see "bike playground" users running their car stereos since parking is so nearby.

12:45:24 From Dan Eden To Everyone:

On the eastern edge of the park, is the plan to eliminate the short street that runs parallel to Ardath? Or will it remain?

12:46:02 From Joe Jones To Everyone:

Will there be benches here and there in shady areas of the park?

12:46:45 From George Thompson To Everyone:

is #18 necessary ? putting in a large wall ?

12:46:46 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement To Everyone:

To If you hover up to the top of your screen, you should see a button that says "view options" and you should be able to adjust the size.

12:46:49 From Julie Peckham To Everyone:

For a larger view go to the top of your screen with your curser and increase the view

12:47:29 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

Is there no designated soccer field?

12:47:59 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

Cannot find #2 overlook on the map. Can someone point it out?

12:48:59 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

love the pond expansion

12:49:05 From George Thompson To Everyone:

Expand pond is Great!

12:49:06 From Nanci Macfarlane To Everyone:

Yay!!! Expand the pond!!!

12:49:08 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

Are you going to have run off from streets go into the pond?

12:49:58 From Pam Dixon To Everyone:

What impact will the expansion have on current algae issue?

12:51:04 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

How do you mitigate trash build up in stormwater pond?

12:51:11 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

This pond is already an bird Hotspot

12:51:41 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

Should read EBIRD.org international Hotspot,

12:51:53 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

are you talking about removing some of the large established cypress trees?

12:52:26 From George Thompson To Everyone:

Boardwalk is so much better than the other

12:53:03 From Joe Jones To Everyone:

Is the Albata Ave entrance (on east side) to the park going away?

12:53:06 From Nicole Netherton To Everyone:

What distance is the boardwalk from the island? I worry about walkers constantly flushing nesting birds by being closer to the island

12:53:13 From Julie Peckham To Everyone:

This boardwalk looks great.

12:53:21 From WPD Annabell Urary To Everyone:

Carri, the 100-year floodplain shown in the dam slide and the draft final vision plan are the same as the one that is shown on FloodPro.

12:54:37 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

Grills are very popular - nice to have shaded picnic tables around the park

12:55:12 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

Like the pull-outs on the bridge

12:55:25 From George Thompson To Everyone:

there is a water pipe at the baseball field concessions, but the fountain broke years ago

12:56:44 From Carolyn Croom To Everyone:

Will the picnic shelters have solid, 100% shade? I hope so.

12:58:39 From Pam Dixon To Everyone:

This is a much improved plan- thanks for incorporating the input- love the habitat emphasis

12:58:48 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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<https://www.speakupaustin.org/sheffieldnwpark>

13:00:55 From Jed Rogers To Everyone:

It's the "road" within the park with the speed bumps behind the houses on Greenlawn.

13:01:10 From George Thompson To Everyone:

On the dam, removing the trees, can grass or wild plants be grown there through the wire nets, so it looks green, and not cement like what happened in Dog Park retention pond across SBC

13:01:59 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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13:04:37 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

I am concerned as was Mary about the Cypress Trees around the pond PLUS trees at the pond! The two sp. of herons that have nest there since the 1980s, nest in TREES - not grass sedges.

13:12:36 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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13:12:44 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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13:13:10 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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13:14:29 From Coti Heusmann To Everyone:

Will the public be able to view the final, final plan before you present to the Board?

13:16:16 From George Thompson To Everyone:

less cement paths, more wood or crushed granet,

13:16:19 From Carolyn Croom To Everyone:

When will the park renovation be complete? I think I missed hearing that.

13:18:52 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

The edge is currently a no-mow area - which means people do NOT walk right at the edge!

13:19:55 From PARD Bobby Zaidi To Everyone:

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13:21:04 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

where is the overlook on the map?

13:22:47 From Dan Eden To Everyone:

Do you think that the pond expansion will improve water quality?

13:22:55 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

number 2

13:23:07 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

Why is there a need to remove the cypress trees?

13:23:37 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

You have not responded to questions about existing big Cypress trees by the pond... will there be any trees at the pond??

13:24:55 From George Thompson To Everyone:

overlook at baseball fields looks into neighbors yards, not good, no privacy for us that live there

13:25:34 From Kata Carbone To Everyone:

Can new cypress trees be planted in the pond vicinity?

13:27:07 From Carri Crowe To Everyone:

Will the new path that replaces the roadway by the pool be at parking lot level or elevated?

13:28:25 From George Thompson To Everyone:

the pond is spring fed, dredging pond may close it off from the spring

13:28:27 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

What about the existing trees on the island???

13:30:18 From Carri Crowe To Everyone:

Will the new path that replaces the roadway by the pool be at parking lot level or elevated?

13:30:31 From George Thompson To Everyone:

Thanks Guys looks Great!

13:30:45 From Jed Rogers To Everyone:

Great job, everyone!

13:31:04 From Kata Carbone To Everyone:

Yes, wonderful! Thanks

13:31:19 From Julie Peckham To Everyone:

Thank you for giving us all this new information. Very helpful!

13:32:17 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

Thank you for your consideration of community feedback and modifications reflected in this new draft. THANK YOU!

13:32:20 From Carri Crowe To Everyone:

Thanks for your hard work and commitment to involving the community in this. I feel like the project is in good hands.

13:32:21 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

Great, thanks. The 2 sp. of herons do nest in those trees!

13:32:36 From Coti Heusmann To Everyone:

Thank you for listening to the neighbors

13:32:46 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

nice work! thank you for a great vision lets hope we can find funding for it

13:32:54 From Carol Edwards To Everyone:

Thank you for responding to all our questions! 🌸

13:33:27 From Benjamin Rustenhaven To Everyone:

Thank you!

Chat from 5:30 Meeting

17:30:38 From Natalie Poulos To Everyone:

happy to be here!

17:31:07 From Marlene Meador To Everyone:

Darcy, thank you for taking the time and energy to host this presentation.

17:32:39 From Rabab Zehra To Everyone:

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17:36:56 From Rabab Zehra To Everyone:

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17:57:09 From Rabab Zehra To Everyone:

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18:06:36 From Anne Jarriel To Everyone:

Yeah for pickleball!

18:14:41 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

Can that area be a "soccer field" or have a designation of such?

18:14:52 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

Can you provide more detail on retaining walls that are slated for removal? Will picnic area on hill overlooking pond be maintained?

18:16:04 From Marlene Meador To Everyone:

Do the plans include removing those magnificent cypress trees at the east edge of the pond?

18:20:33 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

it is hard to grow shade it would be nice to save those trees

18:21:24 From Katharine Beisner To Everyone:

Agree with Ranleigh, can the Cypress be transplanted? Looks like many would be removed.

18:23:44 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

I think the trees probably were planted when the park was established 65 years ago

18:24:29 From Carolyn Scarborough To Everyone:

Yes, shade really is critical with climate heating up. And, since more concrete is being added with the sidewalks. Glad some will be covered though! Thanks

18:25:47 From Marlene Meador To Everyone:

I still see the option for a second bridge on that slide

18:27:52 From Elin Dilley To Everyone:

Can we prevent light pollution from the tennis courts. The light are directed towards the houses facing the park. A button with a timer would be great (with proper signage so people know there is a button). The light are usually on when nobody is using the courts.

18:32:37 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

are there any changes to the baseball parking lot? that area is a waste right now except for ball games and drug dealing

18:32:40 From Elin Dilley To Everyone:

A water mister station near the playground would be great. It would be button operated.

18:35:15 From Katharine Beisner To Everyone:

Does the plan include tree planting? Any open areas to have trees added?

18:35:30 From Rabab Zehra To Everyone:

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18:35:56 From Marlene Meador To Everyone:

Thank you for answering our questions and trying to keep as many trees as possible. I appreciate your holding these meetings. Sincerely, Marlene

18:38:02 From Mary Fero To Everyone:

That area near baseball parking lot is an eyesif there were a way to use that area for the bike play area, say, that would provide a useful purpose.

18:44:10 From Rabab Zehra To Everyone:

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18:48:37 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

nice work on the plan - looks great

18:49:57 From Natalie Poulos To Everyone:

I think it looks great, and the only thing that I would like to see back is the second connection to Shoal Creek Blvd/Great Northern Dam

18:50:12 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

there is a grill and 3 tables up there with a light

18:51:28 From Louisa Brinsmade To Everyone:

I can't find the hand thing, but I have a question about whether the parking lot will still drain into the pond; I may have just missed that part of the presentation.

18:51:36 From RANLEIGH HIRSH To Everyone:

that table is broken anyway

18:57:15 From Jennifer Leonard To Everyone:

Excellent presentation Darcy, Drew, and team!

18:57:20 From Rabab Zehra To Everyone:

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18:57:34 From Anne Jarriel To Everyone:

Thank you! It's looks great

18:57:44 From Louisa Brinsmade To Everyone:

Thanks for your hard work!