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Below is the feedback from the “Our Parks, Our Future” Community Meeting Series #1, held from November 8 to 14, 2018. The information below has been collected from the interactive elements of the display boards at each meeting.

<b>1: George Washing Carver Museum</b>		<b>November 8, 2018</b>	
<b>What's Your Favorite Park?</b>			
Metz Neighborhood Park (6)	Emma Long Park		
Zilker Metropolitan Park (6)			
Roy Guerreo Colorado River Park (2)			
Givens Park (2)			
Boggy Creek Greenbelt (2)			
Walnut Creek (2)			
Mary Moore Searight Park			
Dove Springs District Park			
Rosewood Neighbourhood Park (			
Garrison Park			
Pease Park			
<b>What Do You Love About Austin Parks?</b>			
Pools & Trails (5)			
Disc Golf (3)			
Variety of landscapes and trees (2)			
Many parks throughout the city (2)			
Nature			
Many activities and sites			
<b>What Does the Austin Park System Do Well?</b>			
Maintaining parks and vegetation (4)			
Activities (Trails, Green spaces) (3)			
Renovations of older disc golf courses			
Accessible events			
Facilities (pull up bars, bathrooms, fountains)			

<b>How Can the Austin Park System Improve?</b>				
Better maintenance of facilities (2)				
Renovation of facilities needed (2)				
New facilities (weight gym) (2)				
Pools open longer throughout year				
Public Transit Accessibility				
Maintenance of vegetation				
Promoting water activities				
<b>How Could Our Facilities Better Serve You?</b>				
Use methane lights from dog waste				
Exercise equipment in senior centers				
Hold events in the recreation centers				
Add off-leash areas for dogs				
Have disc golf tournament				
Add disc gold courses and facilities				
Need maintenance for public bathrooms and facilities				
Make Lady Bird Lake more swimmable				
Private development park guidelines needed				
Public art from the community				
Maintain native vegetation areas				
Loss of cultural identity of African & Latino community				
<b>We'd Love to Read Your Comments</b>				
More pools & freshwater swimming areas (3)				
Fix Bridge at Roy Guerrero (2)				
More off leash dog areas (2)				
More maintenance on east side parks				
More disc golf courses (varierty) (2)				
Renovate Bartholomew Park				
Help find solution for homelessness				
Rid of mosquitos				
<b>What Programs are Missing or Need to Be Expanded?</b>				
Disc Golf courses (5)				
Bike Polo courts (4)				
Geocaching				
Movies				

Senior Activities/Senior Center (2)				
More connected trails throughout city (2)				
Fitness Classes/Section for Women (2)				
Local food programs				
Dog Sports activities				

## 2: Northwest Rec Center

November 10,  
2018

### What's Your Favorite Park?

Barton Creek Greenbelt (3)

West Enfield Park

Zilker Metropolitan Park (3)

Big Stacy Park

Barton Springs (2)

Great Hills  
Neighborhood Park

Bull Creek District Park (2)

Schroeter  
Neighborhood Park

Ramsey Neighborhood Park (2)

Northwest District Park (2)

St. Edwards Park

Brentwood Park

Mayfield Park

Dottie Jordan Neighborhood Park

Great Northern Dog Park

### What Do You Love About Austin Parks?

Trees/Nature (4)

Hiking/biking trails (4)

Community-centered (Community Park Work Days, events)  
(3)

Free Neighborhood pools

Park programming (Pavilions, Playgrounds) (3)

Disc Golf & Multi-use courts (2)

Many throughout the city/accessible (2)

Lots of choices and variety

### What Does the Austin Park System Do Well?

Maintenance of facilities (3)

Great & helpful park staff (2)

Good account of input from community

Work with Disc Golf community

Provides access to most neighborhoods

### How Can the Austin Park System Improve?

Promotion of park amenities and outreach (3)

More ADA accessibility and paths at parks (2)

Education on why parks are important

Hours of operation should be posted in advance

More hours for parks

Parkland Dedication Ordinance to create small parks

Quicker park development				
More wildlife habitats (coyotes, owls)				
Off-leash dog parks				
Keep mowers away from wildflower areas				
<b>How Could Our Facilities Better Serve You?</b>				
More park programming (soccer field, tennis court, pickleball, bocce) (6)				
More neighborhood parks (5)				
Incorporate tours/facilities/placemaking that tells the history/ecology of the parks (7)				
More disc golf courses/facilities (4)				
Connectivity to trails (3)				
Staff professionalism (2)				
More pools (indoor/outdoor) (2)				
Maintenance on invasive species, infrastructure (2)				
Funding towards parks in North Austin				
More programming than water activities				
Fix bridge at Roy G Guerrero Park				
Fix trails in floodplain				
<b>We'd Love to Read Your Comments</b>				
Traffic control measures (2)				
Protected bike lanes (2)				
Connectivity of greenways, spaces (3)				
More accessible parks closer to home (3)				
Sidewalks leading to parks (2)				
Add multi-use open courts (5)				
Add disc golf courses and facilities (different levels) (3)				
Add summer programs (kayaking, mountain bike)				
Create culture around respecting pedestrians				
Add more trees/shading and seating (2)				
Add public 20+ tennis court facility (like other major cities)				

### 3: Gus Garcia Rec Center

November 10, 2018

#### What's Your Favorite Park?

Gustavo "Gus" L. Garcia Recreation Center (7)

Zilker Metropolitan Park (3)

Barton Springs

Barton Creek Greenbelt

Northwest District Park

Circle C Metropolitan Park

#### What Do You Love About Austin Parks?

Different sports offerings (Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming) (6)

Trails (2)

Access to nature throughout the city

Gardens/flowers/Woodlands

Community events

Golf courses

Dog parks

#### What Does the Austin Park System Do Well?

Programs offered

Always clean/Maintenance of facilities (3)

Trails

#### How Can the Austin Park System Improve?

Maintenance of facilities, parks and courses (4)

More programs for kids, teens (job fairs, skill building) (3)

Need lighting at night, canopies (2)

Video Games

More bike trails

Add annual Charity Disc Golf Tournament

More park code enforcement

Promote program information more equitably

Have Parks Dept coordinate better with other City departments

Acquire new park space

#### How Could Our Facilities Better Serve You?

Hire more security patrols/safety (2)

Better signage on nature trails

More community center programs (esp. for seniors)

Replace disc golf equipment (Bartholomew)

Better trail maintenance (repair, cleanup) (2)					
Multiple courses [Disc Golf?] at Walter E Long					
More soccer fields					
Add health clinic (one-stop shop)					
Add meeting rooms					
Add playground swings for children					
<b>We'd Love to Read Your Comments</b>					
Bocce support (9)					
Disc Golf support (3)					
EBMACC: health programs, more parking (2)					
Add Hispanic/Latino/Asian Programs at Rec Center					
Add young adult (life skill) programs					
Add swimming lessons for kids					
Add adult swim time					
Add programs for children					
Check out Georgetown in Sun City & Yountville					
Have better scenery along trails					
Add more park activities					
Encourage walking/biking					

# 1, 2, & 3 Dot Results

## How Far are You Willing to Travel to Parks?

	5 Minutes	10 Minutes	15 Minutes	20 Minutes	25 Minutes	30 Minutes
Walk/Run	8	8	15	1	1	4
Biking	4	5	7	7	2	9
Transit	3	1	3	4	0	3
Taxi/Ride Share	0	0	2	3	0	1
Personal Car	2	5	1	12	5	13

## Which Facility Types are the Most Important to You?

Nature Trails			28			
Pools & Water Features			27			
Natural Areas/Preserves			25			
Community Gardens			21			
Cultural/Historic Art Center			20			
Community Centers			16			
Off-Leash Dog Areas			14			
Athletic Field or Court Sports			12			
Arboretum			11			
Playgrounds/Play Structure			11			
Golf Course			11			
Demonstration Gardens			10			
Picnic Areas & Pavilions			10			
Skate Parks			9			
Environmental/Nature Center			7			
Open Lawn			6			
Performance Stage/Amphitheater			4			
Urban Plaza			3			

## Which Programs are Most Important to You?

Outdoor Recreation			22			
Senior Programs & Services			18			
Arts & Culture			17			
Stewardship Services (Adopt-a-Park/Trail)			17			
Aquatics			16			
Environmental Education/Interpretive Programs			16			



Adult Sports			12			
Enrichment/Life Skills Programs			11			
Health & Fitness			11			
Youth Sports			10			
Special Events			9			
Facility Rentals for Private Events			4			
Adapted/Therapeutic Recreation			2			
Gym Rentals			1			
Athletic Field Rentals			0			

## 4: Dittmar Rec Center

November 13,  
2018

### What's Your Favorite Park?

Zilker Metropolitan Park (7)

Circle C Metropolitan Park (5)

Mary Moore Searight Park (5)

Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park (4)

Barton Creek Greenbelt (3)

Garrison District Park (2)

All Parks (2)

Mabel Davis Municipal Pool

Pease District Park

Ramsey Neighborhood Park

Veloway Park

### What Do You Love About Austin Parks?

Great & Free Disc Golf Courses (7)

Access to Nature (4)

Many & Different Trails (3)

Many Throughout the City (3)

Family-Oriented Parks

Kayaking

Safe & Fit for All Ages

Variety of Amenities

### What Does the Austin Park System Do Well?

Amazing Disc Golf Courses (4)

Great Public Pools (2)

Hiking/Biking Trails along River (2)

Reasonable Entrance Fees (2)

Zilker Metropolitan Park

### How Can the Austin Park System Improve?

Better year-round maintenance (6)

More disc golf courses (6)

Fix park infrastructure (pools, bridge) (5)

More park programming (water stations, splash pads, dog trails) (3)

Add safer crossings in disc golf areas (2)

More nature-based programs and facilities						
More recreation-based programs (East Side)						
Widen trails for walkers/bikers						
Separate bike lanes from pedestrian trails						
Build an indoor pool						
<b>How Far are You Willing to Travel to Parks?</b>						
	5 Minutes	10 Minutes	15 Minutes	20 Minutes	25 Minutes	30 Minutes
Walk/Run	4	8	<b>10</b>	4	2	3
Biking	0	1	2	<b>12</b>	1	4
Transit	2	2	2	1	2	<b>4</b>
Taxi/Ride Share	1	2	<b>3</b>	0	0	2
Personal Car	0	2	0	7	4	<b>10</b>
<b>What Would Encourage You to Walk or Bike to Parks?</b>						
Improved & more connected trails (5)						
Dedicated bike lanes separated from road (2)						
Local or within 1 mile (2)						
Improved sidewalks and crosswalks (2)						
Closer access to disc golf courses						
Put 9-hole disc golf courses at small parks						
More water and restroom facilities						
<b>Which Facility Types are the Most Important to You?</b>						
<b>Nature Trails</b>			<b>16</b>			
Pools & Water Features			14			
Picnic Areas & Pavilions			10			
Natural Areas/Preserves			9			
Environmental/Nature Center			7			
Demonstration Gardens			7			
Community Gardens			7			
Golf Course			6			
Performance Stage/Amphitheater			5			
Cultural/Historic Art Center			5			
Off-Leash Dog Areas			5			

Arboretum			4		
Community Centers			4		
Playgrounds/Play Structure			4		
Skate Parks			3		
Athletic Field or Court Sports			3		
Urban Plaza			2		
Open Lawn			0		
<b>How Could Our Facilities Better Serve You?</b>					
More & Improved Disc Golf courses (9)					
More nature/recreation programming (picnic areas) (2)					
Repair trails throughout the city (2)					
Add practice baskets & kiosks at disc golf courses					
More kayak sites					
More small infill parks and spaces					
More vendors for food/coffee					
Services throughout the city					
<b>Which Programs are Most Important to You?</b>					
Health & Fitness			14		
Aquatics			12		
Arts & Culture			11		
Youth Sports			11		
Outdoor Recreation			11		
Special Events			10		
Senior Programs & Services			7		
Facility Rentals for Private Events			7		
Enrichment/Life Skills Programs			6		
Environmental Education/Interpretive Programs			6		
Adult Sports			5		
Stewardship Services (Adopt-a-Park/Trail)			5		
Gym Rentals			3		
Adapted/Therapeutic Recreation			1		
Athletic Field Rentals			1		
<b>What Programs are Missing or Need to Be Expanded?</b>					

Disc golf courses (4)						
Streamline the process for people to set up events at Austin Parks (2)						
Youth sports programs (2)						
More free community events						
Centralized rental meeting rooms						
Practice baskets for disc golf						
Pop-Up programming						
Free parking for Zilker Park						
Archery						
Maintenance program						
<b>If You Had \$1000 to Invest in Austin's Parks, How Would You Spend it?</b>						
Improve Existing Parks & Facilities			88			
Maintain Existing Parks & Facilities			86			
Add or Enhance Programs at Parks & Facilities			41			
Acquire New Land for Parks & Facilities			36			
Improve Access to Parks & Facilities			36			

## 5: Fiesta Gardens

November 14,  
2018

### What's Your Favorite Park?

Metz Neighborhood Park (6)  
 Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park (6)  
 Big Stacy Neighborhood Park (3)  
 Zilker Metropolitan Park (2)  
 Holly Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park (2)  
 Govalle Neighborhood Park (2)  
 Bartholomew District Park (2)  
 Circle C Metropolitan Park  
 Mueller Lake Park  
 Oakwood Cemetery  
 Rosewood Neighborhood Park

### What Do You Love About Austin Parks?

Community Spaces for all ages  
 Trees & Shade (2)  
 Nature (6)  
 Sports programming [Including Disc Golf] (5)  
 Dog friendly  
 Spread throughout the city (2)  
 Trails

### What Does the Austin Park System Do Well?

Draws all ages with many choices (3)  
 Many disc golf courses, greenspace and trails (3)  
 Safety/Visibility/Signage (3)  
 Many accessible parks (2)  
 Allows voters to voice input (2)

### How Can the Austin Park System Improve?

More disc golf courses/practice areas (5)  
 Repair park infrastructure (parking, facilities) (3)  
 Trim trees, plant native trees (2)

Expand Park-Place placemaking						
More community education events						
Separate biking/hiking trails						
Better access into parks						
Community maintenance days (plant trees)						
Utilize park for large events						
Get Rid of Dogs						
<b>How Far are You Willing to Travel to Parks?</b>						
	5 Minutes	10 Minutes	15 Minutes	20 Minutes	25 Minutes	30 Minutes
Walk/Run	2	3	<b>10</b>	6	2	2
Biking	3	4	7	<b>14</b>	6	8
Transit	0	0	1	1	0	<b>4</b>
Taxi/Ride Share	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
Personal Car	1	1	2	6	3	<b>10</b>
<b>What Would Encourage You to Walk or Bike to Parks?</b>						
More connected trails/trails/bike lanes off streets (6)						
Local or within 1 mile (3)						
Neighborhood Sidewalks (2)						
Disc Golf						
Free events						
<b>Which Facility Types are the Most Important to You?</b>						
<b>Nature Trails</b>			<b>23</b>			
Natural Areas/Preserves			17			
Pools & Water Features			16			
Athletic Field or Court Sports			14			
Environmental/Nature Center			10			
Community Gardens			9			
Demonstration Gardens			7			
Off-Leash Dog Areas			7			
Community Centers			6			

Cultural/Historic Art Center			6			
Picnic Areas & Pavilions			6			
Playgrounds/Play Structure			6			
Open Lawn			5			
Skate Parks			4			
Arboretum			3			
Urban Plaza			3			
Performance Stage/Amphitheater			3			
Golf Course			0			
<b>How Could Our Facilities Better Serve You?</b>						
Add disc golf/facilities/signage at courses (5)						
More park programming (tennis, toddler park) (2)						
Repair park infrastructure (bridge, pools) (2)						
Add separate biking/hiking trails (2)						
Add multi-use courts (bike polo, street hockey) (2)						
More green space within walking distance of all neighborhoods						
Connect trail systems						
<b>Which Programs are Most Important to You?</b>						
<b>Outdoor Recreation</b>			<b>25</b>			
Stewardship Services (Adopt-a-Park/Trail)			15			
Aquatics			12			
Adult Sports			11			
Youth Sports			11			
Arts & Culture			9			
Health & Fitness			9			
Senior Programs & Services			9			
Environmental Education/Interpretive Programs			7			
Special Events			4			
Enrichment/Life Skills Programs			4			
Adapted/Therapeutic Recreation			4			



Facility Rentals for Private Events			2			
Athletic Field Rentals			2			
Gym Rentals			0			
<b>What Programs are Missing or Need to Be Expanded?</b>						
Disc golf courses (6)						
Multi-Use/Bike polo courts (3)						
Tennis courts (2)						
Expansion for open fields for pick-up sports						
More programming for youth, seniors, vulnerable families						
Mountain bike trails						
Repair bridge at Roy G. Guerrero Park						
Arts & Cultural Centers						
<b>If You Had \$1000 to Invest in Austin's Parks, How Would You Spend it?</b>						
Acquire New Land for Parks & Facilities			110			
Maintain Existing Parks & Facilities			95			
Improve Existing Parks & Facilities			89			
Improve Access to Parks & Facilities			39			
Add or Enhance Programs at Parks & Facilities			25			