

# Barton Springs Rehabilitation

## Community Engagement Summary



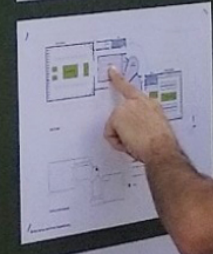
**Barton Springs Rehabilitation**  
Design Concepts Workshop  
October 18, 2018



**Barton Springs Bathhouse Vision**

- Provide a high-quality, accessible, and inclusive bathhouse for all visitors.
- Integrate the bathhouse with the surrounding landscape and historic context.
- Provide a variety of amenities, including restrooms, showers, and changing rooms.
- Incorporate sustainable design and construction practices.
- Enhance the visitor experience with interpretive signage and programming.

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## Barton Springs Bathhouse Values

The following values were developed through a Values Workshop on August 14, 2018 and finalized by PARD Executive team after. These values have guided the process since they were finalized.

### **CLARIFY THE MISSION—Simplify**

- It's a bathhouse—focus on the visitors
- Open to the public as much as possible

### **IMPROVE USER EXPERIENCE**

- Better, cleaner, possibly more restrooms
- Better privacy for families
- More solar showers
- Better arrival experience, better leaving experience

### **EDUCATION**

- Education for all users
- Expand the mission to include education in the building and on the grounds
- Educate users to the fragility of the spring complex

### **HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE**

- Respect the original architecture
- Celebrate the Rotunda. Use it as the main entry
- Enjoy the two-story, naturally-ventilated volumes

### **GREEN**

- Amplify the green/natural features in the dressing areas
- Consider efforts to reduce impervious cover and to improve stormwater quality

### **LIMIT IMPACT ON ONGOING FACILITY OPERATION**

- One-phase project preferred
- Minimize disruption of bathhouse and pool operation
- Maintain ongoing use by swimmers

## Community Engagement Process

The Community Engagement began on April 2, 2018 and continues with ongoing comments received by the project team. The final community meeting occurred on October 30, 2019. Below are summaries of each engagement along with comments connected to the engagement. Additional comments have been included at the end of this document.

Through the process, the promise to the public has been to ensure that the community’s concerns and aspirations are reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how the public input influenced decisions made (see “Kick-Off Meeting” Boards, Apr. 3, 2018).

### Promise to the Community

We will work to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how the public input influenced the decision.  
(Kick-off Meeting Presentation, Apr. 3, 2018)

### Community Meeting #1: Kick-off Meeting

Date and Time: April 3, 2018  
Location: Austin Energy, Conference Room 130, 721 Barton Springs Rd.

#### Outreach:

Email 3/21/2018, 4/3/2018; Twitter 4/3/2018;  
Facebook 3/21/2018; Flyers posted at Bathhouse

#### Comments:

#### What elements of the Barton Springs Bathhouse do you enjoy the most?

I enjoy the rotunda being available to the public. I think it is important to maintain the access, I also think that the open green spaces in the dressing rooms are my favorite part.
Really all of it. Pool, grounds, changing room.
Historic character.
The green grassy areas! So pretty and wonderful for the children to run and play in while families are showering!
Education & Exhibits
That it is a community space. An interpretive space. The exhibits celebrate the heritage of Austin's crown jewel.
Open air design - minimalism. We don't need an elaborate gym/health spa type bathhouse.
Changing rooms - seating w/views of pool - education exhibits
* Open air showers
* grassy areas in dressing rooms
Providing a place for swimmers to prepare for a swim, and an areas for all the equipment used to help maintain the pool.
Original architecture
The view of the natural bluff when first entering from dressing areas
Historic nature of bldg, garden-like central space, large showers, 2 dressing sides (accommodate families), solar hot showers, open air, tile floors, vegetation



**What are your concerns about this project?**

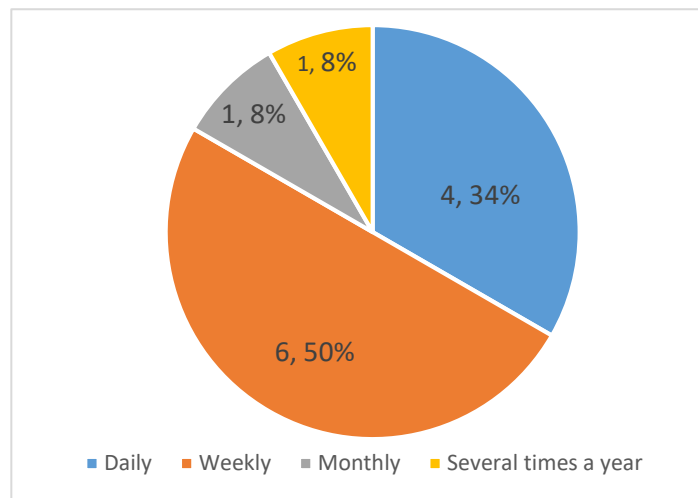
I am concerned that we need to maintain the public access to the Rotunda. I am also concerned that the character of the building is at risk. I think it is important to maintain the green, open space!
Reduction in dressing room size. I remember when the original entrances were used and the dressing rooms were always busy, because all visitors had knowledge of their existence. If the original entrances will be reused, the use of the dressing rooms will dramatically increase. Currently, first-time visitors do not know that the dressing rooms exist.
In the last plan the rotunda was retained for exhibits. I see it is now designated for aquatics. I would really like to see the beautiful rotunda maintained for public access and temporary exhibits.
That the past is ignored, that decisions are not based of values of respect for place and are based of a false vision of the past.
1. Cost
2. Disruption to regular swimmers
3. disruption to employees
4. bathhouse flooring is already well designed to drain don't tear it up
Public hearings are plentiful up front of project designs.
enlarge women's dressing room & showers - more in quantity and safety - way too many dark corners & cubbyholes does not feel safe.
Getting it renovated before I die
Getting the entrance moved back to the rotunda as it was
Reopen original entrances
Maximize women's dressing area
Architect - Do not employ Limbaucher Godfrey - They made a mess of women's dressing room at Deep Eddy, also
Noise, closure, incompetence (daylighting project ran way over time)
Think you need to re-visit flood plain concepts
Deep Eddy Women's dressing room: (1) No space for soap, shampoo in showers. (2) large wasted pspace in center of dressing room. (3) Industrial floor - concrete with swer - looks like slaughter house. (4) Sinks have no space/shelving for bars of soap etc. (5) No mirrors located away from sinks - would be nice to have mirrors w/shelves underneath w/electrical plugs. (6) Sinks/shower heads appear to be residential quality. (7) Sinks not working during my last visit. (8) Bather has to walk across room to bench to get anything she needs for shower/has forgotten. (9) Bathers are showering in public. (10) There is not natural component - no plants. (11) No working electrical plugs in ladies dressing room. (12) No plugs near sinks.
Flood plain

**Describe your vision for the future of the Barton Springs Bathhouse.**

Maintain the full size of the buildings, open up all old entrances on male and female sides, open up females restroom and make equality between the sexes. Maintain education.
I believe that your rehabilitation plans are well conceived. I would like to see the facilities returned to their earlier use and design significance.
Rotunda should be for public use!

I would love to see the mens' and women's locker room swapped. The large grassy lawn is ideal for small children, with an outdoor shower in the center. Also the openness of the men's locker room is wonderful.
I would like to see more access to the rotunda and current Splash space for temporary exhibits.
That it is dynamic space. That it showcases for the public the work necessary to sustain Austin crown jewel, that the rotunda is a public space
Leave it alone except for routine repairs and maintenance
Maintain heritage values in public gathering. Build patronage respect for water quality via hygiene and hydration (showers before pool entry - toilets. Drainage
Main entry relocated to rotunda
more fluid entry & exit
More educational and interpretive elements
Move Splash/Sheffield to new visitor's center
Simplifying the usage of bathhouse for swimmers & maintaining the pool
Renovation of current bldg. Include additional exits to please fire marshall. Don't need auditorium for Splash, in my opinion. Perhaps leave small Splash here - could have a larger one somewhere else in park. Admin could be located there.
RegROUT, strengthen walls in existing bldg.
What's a family restroom & why are they necessary?

**How often do you visit the bathhouse?**

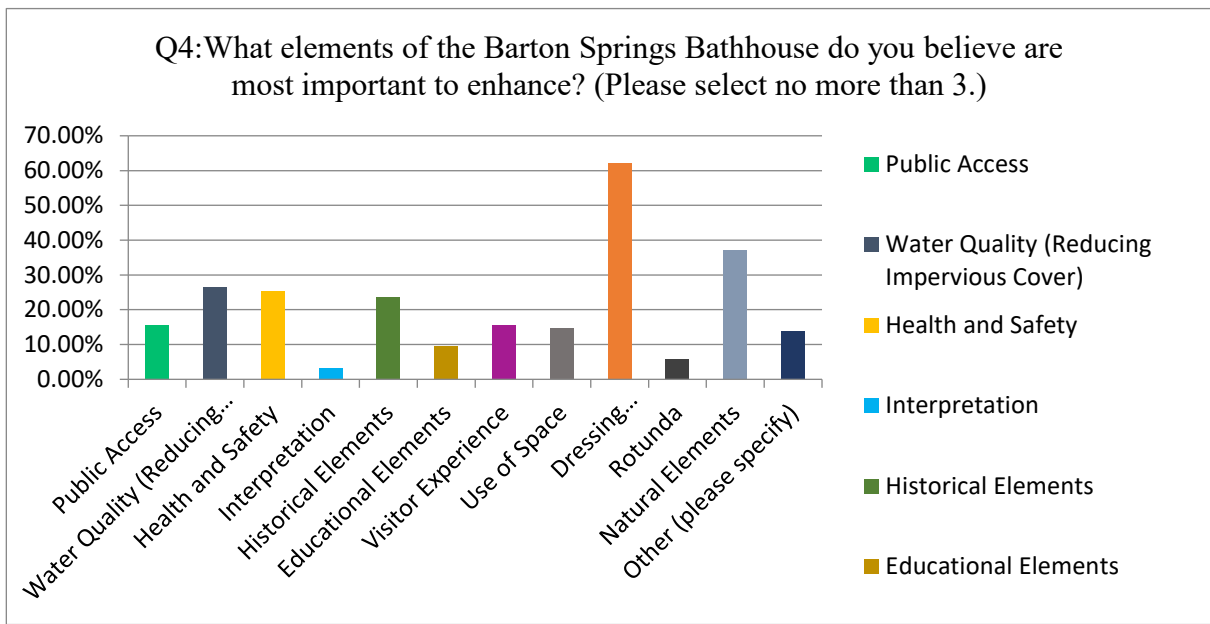
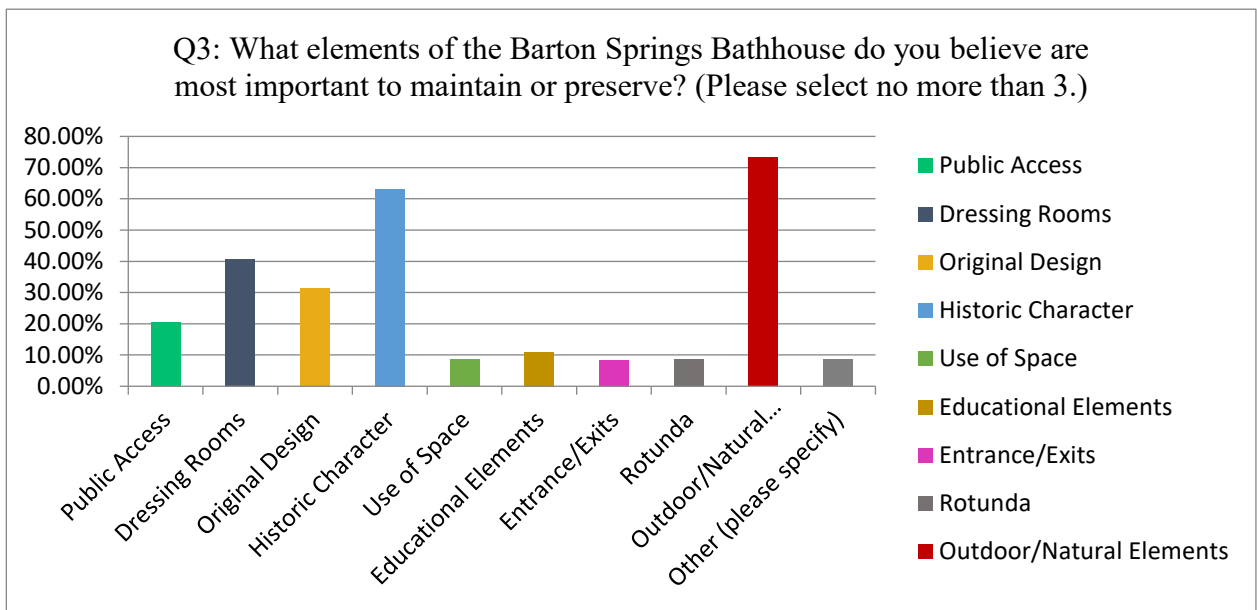
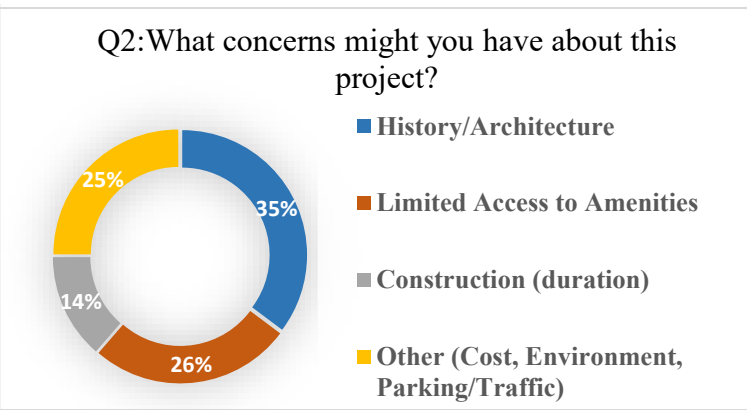
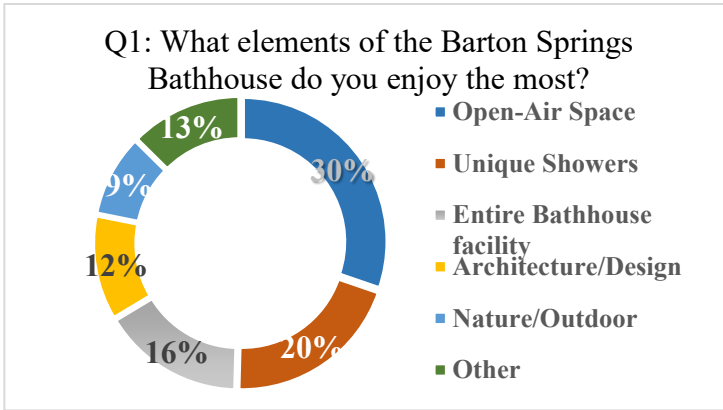


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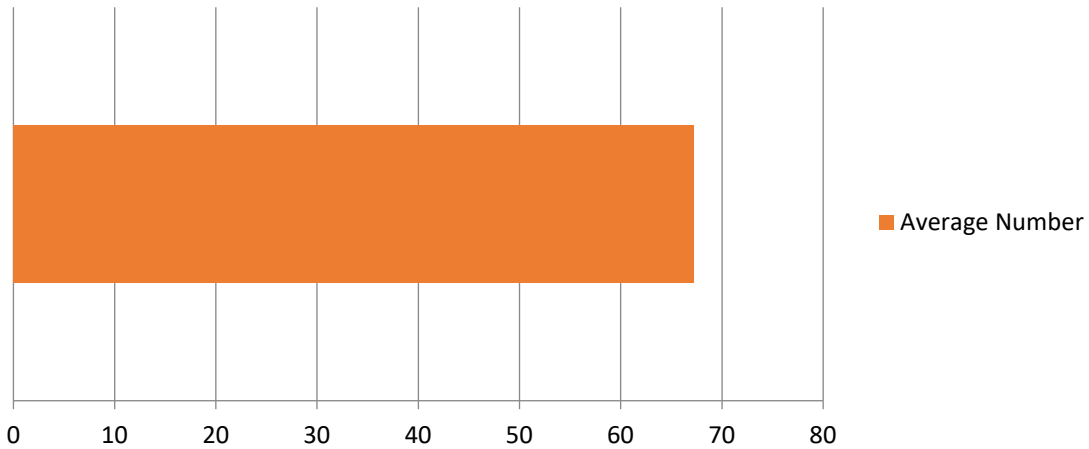
# Community Survey April 20 to May 31, 2018

Summary of the data below. All comments can be viewed online at [AustinTexas.gov/BartonSpringsBathhouse](http://AustinTexas.gov/BartonSpringsBathhouse).

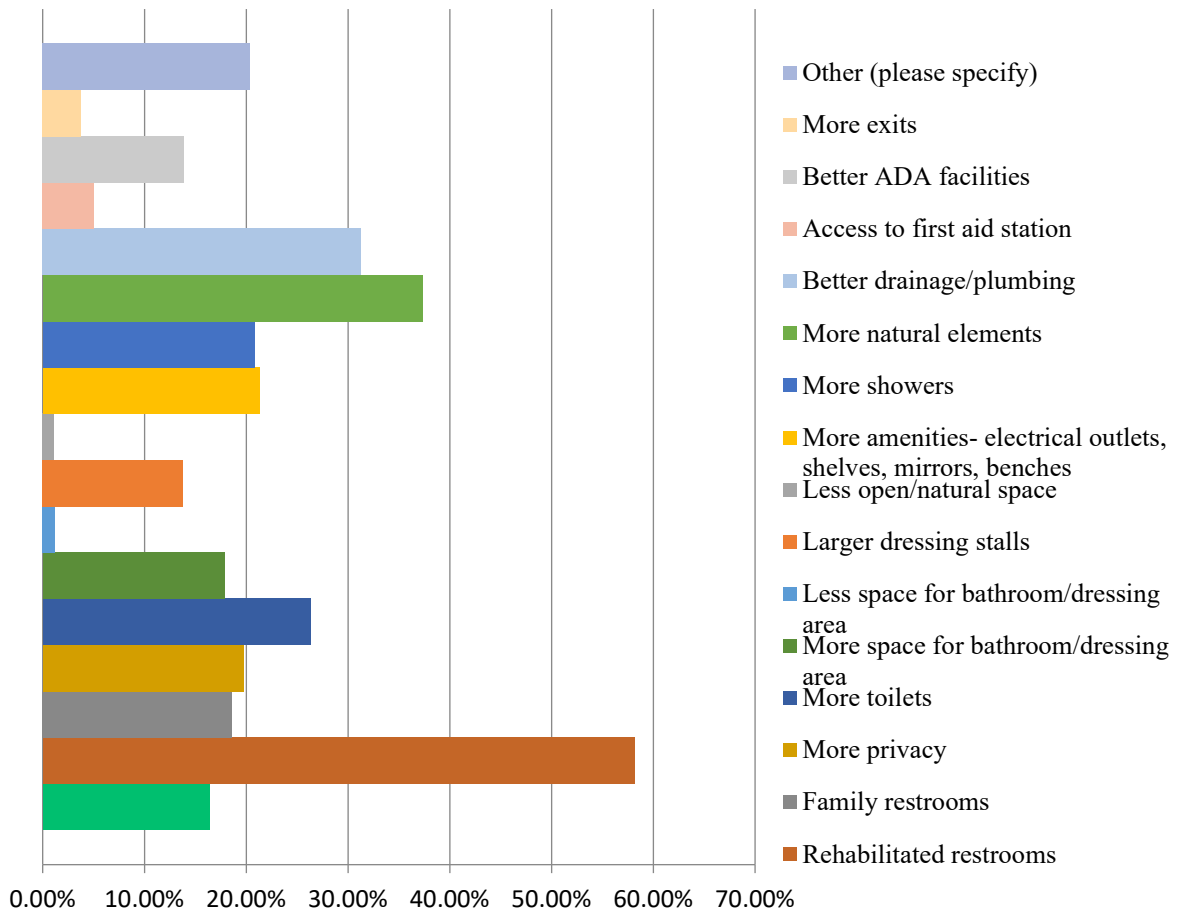




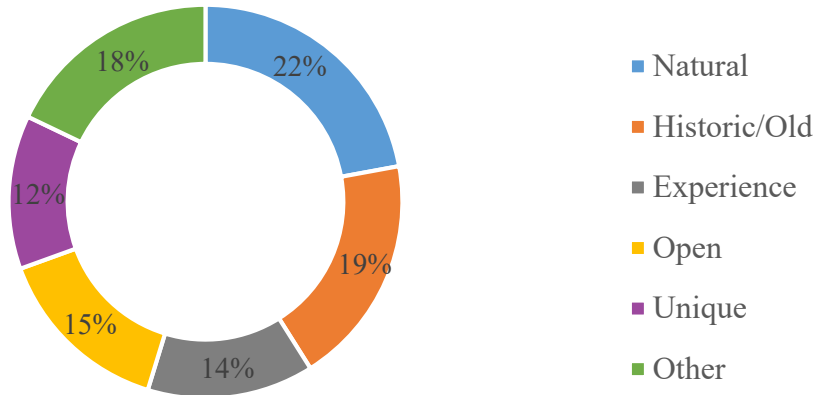
Q5: How would you rate your experience using the bathhouse? (0 being very poor and 10 being excellent.)



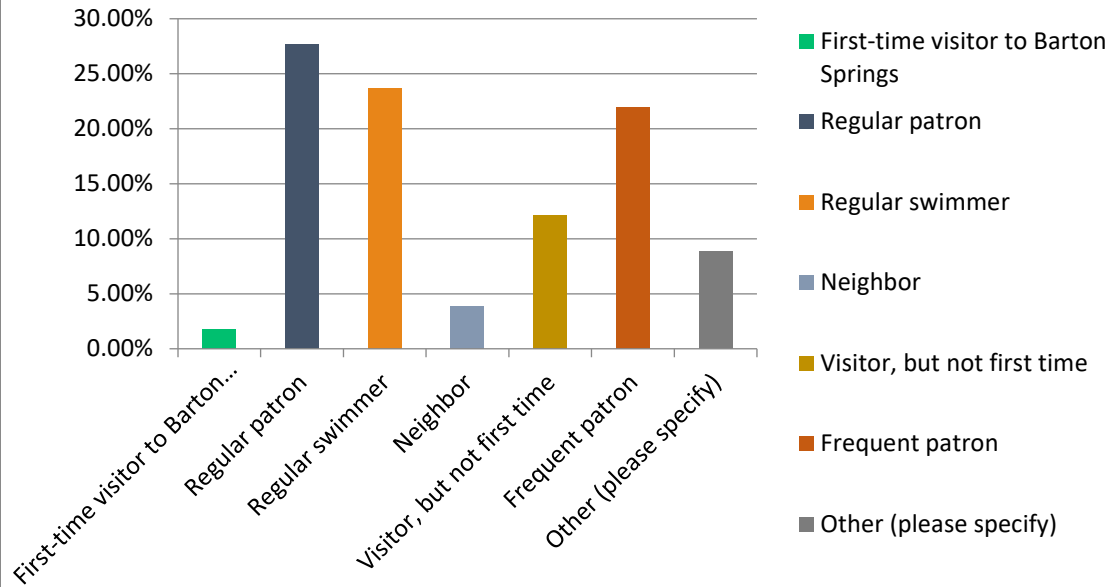
Q6: What would improve your experience using the bathhouse?



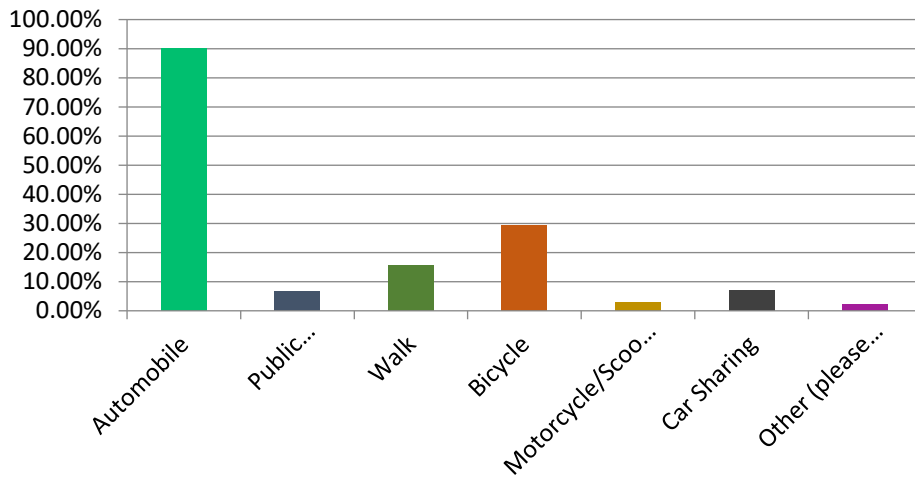
Q7: Help us develop design principles for rehabilitation.  
 Leave an adjective that feel will best describe the Barton  
 Springs Bathhouse.



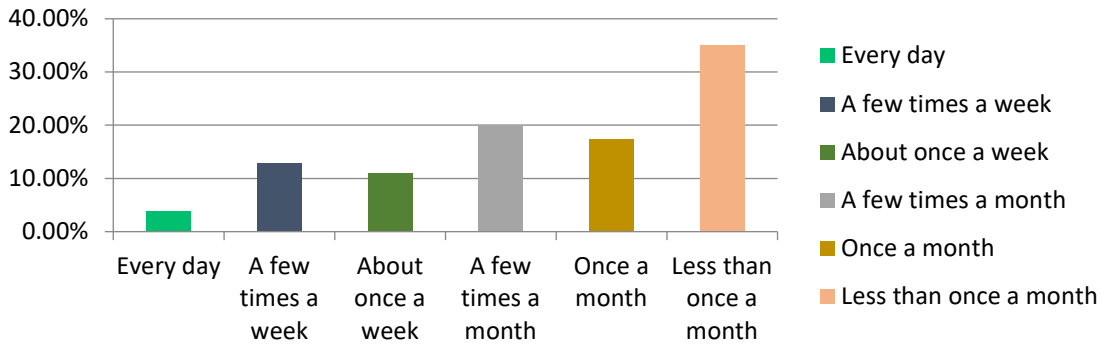
Q8: Which of these options best describes you?



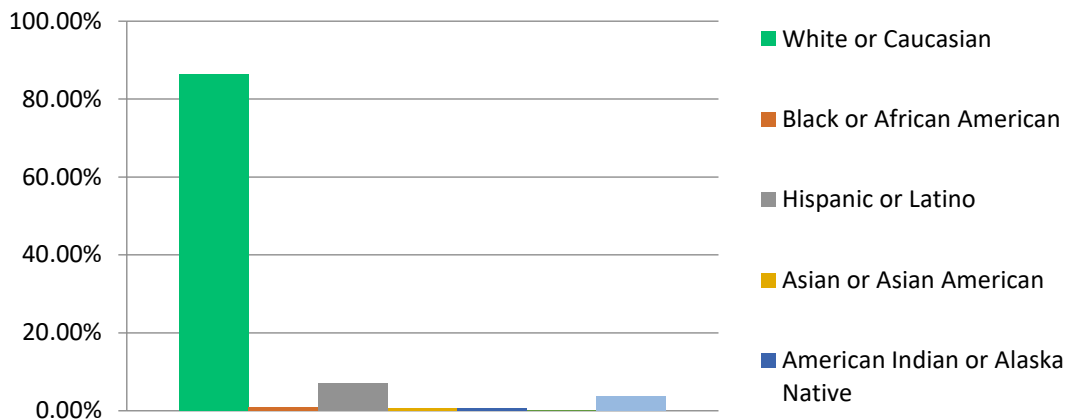
### Q9: What transportation methods do you use to visit the Barton Springs Bathhouse?



### Q10: How often do you use the Barton Springs Bathhouse?



### Q12: What is your race? (Optional)



For full 147 pages of comments, please visit [AustinTexas.gov/BartonSpringsBathhouse.gov](http://AustinTexas.gov/BartonSpringsBathhouse.gov).

## Key Stakeholder Small Group Meeting

Date and Time: July 24, 2018, 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Zilker Botanical Garden

### Outreach:

Emails directly to groups and representatives

### Groups Represented

Attendees represented the following organizations: Barton Springs Conservancy, Barton Hills Neighborhood Association, Friends of Barton Springs Pool, HCC, Save Barton Creek Alliance, Zilker Neighborhood Association, Save Our Springs (SOS)

### Summary of Comments:

#### Appreciate what is....

Memories in the space

Free

Ability to provide safety

Vision of staff

Education

#### Historic elements

- Simplicity
- Physical tie to what is iconic
- Connection to "old Austin"
- Charm
- Travel back in time

#### Natural

- Trees
- Natural stone
- Solar heated water
- Open air space

#### Specific physical elements of the building

- Covered porch
- Education space
- Rotunda
- Exhibits
- Showers
- Plants
- Changing areas

#### What could/should be...

##### Education- enhance education overall

- Personal experience
- Education/rules signage
- Interpretive stations/maps
- More education can bring more people
- Use rotunda
- Make patrons accountable while using the pool
- Start at the pay station

#### Environmental- should overlap/be a large part of the educational experience in the building

- Increase environmental education
- Consider limited number of people in pool
- Trees
- Water quality- educate
- Building should create sense of stewardship for patrons
- Enhance experience of natural elements

#### Historic Elements- align spaces with their historic intent when possible, overlap with education

- Open basket room
- Open original entrance
- Open spaces- not limited to what it is used for
- Respect original architecture
- Use old stalls
- Open historic spaces to be accessible to public experience
- Use original men and woman's entrances- education
- Get rid of dry wall

#### User Experience- \*needs more discussion

- Improve entrance experience
- Need family restrooms
- Multiple entrances
- Open women's area
- Simplify- too much going on
- More space for programs
- Entry through rotunda

Overuse is a problem - limit use

## Community Meeting #2: Values Workshop

Date and Time: August 14, 2018

Location: Zilker Botanical Garden

### Outreach:

Email 7/16/2018, 8/8/2018; Nextdoor 7/16/2018; Flyers posted at Bathhouse

### Meeting Notes and Comments:

Cara Welch opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda and introduced the City of Austin staff.

Laurie Limbacher made a presentation on the project and reviewed the project purpose and scope. She provided an update on the current status of the project including project related meetings and reviews.

Cara Welch covered “What We’ve Heard” in terms of community involvement activities.

- Congestion in the women’s restroom
- Keeping education uses in the rotunda
- SPLASH needs updating

Laurie Limbacher then defined key terms for the project including

- Rehabilitation
- Value
- Program

Cara then led the group through the facilitation of the meeting

### **Question 1: What do you appreciate most about what currently exists?**

- Memories of the women’s restroom, outdoor showers and use the garden area to play in.
- The layout I really love the garden, showers
- A building that has been loved to death and needs to be loved a whole lot more, less used and more focused
- Materiality of the design, 40s design, evocative of a specific architectural style
- Fairly well designed for ease of maintenance: the men’s bathroom is a joy to clean
- Women’s is too busy
- Very impressed with the presentation of the historical design and realize a need for progress
- Garden spaces and the need for more current plumbing
- We need to make it enjoyable for another 50 years
- Like the rotunda area – very underused space
- Beautiful building
- Acoustics in the building mitigates noise
- The way the rotunda connects to the pool is a beautiful view of the natural creek, gorgeous
- We miss the height that was originally a part of the building
- Not any construction going on there right now
- Family orientated
- Pecan trees
- Showers and garden areas
- Education
- Bathrooms are a mess
- Cool design
- Better view of nature
- There is no construction needed (projects take too long)

- Shade and observe looking out
- Rotunda Space
- Appreciation of nature and space
- Preservation
- The building itself
- Reflective of Austin in the 40s
- Ease of Maintenance
- Beautiful building
- People enjoying other people
- Should do something to help future
- Scenery

## USER EXPERIENCE

Laurie Limbacher presented different aspects of the building and asked for input from the users. Here are some of the comments:

- Purchase of tickets, people have to wait in line
- Currently at the entrance there is only one cashier, would be nice to add another queue
- Usually you can go in on the other side of the building but people don't know that, the signage is not well know
- I think the kids in Travis County are all getting aquifer education as part of their education, so I don't think it has to dominate the bathhouse
- Experience that you have going into the bathhouse right now is centered around the past – there are so many things that are important for today, water quality, flow, more things that are presented in the moment, it's missing
- Its kind of link you're cattle , you're in a line
- Lifeguards say that they are looking out of the window – never seen anyone looking out there
- Reopening the entrance
- If the main entrance was relocated to the rotunda it would allow the area outside of the women's bathroom it could be returned to a spectator area
- If there were an extra hot shower (in January)
- I would hate to see any space in the mens area et carved out for another use, use the basked area
- Never been to the SPLASH exhibit – is that the best location – are there storage or other needs
- Ladies room is sort of creepy the back is very dull lighting, creepy feeling (lightbulbs are out) if the light bulbs were brighter
- Open/public showers where you don't have to go into the bathhouse
- Not enough shower curtains, they get ripped off of they are never there
- I see some families setting up elaborate privacy screening – cultural
- There's not a good cultural representation of people here
- Lack of privacy in the men's bathhouse
- The bathrooms seems like a small number of stalls in the bathhouse
- I really like the dressing room as a cool, vintage thing, stalls are so small
- Outside of the bathhouse – it's really distracting that lights that are up there, they shine in your eyes brightly
- Stalls at the men's room, I don't ever see anybody in those, they should be repurposed and put in an historic corner “this is what it was like”
- Massive growth of Austin effects lines “purchase ticket prior”
- One cashier equals operational deficiency
- Family use “creepy” areas because of privacy

- Reopening original entrance could make lines go away
- Women gravitate towards cubicles with showers and curtains
- Lack of diversity and population representation
- I would hate to see space in the men's area cropped out for another use
- "Opposite of privacy- outside showers"
- More obvious signage
- Centered around past, focus on what's happening today and in the moment
- Bathrooms have a small number of stalls when there are so many people
- Extra-hot shower
- Zone of cubicles (user likes private area)
- Better quality lighting
- New entrance around women's area if current location is changed
- Lifeguard activity or lack of
- "Education" = no need to put it around pool

### **EDUCATION: What could or should be in the space?**

- Can you put an education facility to the maintenance barn/hut? To get the education area out of the bathhouse.
- Space utilization
- Right now 90K kids use the facilities – there would have to be education somewhere in the park – one of the most important things that people who understands that this is different than any other pool
- Use the space better
- It's not just about the hydrologic – cultural education needs to be involved, connecting people to the land/facility (e.g. history of Zilker Park, the Zilker Family, Butler family)
- Take education somewhere else (Ex: HVT)
- Find better locations
- Exclude bathhouse
- Train station?
- Children need to separate themselves from patrons
- 90 K used for facilities
- Space optimization
- Cultural education opportunities are being missed
- Safe loading/unloading
- Looking into settle locks, maps, and interactive experiences
- 3D Watershed cross sections that you can touch and interact with
- Better bus stop paths and stops
- See Kiosk at the pool with interactive parks and recs info
- More maps
- More employment training and educating
- Want to see the rotunda maintain education components
- See more education about desegregation of Austin through swim-ins

### **HISTORIC: What could or should be in the space?**

- Architecture is being hidden by different uses that are in there
- The entire history of the area – American Indians, Spanish Missionaries, pioneers, incredible amount of history because of the springs
- Commemorative plaques and markers – not get rid of existing historical markers

- Reopening the entrances
- Bathhouse was used for the swimmers – would be nice to get back to that a little more
- Swimmers need lockers
- It was really cool the way you entered, separated, and then came back together
- Springs = central point of history
- Entire history of that area (Indian reservation)
- Data set= empirical data
- Do not get rid of existing markers
- Historic bathhouse
- Architecture
- Shift towards historic design for swimmers
- lockers

### **ENVIRONMENTAL: What could or should be in the space?**

- Being able to offer an environmental plus
- Reduce impervious cover – parking lot that drains
- Rinse off before you go swimming; Air quality issues with sunscreen
- Parking – the message to the city should be loud and clear that parking is
- Cars are a reality and the space for parking is needed – don't reduce any parking
- Q: Are you including a large bus area? That probably helps you and count as a parking spot
- Let's get rid of congesting in the parking that is already there – separate uses for playground, Zephyr
- Impressions cover will answer some objectives
- Offer environmental plus parking
- Cars are a reality, spaces are needed
- Landscaping around playground = looks piecemeal
- H2O quality degrades = air quality problem with sunscreen
- Soil comes into pool after a rainy day
- Have busses park in handicap areas? Bus spaces?
- Net
- Loss of parking spaces

### **OTHER COMMENTS**

- Playground looks haphazard – landscaping looks haphazard
- After the big rain – soil sediment made the pool super cloudy

### **Additional Comments**

During and after the facilitated portion of the meeting, attendees had the opportunity to provide additional commenting on boards around the room. Here are the transcribed comments from those boards:

#### **What do you appreciate about the Bathhouse?**

- Open air dressing room
- Women's dressing room and hot outdoor showers
- Human center is being loved to death and is used too much
- Material and design of architecture and time of Austin
- Ease of maintenance in men's room
- Preservation of historical design and keeping it natural spaces



- Better plumbing needed
- Rotunda area is underutilized
- View of pool from rotunda/entrances in original location
- Tall open spaces in rotunda could be reclaimed
- Education programming in bathhouse
- Beautiful building needs to be appreciated for next 50-70 years
- Seating area by entrance is beautiful sitting area
- Open air dressing/shower areas
- Education could be enhanced
- The staff and operations
- Memory of restroom
- Good memories in bathroom
- Use the outdoor show
- Love the layout
- Grass dried up
- Love hot shower
- Want more hot showers
- Bathrooms and toilets are a mess
- Human center of the experience
- Building loved to death
- Love the design and reflection of its time
- Ease to clean – joy to clean
- Preservation of design
- Need for progress
- Correct plumbing
- Need people to enjoy it for the next 50 years
- Like the rotunda – underused
- Pool connects a good view from rotunda
- Miss the height of the building
- Appreciate the education that is in the space
- Beautiful building
- Love the shade and seating
- Appreciate seeing sky and trees
- Appreciate there is no construction at this time
- Take away use for years and it is fine the way it is
- Education part the temp where the showers are opportunity for more education

### **What could/should be – User Experience**

- Address waiting lines by allowing pre-purchase of tickets
- Two queues at entrance
- Additional entrance on other side
- Education requirement not needed at bathhouse now
- Provide data about current water conditions and flow to visitors
- Viewing access not being used at aquatic office
- Reopen original entrances for user expedition
- Moving entrances to rotunda would free up women's area and spectator gallery
- More hot showers
- Women's dressing area creepy factor could be improved with better lighting
- Women's dressing area – privacy options needed

- More bathrooms needed and more space needed
- Better light in bathhouse
- Lower pool lighting
- Growth of Austin and the lines purchase before you get there
- Absurd that lines more lines
- You can go in on other side of building
- Education not needed
- How fast is the flow, water quality – is it safe to swim
- Today feel like cattle
- Lifeguards don't look out those windows
- Reopen original entrance
- Rotunda return to spectators needed
- Not use the men's area for storage
- Need extra hot showers
- Not best location for education
- Dull lighting needs to be brighter in the women's room; light bulbs are out
- Like the private back area
- In support of private options
- Not enough shower curtains
- Some people like the privacy
- Very small number of toilet "stalls"
- Bathroom lights distract swimmers in the dark
- Back stalls repurposed in men's room
- Add wishing well
- Avoid over programming the facility
- Should be free for people who don't want to swim but want to tour facility

#### **What could/should be – Education**

- Move education out of the bathhouse to free up bathhouse space
- Move education to playscape for better use of bathhouse for storage/staff
- Optimize space
- Add education to park
- Move education function out of bathhouse and keep some in bathhouse with kiosks and photos
- Improved school bus experience with relocated education
- Add education as cultural/historical topics in new space
- Move education to maintenance barn
- Education needs to be included in the entrance
- Move education out of bathhouse
- Move classroom
- Get the bus out of entrance area
- Train station could be utilized for more education
- Safer loading and unloading
- More education for employees

#### **What could/should be – Historic**

- Embrace history by reopening tall interior spaces
- Keep existing markers and statute
- Reopening men's/women's entrances
- Restore swimming experience focus to historic origins and focus

- Add lockers
- Historic architecture
- The history of the area is missed
- Maintain existing historical treatment
- Reopen men's and women's entrance
- Open it back up for swimmers
- We need lockers

#### **What could/should be – Environmental**

- Reduce impervious cover or make water quality improvements
- Some loss of parking lots
- Sunscreen usage/shower education requirement
- Improve parking at pool by moving activities to other parking lot areas
- Reduce impervious cover
- Parking lot changes would be good
- You could lose spots if you could get a shuttle
- Require people to be aware of sunscreen and water quality, sweaty people
- Parking lots not answer to Barton Springs
- Cars are a reality, do not reduce parking
- Landscaping
- Topsoil runoff into pool
- H2O Quality concerns
- Provide alternative access from remote

## Key Stakeholder Meeting: Design Concepts

Date and Time: October 18, 2018

Location: Austin Energy, Conference Room 130, 721 Barton Springs Rd.

### Outreach:

Emails 10/2/2018, 10/18/2018; Facebook 10/2/2018; Nextdoor 10/2/18; Flyers posted at Bathhouse

### Groups Represented

Barton Springs Conservancy, Save Barton Creek Alliance, Asakura Robinson, BSEACD, City of Austin, Friends of Barton Springs Pool

### Meeting Notes and Comments:

#### Introduction (Cara Welch):

Values are based on community input from the past couple of meetings

- Synthesized on the back of the agenda as values
- Staff reviewed internally and agreed with it
- These values will be used to evaluate the design concepts

Question for the group: How well do the concepts address the values that we have established together?

Questions from Stakeholders:

- How much of a done deal is it that the rotunda will become the main entry?
- Response: Not a done deal at all.
- I don't see anything on this list about mobility impaired access. o Response: As with any project, ADA is a legal standard we are trying to meet
- The issue with moving handicap parking further away is that it makes it harder for people walking.

#### Overview and Concepts (Laurie Limbacher):

History of the bathhouse – the original design was really simple.

Used some of the same principles from Deep Eddy – described as a building as self-cleaning and self-deodorizing (sun and wind)

Rotunda – an element that was meant to look like an opening.

People no longer have a need for basket rooms, now we use the space for educational functions

In the 1960s, people began to back-flow because they weren't using the corridors anymore

- Questions from a Stakeholder – when you look at the men's side and the women's side, the men's side was larger (although it was a different time). Not sure if we can change that so it's more equitable. It points out a time when men were more privileged. o Response: This will be discussed as well as value-based questions like modesty and openness.

#### Concepts:

The intention is to take elements or ideas from different concepts. Design is ongoing over the course of the project. What you see tonight will not be exactly what you see when you go to the rehabilitated Barton Springs bathhouse.

- 6 Rotunda
- 3 Women
- 2 Men

We were asked to rehabilitate the historic Rotunda and dressing areas.

The COA has taken the responsibility to reconfigure the existing parking lot. Were also asked to help with the lines. The element of the rotunda brings people in saying "this is where you need to go."

Considering automated access transactions – it's a separate effort, but it's designed to be a flexible and functional system.

- Comment from Stakeholder: I think some way in that you need to not lose the human to human element. "Welcome to the Springs, have a great day." If it's all machine-machine, the human

element is important and its very welcoming. It might just be to smile at someone. You can't take that to the pool. Someone is always going to be there to interact at that level. o Response: We initially thought that it would be completely automated, but there needs to be a human associated with it at every instance.

### **Overall Concept Plans:**

How do you bring people into the building?

#### **CONCEPT 1:**

- We want them to know that the rotunda is the entry, let's just make a new opening
- Main difference is number of family restrooms
- Women's: possibility of enlarging the lawns to give it a sense of openness, trying to give it the same historical feel
- Men's: flood mitigation
- Corridors are used as an exit ways instead of entryways
- Build in ways for another gate that could be staffed in times of great occupancy

#### **CONCEPT 2:**

- We're not going to move the entryway to the large rotunda, but an adjacent 3-foot door
- Most respectful of the historical front façade
- It would create problems, could tuck in a second door

#### **CONCEPT 3:**

- Study cutting a new door on the other side, which would mean we would have to use the wall with the plaques that are dedicated to Andrew Zilker
- Take the location of the office door and enlarge it, make a modification in the interest of bringing people in.
- Question from a Stakeholder: Where are the ticket takers?
  - o Response: They're in the oval desk inside.
- Is there concern for crowd management, we can adjust educational space.

#### **CONCEPT 6:**

- Staff person next to the bathroom so people don't sneak in
- Criss-crossing of traffic between men and women (both genders go both ways)
- Lose an increment of space you are accustomed as your dressing room experience

#### **Questions from the Stakeholders:**

- Are all of these are uploaded onto the website?
- We're still going to need a human to say "you can't take your dog," you still need a person who monitors the bathroom, etc.
  - o Response: How do we staff when we are slammed with people?
- Can you describe your target audience? Who is your target audience for this facility? Park users, swimmers, etc. Everything is focused for pool users. The way people get into these spaces, with what you have designed it's specifically for people use the pool.
- What staff will be at the pool? Is there an ability to have 2, 3, or 4 stations dealing with attendees (people handling tickets)? o Response: some of the schemes offer the opportunity for double duty – people can be taking tickets and observing what's going on in the central spaces

### **ROTUNDA OPTIONS:**

#### **Option 1:**

- Come right through the wall, people can get tickets or stream through.
- Downside – we have to open the wall

- Save carefully in storage, the windows and some elements.
- Different faces of the wall, but efficient way to say “this is the front door at the front of the building”

Option 2:

- Preserve the history, respect history
- Insert ticket taker station at the front
- People can come through a small door on the side of the rotunda

Option 3:

- One door for slow days, two for busy days

Option 4.1:

- Two entries
- Stakeholder Comment: the exit door by the tickets are double doors, the one before it was a single door.
- Stakeholder Comment: drawings are hard to understand, a model would be helpful to get the feel of what you would be able to see.
  - o Response – Let’s narrow it down first so we don’t have to build 6 models.

Option 4.2:

- Show an option where next to the area for ticketing, there is room for peace and quiet

Option 5:

- Large door is used for ticket taking. Additional water closets to women’s dressing areas
- A wall separates the rotunda from the ticketing areas
- How do we prioritize the limited amount of space?
  - o Response: WC are redesigned to be larger than they currently are. Making women’s area larger because we aren’t taking any real estate from it, but making WCs larger

Option 6:

- Concern about separating by gender – this addressed those concerns by adding screening so anyone can go through without going through any of the dressing rooms
- It takes away some space
- Significant change in use of space
- If you think about a day where there are big crowds, o Stakeholder Comment: I’m already in the pool, I have to go to the bathroom – I have to go against the crowds to go into the men’s restrooms. One of the biggest drawbacks is that you have to find your way through the crowd.
- All of these envision a shade structure as part of the overlook for the pool o Stakeholder Comment: I would think you want to move the crowd past there because if people stop at this stop, there will be a crowd backed up.
- What the exhibition space might be like, there is an interest in renewing this.

## **WOMEN’S DRESSING ROOM**

### **CONCEPT 1:**

- Water heaters and offices took up space in the dressing room
- Level difference in two floors – some additional concrete was added to raise floor level
- Encroachment that occurs with some of the space that has been taken over
- Give a sense of some breathing room, to give primary open space feel more open
- It might be helpful to have levels of privacy in the space
- Showers might require more privacy (have them along the wall away from the open space)
- Aquatic space tucked behind walls of original pavilion

- Stakeholder Question: Where they are currently taking tickets, that would be turned into a restroom?
- Response: Women come in with families, this is a space where they could have more privacy

#### CONCEPT 2:

- Widen lawn, modify pavilion

#### CONCEPT 3:

- Further dissolved historic shower pavilions
- Women's dressing room feels more like the men's

#### Options for shower pavilions:

- small spaces that are tightly divided
- Perforated dividing wall
- Remove interior dividing walls – have open changing areas
- If the walls go away, we begin to invoke arrangement in men's dressing area
- Major difference would be the tightly enclosed masonry shower pavilions, or have them be more open
- The different iterations of the shower cubicles show cubicles of different sizes and a different degree of openness.
- Stakeholder Comment: Currently, there is only one hot water (there are two) – will you be providing additional hot water for the showers?
  - Response: That is one of our goals. Our understanding that solar hot water is the desired hot water.
- Stakeholder Comment: You can only use the on-demand [hot water source], a little box that takes not space. They're electric, but they can be solar powered.
- Stakeholder Comment: Solar power has been tried here before and it was a headache.
  - Response: its being used now.

### **MEN'S DRESSING ROOM**

#### CONCEPT 1

- The design and wall design allows for ventilation.
- Enhance green aspect of space

#### CONCEPT 2:

- Stakeholder Comment: will you be taking out the lockers (along the north wall)?
  - Response: Yes, it is being repurposed

#### **Site Plan Concepts:**

- Take out parking lot – existing parking lot. The curb needs to be shifted slightly in the interest of the trail. The sketch – curb is moved out there
- Parking spaces – goes to 129 from 144
- They are going to require that we have a fire truck entrance
- If we changed the parking from angle to 90, we've lost three spaces, we would have to get variance because have a one-way drive
- Stakeholder Question: What's the angle of the original parking
  - Response: It varies.
- Stakeholder Comment: I am concerned about angled parking because of the number of pedestrians that are walking – it's a safety issue.
- Stakeholder Comment: Study different parking angles – why does it have to be 90?

## Community Meeting #3: Design Concepts

Date and Time: October 30, 2018

Location: Barton Springs Bathhouse

### Outreach:

Emails 10/2/2018, 10/18/2018; Facebook 10/2/2018;

Nextdoor 10/2/18; Flyers posted at Bathhouse

### Meeting Comments:

- Season pass for pool – electronic entry will be a nightmare. Lines are too long already.
- Where do I get my ticket?
- Survey poorly designed – how to you design based on values?
- Change less
- Will they have to be closed during constructions?

### Comments

- Open space for shower
- Spiders are an issue (make sure there is adequate light and air flow)
- We get obsessed with things that aren't even 100 years old. Sometimes you have to change things to improve them.

Survey is confusing.

“I like the men's as it is.”

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- Reduce size of men's dressing area further
  - Proposed storage, etc. or west side is good
  - Reduce more on east side
  - Could move proposed MEP & support areas into east side of men's dressing area
  - Storage for splash program MUST be at least same size as current box

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Urinal in men's dressing has direct line of sight to the rotunda – lacks privacy.

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Parks Dept asked to study connectivity of the trail and how it impacts parking.

- 12 more feet for the trail connection
- Moving cubes closer together
- A few parking spaces

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Difficult to cipher images

In enlarged pics, images should reflect automated # of bathrooms

Images need to have a description

“Concepts” Name larger

Ticket-buying vs. non-ticket buying lines





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Little promotion on splash exhibit

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PARD will require more staffing for some of the concepts

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Gender neutral restrooms should be strongly considered.

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Lifeguard – two concerns are the exits and the guard shack

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I don't think this project should occur. It should stay open all the time. I have a strong objection to going through the building, going through a climate-controlled area is bad for health, environment. It would require more walking.

I object any reduction of cover from the rain. There won't be a place to leave dry clothes except for lockers, which are too small.

I think this is terrible idea. Nothing has been done. This is a dog and pony show. I will give my comments and nothing will be done.

I think the plans need better interpretation. The whole project needs to communicate more via email.

I think the entrance through the splash area could be grand.

You should have seating/tables in the patio area.

Like the idea of shade and patio, but these need a seating area.

Keep side entrance open

Deep Eddy has little coverage.

I want to keep dry [if it is raining].

I think family room in the back corner could be creepy.

Doesn't like the perforated wall

Accessibility – people still sleep in that bathroom, homelessness

Bathroom on south side should be renovated

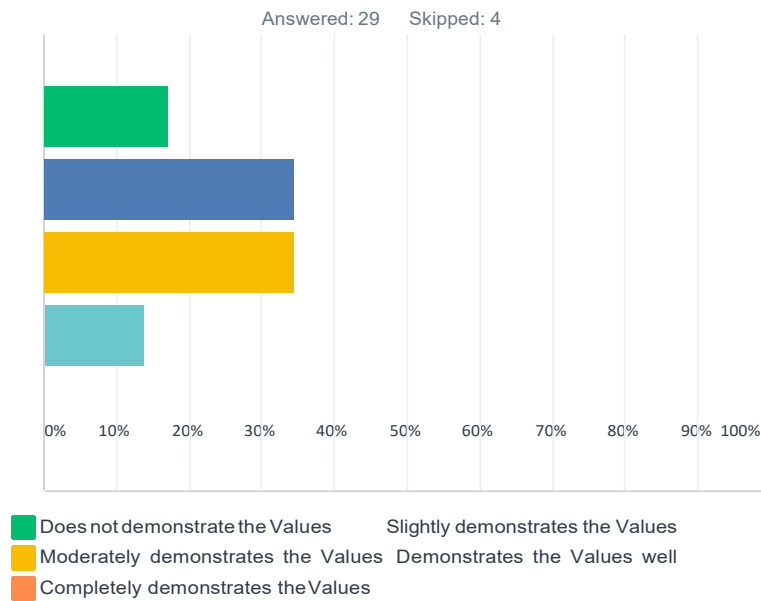
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We don't need to enter and exit air condition area to go into Barton Springs! We also don't need more showers! Why would anyone want to shower in chlorinated water after swimming in Barton Springs?

## Design Concepts Survey October 30, 2018 to November 29, 2018

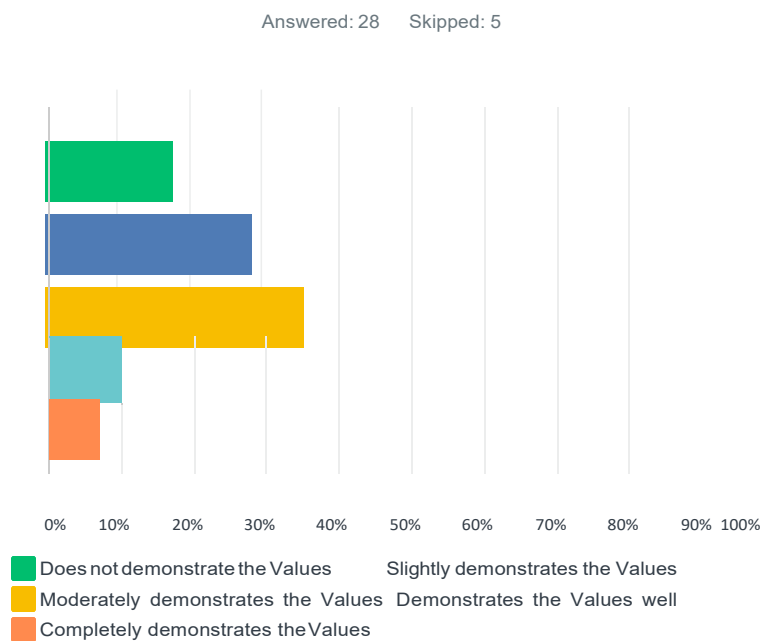
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Q1 Please rate how well Concept 1 of the Women's Dressing area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



	DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE THE VALUES	SLIGHTLY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	MODERATELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES WELL	COMPLETELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	17.24%	34.48%	34.48%	13.79%	0.00%	29	2.45
	5	10	10	4	0		

Q4 Please rate how well Concept 2 of the Women's Dressing area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



	DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE THE VALUES	SLIGHTLY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	MODERATELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES WELL	COMPLETELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	17.86%	28.57%	35.71%	10.71%	7.14%	28	
	5	8	10	3	2		

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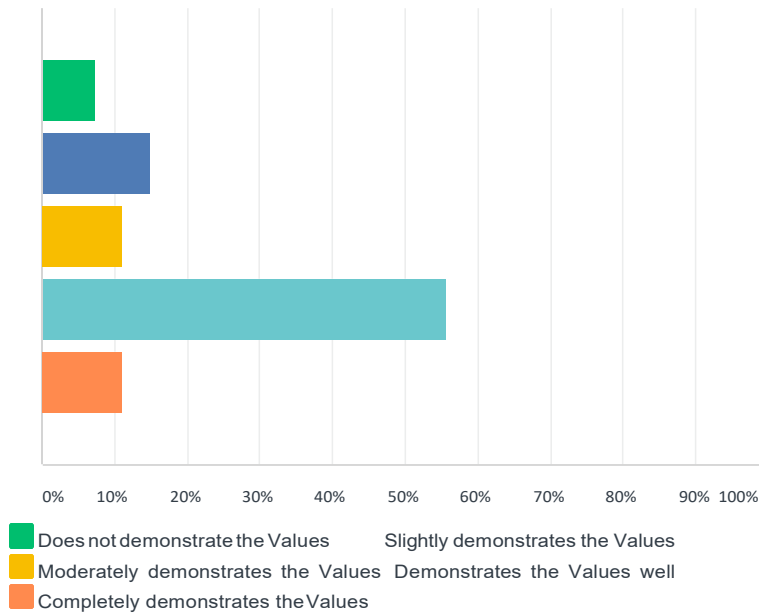
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Q7 Please rate how well Concept 3 of the Women's Dressing area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:

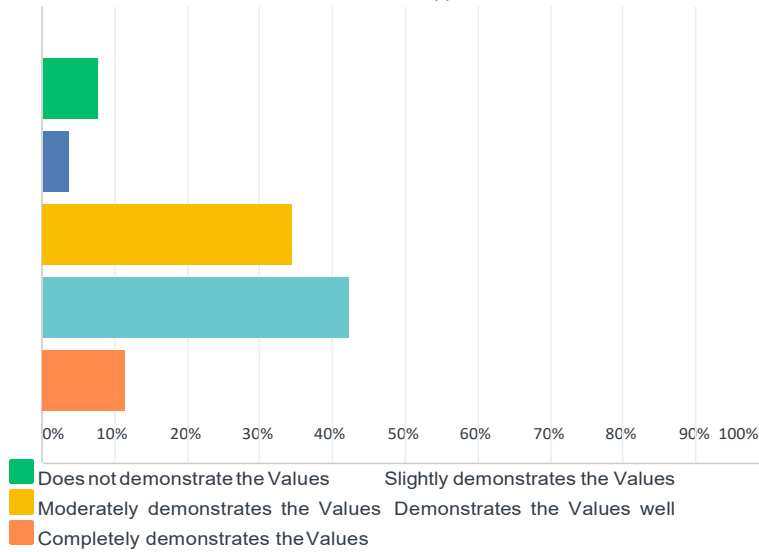
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	DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE THE VALUES	SLIGHTLY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	MODERATELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES WELL	COMPLETELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	7.41%	14.81%	11.11%	55.56%	11.11%	27	3.48
	2	4	3	15	3		

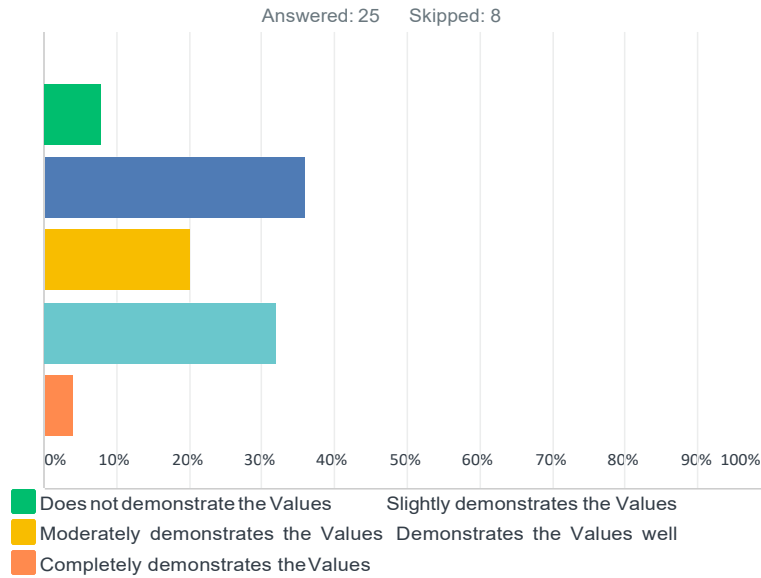
Q11 Please rate how well Concept 1 of the Men's Dressing area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:

Answered: 26 Skipped: 7



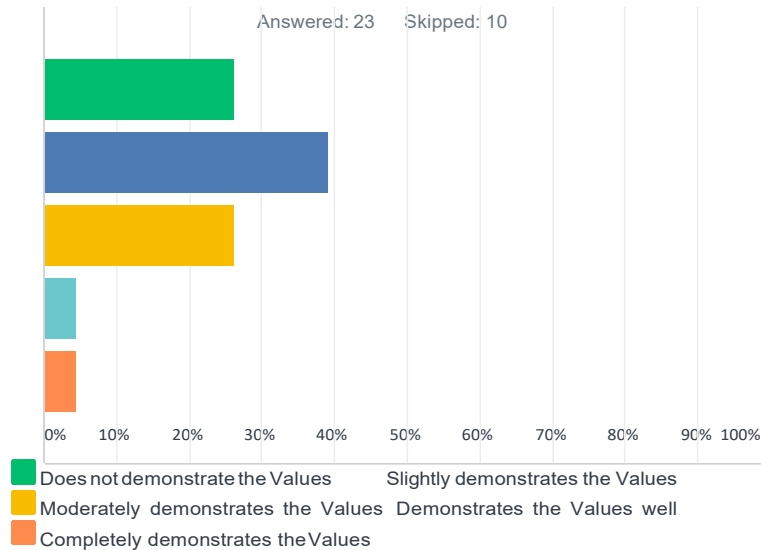
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(no label)	7.69%	3.85%	34.62%	42.31%	11.54%	26	3.46
	2	1	9	11	3		

Q14 Please rate how well Concept 2 of the Men's Dressing area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



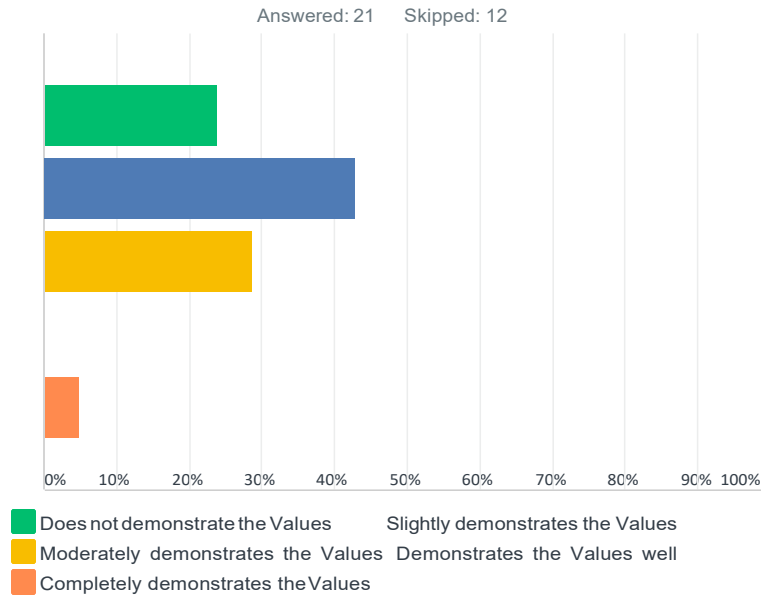
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(no label)	8.00%	36.00%	20.00%	32.00%	4.00%	25	2.88
	2	9	5	8	1		

Q18 Please rate how well Concept 1 of the Rotunda and Exhibit area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



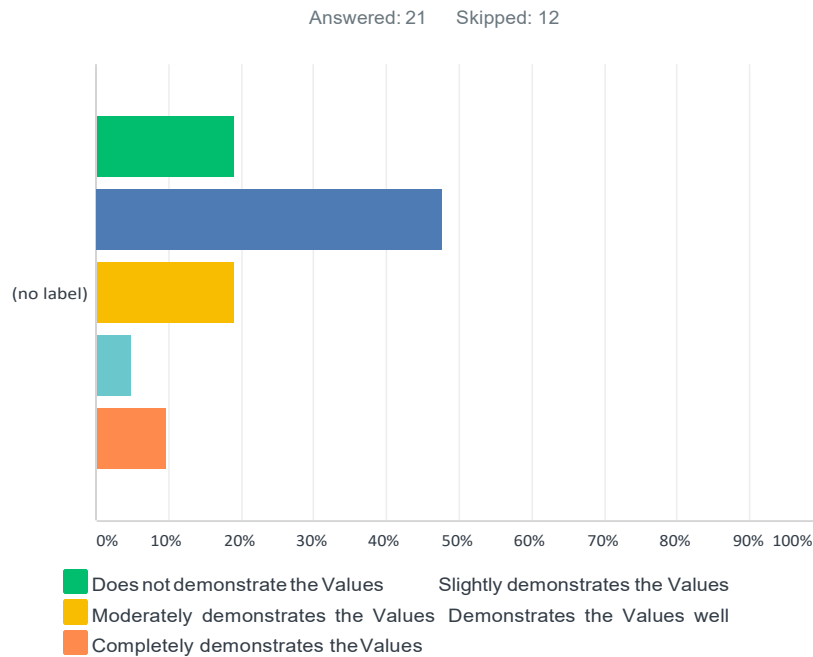
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(no label)	26.09%	39.13%	26.09%	4.35%	4.35%	23	2.22
	6	9	6	1	1		

Q21 Please rate how well Concept 2 of the Rotunda and Exhibit area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



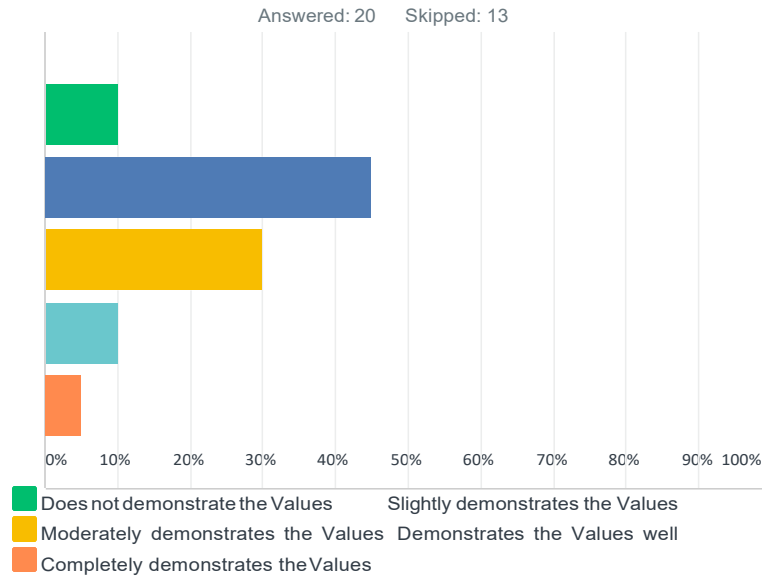
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(no label)	23.81% 5	42.86% 9	28.57% 6	0.00% 0	4.76% 1	21	2.19

Q24 Please rate how well Concept 3 of the Rotunda and Exhibit area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



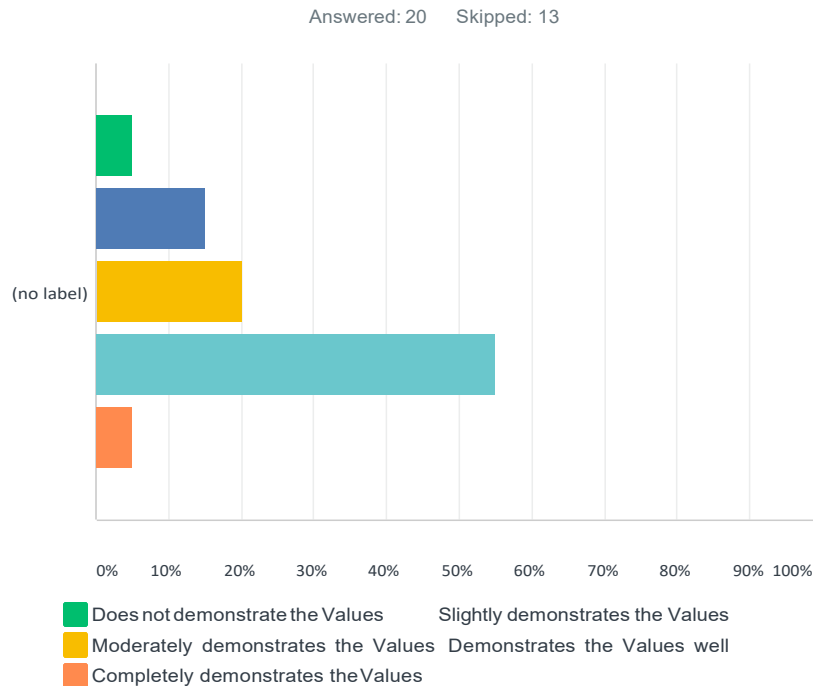
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(no label)	19.05% 4	47.62% 10	19.05% 4	4.76% 1	9.52% 2	21	2.38

Q27 Please rate how well Concept 4.1 of the Rotunda and Exhibit area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



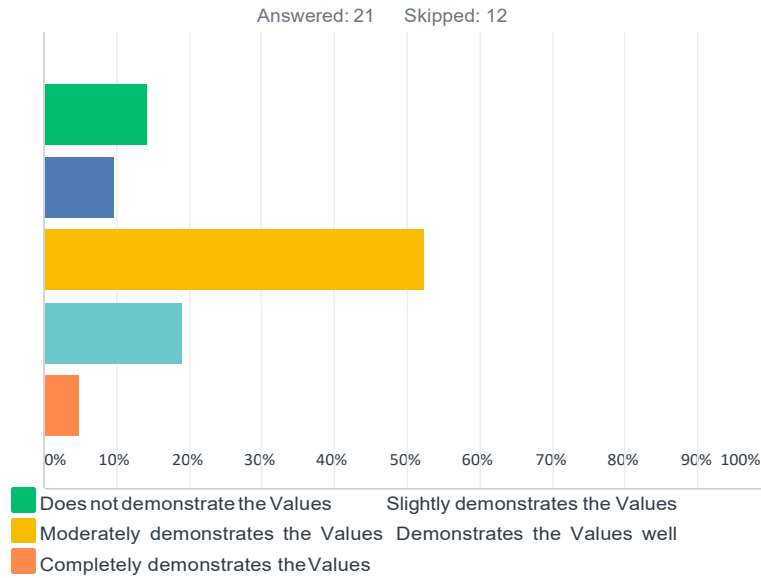
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(no label)	10.00% 2	45.00% 9	30.00% 6	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	20	2.55

Q30 Please rate how well Concept 4.2 of the Rotunda and Exhibit area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



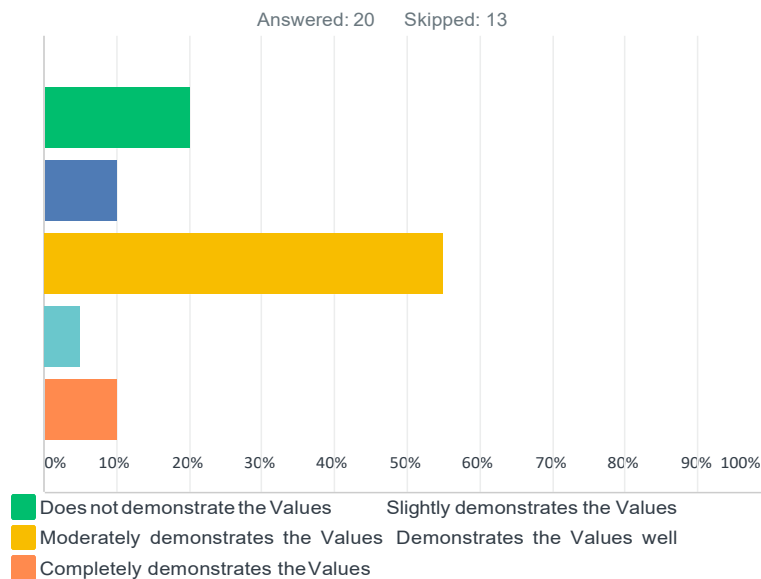
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(no label)	5.00% 1	15.00% 3	20.00% 4	55.00% 11	5.00% 1	20	3.40

Q33 Please rate how well Concept 5 of the Rotunda and Exhibit area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



	DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE THE VALUES	SLIGHTLY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	MODERATELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES WELL	COMPLETELY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUES	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	14.29% 3	9.52% 2	52.38% 11	19.05% 4	4.76% 1	21	2.90

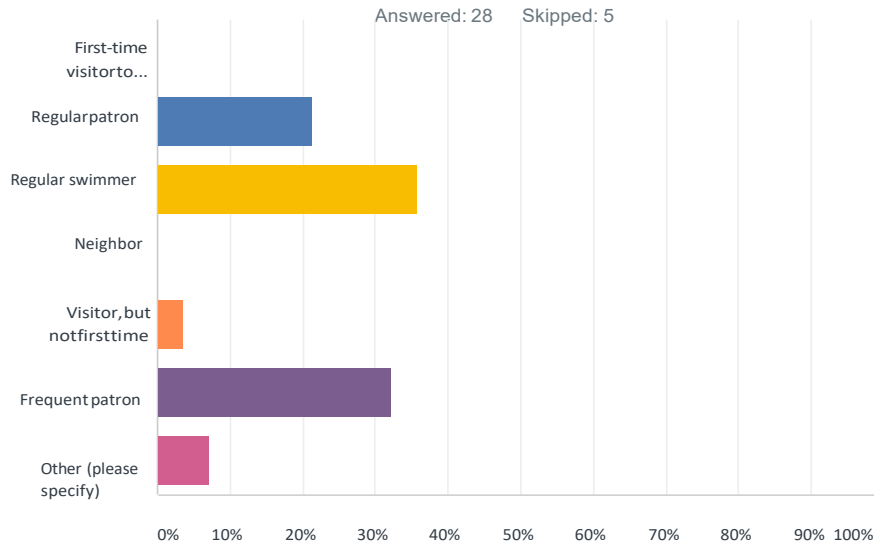
Q36 Please rate how well Concept 6 of the Rotunda and Exhibit area demonstrates the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values:



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(no label)	20.00% 4	10.00% 2	55.00% 11	5.00% 1	10.00% 2	20	2.75

**Demographics**

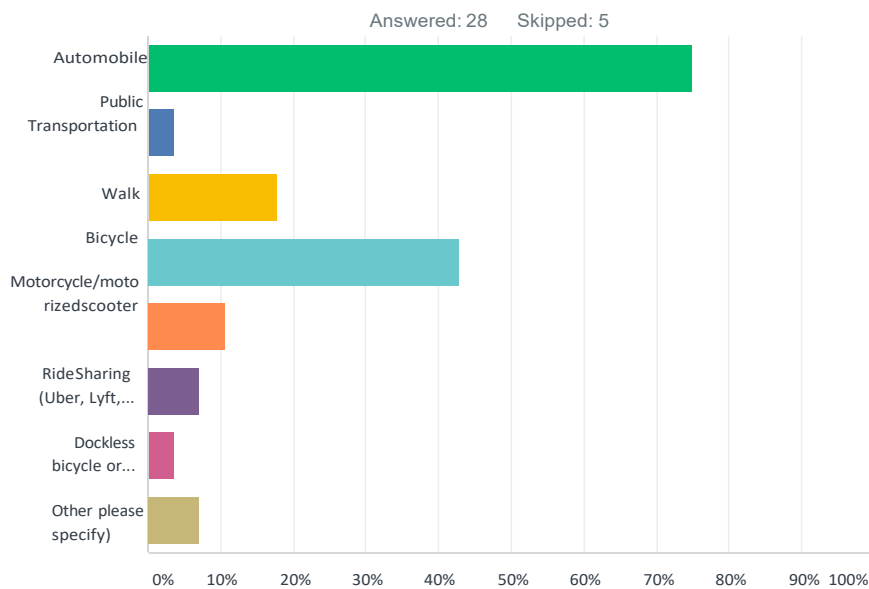
**Q41 Which of these options best describes you?**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
First-time visitor to Barton Springs	0.00% 0
Regular patron	21.43% 6
Regular swimmer	35.71% 10
Neighbor	0.00% 0
Visitor, but not first time	3.57% 1
Frequent patron	32.14% 9
Other (please specify)	7.14% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>

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**Q42 What transportation methods do you use to visit the Barton Springs Bathhouse?**



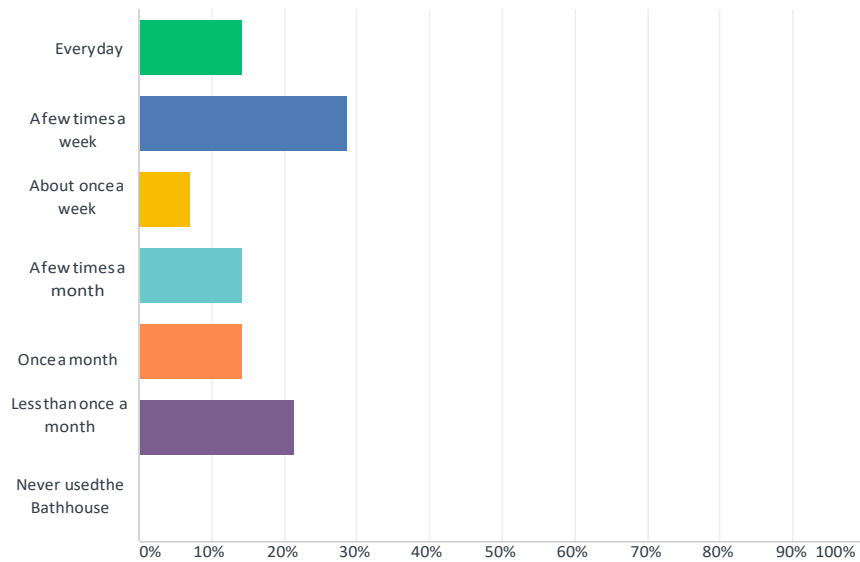


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Automobile	75.00%	21
Public Transportation	3.57%	1
Walk	17.86%	5
Bicycle	42.86%	12
Motorcycle/motorized scooter	10.71%	3
Ride Sharing (Uber, Lyft, etc.)	7.14%	2
Dockless bicycle or scooter (Pace, Bird, Lime, etc.)	3.57%	1
Other (please specify)	7.14%	2
Total Respondents: 28		

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1	Not completed	10/31/2018 9:22 AM
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### Q43 How often do you use the Barton Springs Bathhouse?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	14.29%	4
A few times a week	28.57%	8
About once a week	7.14%	2
A few times a month	14.29%	4
Once a month	14.29%	4
Less than once a month	21.43%	6
Never used the Bathhouse	0.00%	0
TOTAL		28

Q44 In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

Answered: 26 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	78703	11/20/2018 5:59 PM
2	78723	11/20/2018 4:37 PM
3	78759	11/20/2018 2:20 PM
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9	78702	11/19/2018 11:29 PM
10	78759	11/19/2018 6:13 PM
11	78701	11/18/2018 11:29 AM
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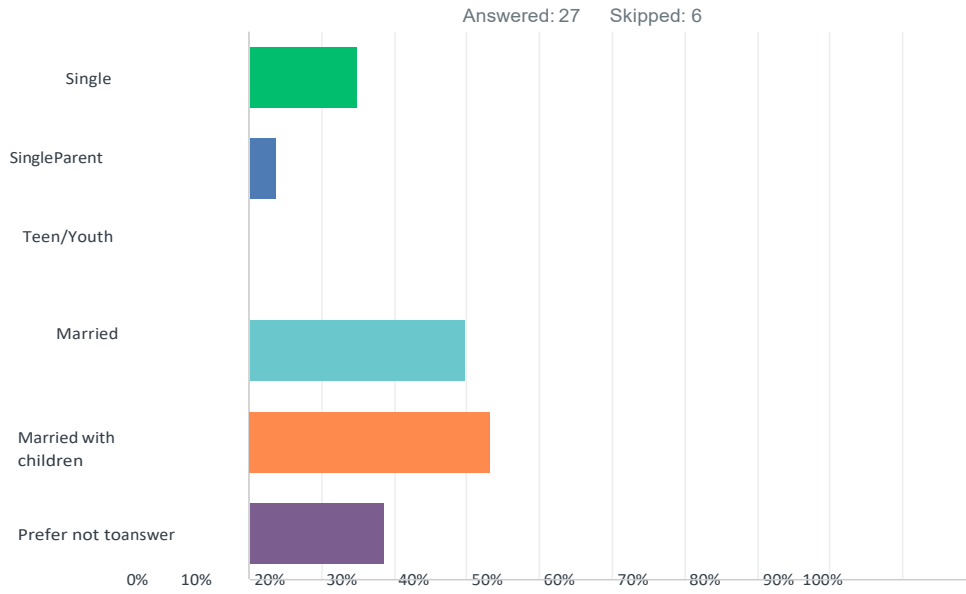
Q45 What is your race or ethnicity? (Optional)

Answered: 26 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
White or Caucasian	76.92% 20
Black or African American	3.85% 1
Hispanic or Latino	7.69% 2
Asian or Asian American	0.00% 0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00% 0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3.85% 1
Biracial or Multiracial	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	7.69% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

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1	mixed	11/17/2018 12:23 PM
2	Not completed	10/31/2018 9:22 AM

Q46 Which of these best describes you? (Optional)



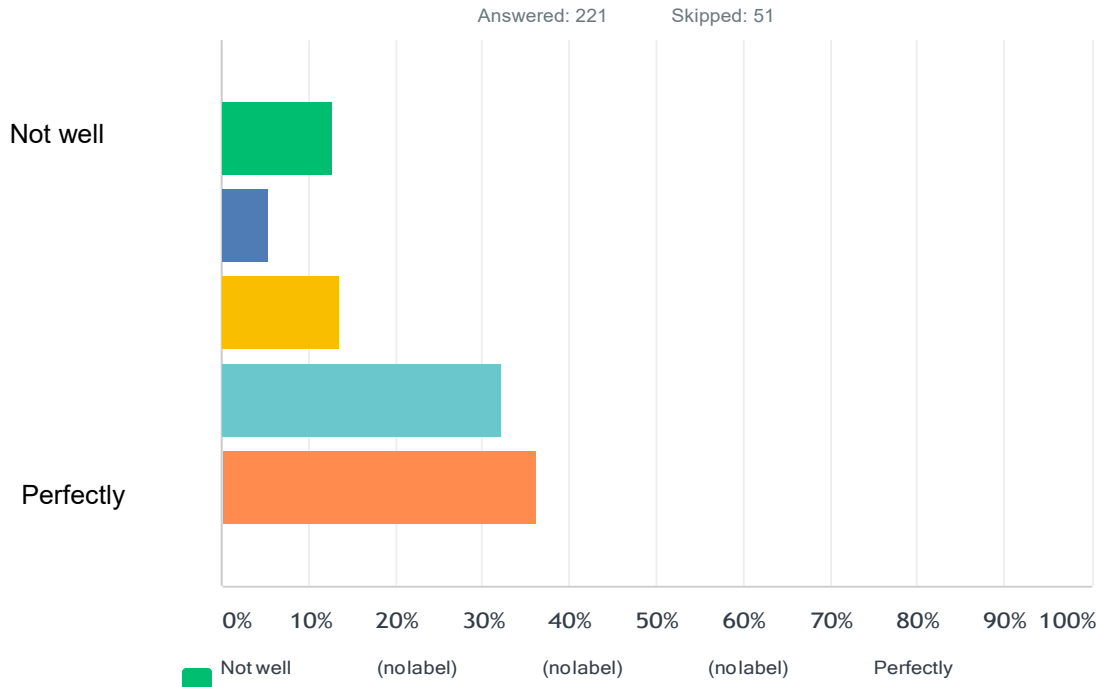
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Single	14.81%	4
Single Parent	3.70%	1
Teen/Youth	0.00%	0
Married	29.63%	8
Married with children	33.33%	9
Prefer not to answer	18.52%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>27</b>

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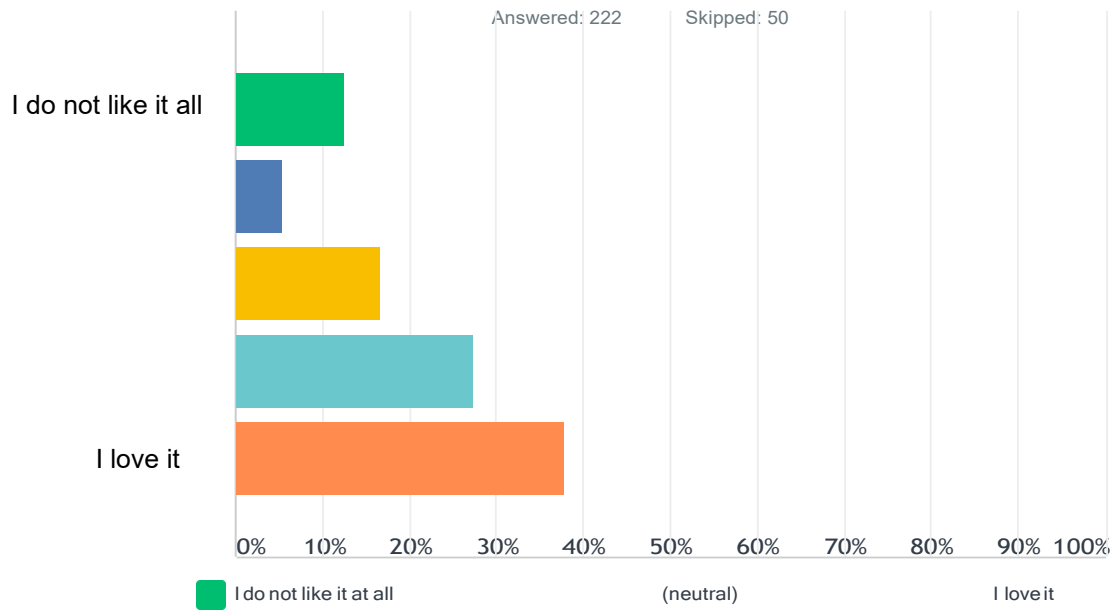
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Q1 How well does the preferred concept achieve the Barton Springs Bathhouse Values?



	NOT WELL	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	PERFECTLY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
S	12.67% 28	5.43% 12	13.57% 30	32.13% 71	36.20% 80	221	3.74

Q2 What is your first impression of the preferred concept of the Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation?



	I DO NOT LIKE IT AT ALL	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	(NO LABEL)	I LOVE IT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
S	12.61% 28	5.41% 12	16.67% 37	27.48% 61	37.84% 84	222	3.73

Q3 Please provide any additional comments about the concept. We appreciate your feedback.

Answered: 120 Skipped: 152

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Too much is being asked of this small building.	3/4/2019 3:55 PM
2	Having a separate entry into the splash exhibit would allow better access for school groups and summer camps without congesting the main entry line.	3/4/2019 2:44 PM
3	Would like to see more toilets in the Men's Bathhouse. The stalls currently in the men's room are pretty tight. It was mentioned that the stalls in the women's room will be widened, the same needs to be done in the men's room. I would also like to see more hot showers in the men's room. The design does not indicate which showers will be cold and which ones hot. It appears that there are considerably more showers in the women's than in the men's. Not sure if there is talk about updating the water heaters or maybe going with tank-less water heaters. The hot showers sometimes run cold due to over use so I hope this issue is addressed. Another issue is temperature of the hot water. Sometimes it's too hot and others it's too cold. There is not a way to adjust for personal preference. I would like to see all the hot showers updated with cold water lines so people can adjust the water temperature to their liking. I'm concerned about where the lifeguards are being moved to and their ability to respond to emergencies in a timely manner. I've been at the pool many times and seen the quick response from their current office. I would like to see a design that keeps all the work staff together and in a position that will enable a quick recognition and response to emergencies. Being removed into an old classroom where there is no oversight to the pool does not achieve this.	3/4/2019 8:25 AM
4	Thanks!	3/3/2019 6:28 PM
5	Please consider making adjustments to the design. The visibility for staff to witness rescues from the guard room in and out of the water will be reduced significantly by putting an ADA restroom in place of where the main cashier both is currently located. Additionally it is important for the facilities EAP that the guard area be located overlooking the pool to help hear whistles and identity rescues. Consider swapping the new designs family/women's bathroom with the lifeguard locker room/staff restroom. If you look at the new main entrance it would flow better to have the women's and family toilets replace where the splash classrooms are currently. As the attendance increases each year with the growth of Austin. It is crucial to make sure that the staff offices are in the best location to respond to emergencies. This new plan does not reflect that.	3/3/2019 3:18 PM
6	Looks great!	3/3/2019 3:13 PM
7	Although I agree there needs to be updating at BSP facility, I do not agree with the layout structure that is present. The lifeguard room should stay in its current location to maximize patron surveillance and guarantee patron safety. Since BSP is a high volume landmark, I believe moving the lifeguard HQ will deliberately cause a failed system of safety regulations. Considering the blind spots in the updated bathhouse design, maintaining proper Red Cross standards will be extremely difficult in order to meet the demands that the Barton Springs facility requires. In conclusion, I think it's more important to cater to the needs of the employees and regular patrons rather than the societal standard of updating BSP. These individuals (employees and regulars) are the ones that keep this facility running. If the bath houses are going to be updated, they need to be done right. Don't make life more stressful on these employees, it's a hard and very important job here in Austin.	3/3/2019 11:21 AM

8	Adjustments to the concept plan are needed. I have seen how many emergencies occur during the summer season. For the safety of the public and effectiveness of how quickly the lifeguard staff is able to respond, it is important to keep the lifeguard area as is if not expand it from where the current main entrance is all the way to the staff supply room. Increasing the visibility for staff to be able to see as much of the pool and facility as possible. Currently staff has visible access to see when police and EMS arrive with the windows facing the parking lot and courtyard. By putting a restroom in its place it takes away that visibility. Additionally visibility of the pool from the guard office is being greatly reduced with this ADA restroom closing off access to see water emergencies from stand 1 to stand 2 (where most of the rescues occurs). Seconds matter and having the staffs guard area, locker area and manager office all together facing the front lines so they can easily hear whistles and get the the emergency as quickly as possible will be the difference between life and death. The facility as a whole certainly needs a face lift and I support the renovation project as a whole. But let's think this plan through a bit more so that the staff who are here everyday maintaining this beautiful facility can operate as effectively and safely as possible.	3/3/2019 11:00 AM
9	The new concept will make it harder for guards to hear emergency whistles, thus making the overall experience for the patron more dangerous. The lifeguard is supposed to respond quickly, and receive backup quickly. If backup is delayed, a victim could be in danger.	3/3/2019 9:34 AM
10	Proposed manager/first aid station inhibits the guards and managers visual field As it is today the managers/guard lounge enables even off duty personnel to have near visual access to 3/4 of the facility. This can save seconds or even minutes in an emergency situation please reconsider the configuration we need more windows not less. I speak from experience Peace	3/2/2019 10:06 AM
11	Keeping historic dressing rooms in women's bath house with some upgrades for privacy Resist modern metal contemporary styles like deep eddy used which are ugly and not in keeping with natural feel of this area Added lockers inside Better maintenance of landscaping to include soft grass for children and yoga post swim. Thanks for ur monumental efforts to get it right For future folks to enjoy!!!	3/2/2019 3:05 AM
12	N/A	3/1/2019 11:34 PM
13	Extending the women's restroom all the way up to the corner by the lifeguard/ first aid station needlessly takes away from employee space. It also obstructs vision of an entry point from the lifeguards. That will always be a busy courtyard and needs to remain easily accessible to the lifeguarding staff.	3/1/2019 9:48 PM
14	you didn't even ask if we approved or not & this plan will also require hiring additional staff @ added cost.it will be harder to control entries & address guest questions.you are creating a solution for a problem that doesn't exist.instead of paying millions to an architectural firm to create a "concept", why don't you just ask regular swimmers & staff what they need.regular maintenance would be nice-sometimes it takes months to fix simple this drastic renovation is unnecessary & if past work is any indication,this will inconvenience the staff & public for several years!please just repair what's there already & leave the rest alone I am a regular swimmer of many decades & a current staff member. your best way to get useful feedback is to ask the swim pass holders.but I suppose like all of these projects, you will do what you want & disregard the wishes of the actual users.like for instance, why start renovating the snack bar @ the start of peak season& interfere with parking etc when it could have been done in the off season?	3/1/2019 1:55 PM
15	Why not have a "Barton Springs" souvenir , gift shop	3/1/2019 10:09 AM
16	With the new structure, all staff will be compartmentalized from each other leading to less effective immediate coordination. The movement of guard and managment areas toward the gallery also will in practice decrease response time further on top of staff segregation.	3/1/2019 8:56 AM

17	<p>1. Why aren't you keeping the cave-like features of the exhibit? A lot of work went into building that and it serves a purpose. It seems like a waste to destroy it. 2. Why is the educational exhibit being given lower priority? 3. "It's a bathhouse" doesn't sound like a mission. 4. Under "improved user" experience – Can you be more specific rather than say "better"? 5. Under education – what is the point of saying "education for all users"?? What is the point? How is that a change? 6. Given the language - "Exhibit space will be designed to allow for interaction with visitors entering through the rotunda and those that would like to view the exhibit from the pool to create a better connection with pool visitors." What do you mean "view the exhibit from the pool" – does this mean enter the exhibit from the pool? 7. "The Spectator Gallery is restored to the open area it was originally." – I think this is missing some words. 8. Surely, there are more details. This does not come across as very professional. It's poorly written and doesn't appear to have been proofread. How much is this costing? What about all the waste in destroying the City's investment in the current exhibit. Surely renovations can happen without destruction of a valuable exhibit. Surely, prior to making such major changes, details would be flushed out and presented for comments.</p>	2/28/2019 5:30 PM
18	<p>I'm glad that the women's bathroom stalls are going to be enlarged. With the way the doors currently swing in, it's hard to get in the stall and close the door. It looks like the new plan still allows direct access to the educational section without having to pay for a ticket to swim too. I'm glad this is preserved. We want education about the springs to be freely available.</p>	2/28/2019 5:13 PM
19	<p>I would suggest focusing the educational exhibits to the opposite side of the rotunda to separate the pool traffic from the park visitor traffic (those visiting the park but not the pool). This would also make it easier for formal and informal education groups to access the material without having to compete directly with pool user traffic.</p>	2/28/2019 3:38 PM
20	<p>I feel like I need a graphic rendering to understand what this would look like and more information about what will be in each of the areas. ie What does "support" mean? Is that storage, staff support, something else?</p>	2/28/2019 1:02 PM

21	Will the new exits through the dressing areas have turnstiles? I am assuming that is the case because otherwise staff would have to be present to ensure people are not able to sneak in through the exits. I have been present on more than one occasion at Barton Springs when a child got his/her head stuck in the turnstile, so the design for whatever is used needs to take into consideration the tendency for this kind of thing to occur. When materials are selected for the new changing rooms and showers, please make ease of maintenance a priority, especially if cleanings are as superficial (or sporadic) as they have been in recent years. Green materials and safety considerations are also important priorities. The slipperiness of walking surfaces is problematic at Deep Eddy, for instance, unlike the brick in the dressing areas of Barton Springs. I also hate to see the composite material used in the changing stalls at Barton Springs get replaced by something like the metal surfaces used on the stalls and showers at Deep Eddy. The environment in the changing room at BS has a warmth that is not present in the women's dressing area at Deep Eddy. I understand that some people may have a desire for curtains to provide privacy in the showers and the changing stalls but I REALLY hope they are not put in place: 1. they are plastic and we need to minimize our use of that material; 2. they tear, get moldy, and are eyesores; 3. many women appreciate the opportunity to change and shower in the open area and do not wish to see the atmosphere fundamentally altered by placing doors or screens in every cubicle and shower.	2/28/2019 12:55 PM
22	I think it's a very good and clever concept	2/28/2019 10:17 AM
23	Love the plan	2/27/2019 7:04 PM
24	I like it as is just needs more modern bathroom fixtures	2/27/2019 6:59 PM
25	I'd invest more in providing better facilities for the lifeguards and especially managers. I'd also invest more in more advanced technology like up to date registers/credit card reading iPads, laser detection of possible drownings, improved security incase of active shooter by securing boarders and installing better surveillance monitoring as well as undercover police during busy summer hours. I'd have better air conditioning or fans for lifeguards and invest more in the small things the lifeguards require such as better chairs and mist fans.	2/27/2019 6:02 PM
26	The first aid room and lifeguard shack should be in the same spot. A LG would have to be taken out of rotation to monitor the first aid room. It would make more sense to keep everyone in the same spot.	2/27/2019 5:58 PM
27	Really happy about restoring historic traffic patterns.	2/27/2019 4:44 PM
28	Hard to understand how the multiple entrances work Obviously very fine intentions	2/27/2019 4:23 PM
29	Need to make a better visual representation to let people get a better idea.	2/27/2019 4:12 PM
30	We dig it	2/27/2019 4:08 PM
31	The new sticker weed is already forming a sticker. Please put down the approved herbicide while you are shut doWN IN March 2019. It is on both sides of the springs. Please hurry or no one will be able to walk barefoot on about 50% of the lawn. Thanks.	2/27/2019 3:45 PM
32	I don't often swim at Barton. I am in favor repairing and updating while respecting the original footprint.	2/27/2019 3:38 PM
33	The Rotunda should be lighted on the inside and seem more approachable from the outside. It currently appears closed off and inaccessible.	2/27/2019 2:17 PM
34	As much nature as possible!!	2/27/2019 1:31 PM
35	1) do not agree with the need for so many entryways - I would prefer seeing the west entrance eliminated 2) do not agree with improvements being made to ONLY the women's restroom	2/27/2019 12:27 PM
36	I'm a man; swim early morning. No problem with family rooms encroaching on less used space. But 1) Are those windows on the new west side of men's dressing room. 2) rebuild west wall will entail what? Need details. 3) Eastern family room may have sight line into mens area eliminates toilets and sink used to shave. Also narrows walkway to southern seats- can you bevel the NW corner on the new family room to leave the walkway 3.5-4 feet wide? Will the family rooms around the men's shower be open roofed? (that could be a noise problem). 4) I rather like the viewing area as-is (I often wait there to pick up Amanda, the blind swimmer). What changes are intended. 5) The "Buy tickets then go to the entry" system has some problems during busy times. I'm sure you are aware of the problem	2/27/2019 10:09 AM



6) and last... you really need to get better at having the phone message give REALTIME info on closings and a best guess of for how long , plus instructions on using Deep Eddy. Often after storms the message is not updated. Talking to the staff the responsibility seems diffuse so you need to make one person responsible. Keep up the good work

37	You have a disparity in gender equality of the restrooms. The females have more toilets. You've taken away support space for grounds. The lifeguard space is too fragmented to facilitate operations and management. I like the family restrooms and additional support space in other areas. The men need more hot showers. Who will keep the drug addicts out of the family restrooms? The lifeguard shower looks like a big improvement.	2/27/2019 10:00 AM
38	I think this is a good compromise with the existing structure.	2/27/2019 8:23 AM
39	I really like returning the main entrance to the historic rotunda and keeping the open air locker/dressing/shower rooms.	2/27/2019 8:06 AM
40	I like it because I think it is better to have users enter towards the shallower end of the pool. That way they can be informed of the shallow and deep ends (new entrance as a reference point)	2/27/2019 12:34 AM
41	Its going to take at least twice as long to complete and twice the budget see the salamander pond. Please, for the love, do it after the main season.	2/26/2019 11:27 PM
42	Thanks!	2/26/2019 11:19 PM
43	Great job, now gitter done!	2/26/2019 11:15 PM
44	Where are the solar showers.....	2/26/2019 6:07 PM
45	Need bathrooms southeast side of pool near south gate. Also need south gate entrance open more often during the year.	2/26/2019 5:42 PM
46	Keeping the classic/historic look to the bath houses adds to the Austin charm and it has ample space for a large number of users	2/26/2019 3:08 PM
47	Looking forward to it!	2/25/2019 5:48 PM
48	It is crowded enough. Spend the money elsewhere.	2/25/2019 5:23 PM
49	I hope the new design will create a positive ingress and egress flow that sets a pace for a resource that, due to population boom, is being over utilized. Rather than set an occupancy level set a usage pace. Best of luck and may the Spirit and the water in springs be with us for many years to come.....	2/25/2019 5:18 PM
50	I think it is a great concept	2/25/2019 4:33 PM
51	The design seems sub par. It seems as if there are too many showers in the women's and there is a lone sink in the men's that looks very out of place.,	2/25/2019 4:25 PM
52	Leave the guard manager space	2/25/2019 4:16 PM
53	Having one main entrance will cause unnecessary congestion. The area available for lifeguards is totally inadequate. The first criteria in any redesign should be public safety and lifeguard response time. The second criteria should be to increase the number of toilet facilities. With regard to public safety, the current alignment of one main indoor entrance does not solve any of the existing problems that arise during the high traffic months. The lifeguards will be jammed into a very small space. Perhaps the survey model does not sufficiently describe and certainly does not explain how the proposed plan is intended to address those basic issue. As currently designed, this structure will be a large missed opportunity.	2/25/2019 1:21 PM
54	I have concerns about the lifeguard office losing access to the bottom right corner of the building where the current main entrance is located. That area is critical from a staff perspective to viewing the pool and quickly recognizing where emergencies are taking place. It also allows us to see who is entering the facility and if they are bringing in any items that we do not allow. I think that taking away that corner, which again extends our vision into the main area of the pool, actually makes it more difficult to respond to emergencies, contrary to what the proposed change states. It also seems a waste of space to add one more toilet for the women's room as it is calling for in the plan. It is essentially taking away a room that is open with large windows	2/25/2019 11:30 AM

wrapped on 2 sides of the wall, and then would have to "close" up that corner so that one toilet can be added.

55	Apparently, the person who has this job is the same person who reconstructed the Deep Eddy Bathhouse. The result of that work was not as good as what they revised. The possibility of this repeating here is a concern.	2/25/2019 10:11 AM
56	Family restrooms and hot showers , concerts at the pool! Night swims	2/24/2019 6:23 PM
57	Better lockers. More secure. Hot water in all showers. Plantings	2/24/2019 5:56 PM
58	Would be good to keep it as Eco conscious as possible	2/24/2019 5:51 PM
59	Seems like it will jam up;susceptible to mass shooters	2/24/2019 5:07 PM
60	I am happy with the good ol bathhouse just the way it is. No need to improve on existing situation! Too much change going on and not enough "status quo!"	2/24/2019 4:36 PM
61	Obviously needs an architect. I would love to see some beautiful entrances!	2/24/2019 4:14 PM
62	Water fountains with bottle fillers.	2/24/2019 3:37 PM
63	Seems good to have main entrance on the side	2/24/2019 3:20 PM
64	Improve shower fixtures in men's dressing room. Disinfect showers ands floors occasionally.	2/24/2019 3:16 PM
65	Thanks add more showers hot showers specific	2/24/2019 2:38 PM
66	N/A	2/24/2019 2:32 PM
67	More hand dryers or hair dryers would be good	2/24/2019 2:25 PM
68	Safety first.	2/24/2019 1:37 PM
69	Please build a small bath house on the South side of the springs. At the very least install porta potties. During the summer, on a busy day the Springs smells like urine.	2/24/2019 1:17 PM
70	Anything that updates the facility and makes the flow of patrons quicker I'm all for	2/24/2019 12:17 PM
71	Thank you	2/24/2019 12:04 PM
72	More hot water and light for both Men's and Women's please.	2/24/2019 10:59 AM
73	Appreciate the attention to needs of swimmers and families. As a year round swimmer and someone who is concerned about overuse of the facilities/pools, I have mixed feelings about the changes. I also want to be sure that lifeguards are accommodated to the best extent possible. If they do not have clear views of the pool from not only the stands but also the office /break area the safety of swimmers (the foremost priority) will be at risk. I also want to see the open air nature of the poorhouse preserved. The need for private changing stalls is to me unnecessar and would change the character of the springs. We can all respect one another without having doors and unattractive curtains placed on every changing stall. Minimize the changes to the dressing rooms, just improve them by addressing structural issues and upgrading where necessary.	2/24/2019 10:31 AM
74	I don't like this change. Let's leave it how it is! Stop trying to renovate everything. Everything is fine how it is. Long live old Austin	2/24/2019 10:04 AM
75	Instead trying to rehab the historic bathhouse, I think the south entrance needs facilities to manage summer crowds and then building ADA facilities will be easier new rather than retrofitted.	2/24/2019 9:54 AM
76	I think lifeguards should have an office nearest the shore line. Lifeguards make upwards of 160 water rescues per summer (not including our land emergencies). The ability for lifeguards to recognize that a rescue is being made and what equipment is necessary is the difference between patrons living and dying. Response time will be delayed by more than 20 seconds. That could be 20sec of us not giving CPR, 20sec of our patient not breathing, 20sec of uncontrolled bleeding. Patron safety should always be priority. Also in the rotunda it is near impossible to hear a conversation going on with 2-3 people no way the cashier would be able to hear anything with the thousands of people coming through every day.	2/24/2019 9:49 AM
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79	More solar showers	2/23/2019 6:29 PM
80	Too much money spent on moving the entry. I do not agree!	2/23/2019 5:21 PM
81	Very cool	2/23/2019 5:15 PM
82	Space for the Lifeguards and accessibility to the pool area should be considered. Guards perform 100s of rescues per year. Their space and access to the pool don't seem to be completely resolved in this plan. Has the management team in the ground at Barton springs been consulted? (Not just the Aquatics Office people, the actual managers who work at BSP everyday?!?)	2/23/2019 3:20 PM
83	Get ideas from patrons and start over	2/23/2019 1:43 PM
84	Keep improving to keep it updated	2/23/2019 1:28 PM
85	Great changes	2/23/2019 1:18 PM
86	Fantastic	2/23/2019 1:04 PM
87	Just because what's your name Matt and Connor and there's another guy or the guy with the long hair what's his name melt melt melt met Connor and Milton or incredible play they are they are Barton Springs they work their butts off 24 hours a day seven days a week as long as they're here and running the show I'm good with anything great	2/23/2019 12:34 PM
88	Great work, thanku	2/23/2019 12:08 PM
89	I wish you wouldn't charge more for San Antonio residence. When Austin residents come to San Antonio they get to swim in the city pools for free. I don't feel like you reciprocate. Although I love your pools and I would certainly be willing to pay the same price as the Austin city residents, I don't expect it to be free.	2/23/2019 12:06 PM
90	Needs hot showers out in the open air	2/23/2019 12:00 PM
91	Leave it alone. Don't screw it up with "improvements."	2/23/2019 11:34 AM
92	Please keep the open air shower rooms. Please bring back free parking to the park.	2/23/2019 11:26 AM
93	Please keep it feeling vintage!!!	2/23/2019 11:22 AM
94	Make sure it has plenty of warm showers	2/23/2019 11:19 AM
95	Lockers for securing items. Serious concerns re paying for parking for seniors on fixed incomes. Or anyone who pays taxes. We should be able to have annual reduced tags for all parking ...parks should not have a cost to use	2/23/2019 10:56 AM
96	Lifeguards could use more functionality.	2/23/2019 10:46 AM
97	-This is not a simple or user-friendly design. Multiple exits and entrances are confusing and provide ample opportunities for multiple mixed-up lines and lost patrons. There will not be a clear flow of traffic in and out of the facility which will be annoying in normal use and dangerous in an emergency, when EMS needs access, or when the facility needs to be quickly evacuated. Not to mention with direct exits out of the bathrooms and multiple exits, it provides that many more opportunities for people to sneak in without paying, sneak back in after being kicked out, and make quick getaways with items stolen from the grounds and the bathhouses. Any plans for any kind of security at all these doors? -Numerous family rooms with individually locked doors will become permanent homeless camps and will only exacerbate this park/pool's already rampant homeless problem. These will be exclusive areas for sleeping, drug use, and will be dangerous and unsanitary for patrons and staff. In addition they will be totally inaccessible to the public since the homeless can go in and lock the doors. Witness the ongoing problems with the locking restrooms at Big Stacy pool. The bathhouse needs fewer spaces than an individual	2/23/2019 1:17 AM

can sequester themselves in, not more. -There do not need to be "gender neutral" spaces. This facility has enough problems with people using inappropriate facilities for their genders (ie intact males using the open air showers in the women's room in front of little girls). Having private rooms that are nonetheless within the gendered locker rooms is not going to help with this problem and will only contribute to it. -This whole project is uncalled for. How many people really want to see changes made to the bathhouse? The current building and Splash exhibit are historic in their own right as well as charming and beautiful. You can't upgrade the toilet and shower areas without fundamentally altering the design of the building, for no apparent reason? This money couldn't be better spent on other things? -The entrance through the middle of the building: do you plan to air condition this building in the heat of the summer when the entrance and exit doors are presumably propped or constantly open to accommodate the flow of thousands of visitors at peak hours? That's not very environmentally friendly! I really look forward to those outrageous utility bills being passed on to the public and also to all that wasted electricity destroying our planet a little bit faster. Good job. -A huge advantage of the current design is that the manager and lifeguards are right at the main entrance. They have a front row view of most of the pool, can quickly get to all parts of the facility in an emergency, and the manager and staff are right there for support if the cashier needs help or if an emergency occurs at the gate. Now they will all be in separate parts of the building? The lifeguards will be basically in the bathhouse if they're in their little locker room? How does that speed up emergency response? How can the manager respond if the cashier has a question? How can staff quickly get out to the line if someone has an emergency while waiting to get in (an almost daily occurrence in the summer)? How can the manager or guards get to the phone quickly when it rings, if it's by the cashier desk as it ought to be (since the cashier answers the phone and also summons 911)? Did anyone think this through at all? Please consider delaying this project and coming up with a more thoughtful design.

98	Too many entrances; not simple at all. The current east entrance is fantastic: one can really appreciate the scope of the pool as they enter as is currently the case and has been the case for many decades now. We don't want to enter through a building, we want to stay outdoors! Anyone who has been inside the rotunda for a public meeting knows that there is a terrible echo in there when people are talking and you can't understand a word. The more people the worse the noise distortion. How is that going to work if EVERYBODY is going through that building, especially for your ticket taker? All of these added "family" restrooms are just going to be lounges for the uptick in homeless people who have been coming for the last few years, especially in the off-season, and they are going to lock themselves in, sleep, leave their trash, Cheetos crumbs, and cigarette stench in those "family" restrooms. The current ladies privacy room is trashed many mornings and unusable. Adding 4 more of these rooms is not going to help. Also having all of these extra exits from the changing room is going to make it easier for your belongings to get stolen and for a thief to disappear without anyone knowing which way they went. Too much change, too complicated, please abort!	2/22/2019 10:44 PM
99	I love the new entrance.	2/22/2019 8:23 PM
100	Seems cool	2/22/2019 7:18 PM
101	Seems good but I don't really know anything about this so please take with a grain of salt	2/22/2019 6:47 PM
102	It seems odd that there are one-half the number of showers in the men's dressing room as there is in the women's dressing room. Is this an industry standard? If not, wouldn't a 2/3's ratio be better than a 1/2 ratio.	2/22/2019 6:00 PM
103	I like it but I think it's a bit much. I wish y'all could build a proper bathhouse at Stacy first.	2/22/2019 5:49 PM
104	Looks really good!	2/22/2019 5:43 PM
105	Price should go back to \$3 instead of \$5.	2/22/2019 5:33 PM
106	It looks as if there are less restrooms/toilets in the men's lockerroom and that seems wrong. As well there are way too many showers in the womens as well toilets. Two toiletets vs 12 is not a good ratio. There are 4 now and that is not enough. Showers however in the men's seem adequate.	2/22/2019 5:18 PM
107	Make sure there is plenty room for lifeguards, cashiers and managers to be able to do their jobs and take breaks out of the sun and heat.	2/22/2019 12:02 PM
108	I love the new entrances and flow to the building. I am not wild, however, about the changes to the men's dressing space. There are fewer toilets and having one shower per corner, each far	2/22/2019 10:50 AM

away from another, is not desirable. Is it possible to group the showers (those not in the center) into one corner or to line them up?

109	It seems like people will have to get a ticket to visit the west side educational space and I don't believe that visitors to the park should have to pay to learn about this special place. The design seems very focused on swimmers versus the many thousands of visitors to Zilker who don't come to swim and are looking for affordable/free opportunities to learn and have fun. I don't notice many "green" elements either. I would like to see what the parking looks like in the visuals. I do like that there is a family option on both the men and women's sides. It's not clear what the rotunda is being used for. I would hate to see that beautiful space used just for ticket sales.	2/21/2019 9:14 PM
110	Take care of the lifeguards	2/21/2019 8:36 PM
111	It looks like they have made the womens dressing and shower area much smaller than the mens, they did they same thing at deep eddy and you cant even turn around in there anymore..so either switch the mens and womens areas or put some of the support areas in the mens rooms....really, who designs these ??? Do they think women dont need as much space as men??	2/21/2019 8:07 PM
112	It looks wonderful.	2/21/2019 6:49 PM
113	Will there be any enhancements to features inside the bathrooms (more powerful/eco friendly showers, etc?)	2/21/2019 6:26 PM
114	It's been a long time coming and I am excited to see the bathhouse rehab completed in my lifetime	2/21/2019 5:45 PM
115	Love the time taken to make it right	2/21/2019 5:38 PM
116	I'm wondering why the current entry is still needed. It seems like it would create confusion. Maybe it would make sense only for season pass holders so that they can skip the visitor traffic. Also, I'm not sure that the family restrooms on the women side is needed. That space could be used for additional women's restrooms and dressing space. There should be signage that directs folks to the family restrooms on the west side of the building.	2/21/2019 5:34 PM
117	Love the education is available for both swimmers and those who don't wish to swim. Love that the old entry is maintained so that people do not have to go indoors to get back outdoors	2/21/2019 5:16 PM
118	Mkve education and exhibits out of the building.	2/21/2019 5:08 PM
119	cant wait to build it.	2/21/2019 2:37 PM
120	I think the managers office and female ada should be switched to allow the managers to have the corner window view of the pool. Also the females room looks very large, would love to see more space dedicated to staff and equipment storage.	2/21/2019 10:44 AM

## Community Meeting #4: Update

Date and Time: October 30, 2019  
 Location: Zilker Botanical Garden

### Outreach:

Emails 10/7/2019, 10/29/2019; Facebook 10/7/2019; Nextdoor 10/7/19; Flyers posted at Bathhouse



### Comments:

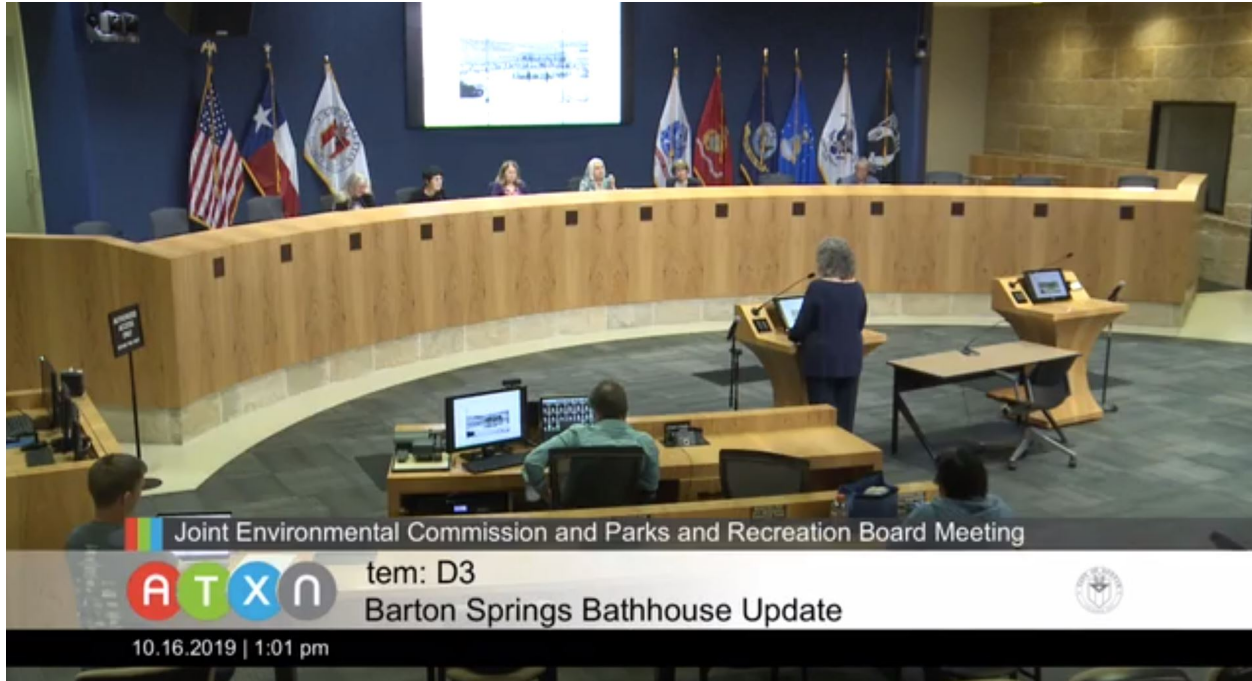
Name	Comment
Dr. Zoila Vega Marchena	I. Please involve the BSP community that participated in the BSP short term projects. Garey Greyon had a distribution list that he would email notices to. We are not getting notices of who PARD. BSP Conservancy sends notices 3 hrs before meeting. FBSP sends nothing. Take Extra protection for all heritage trees. THE grounds improvement project was done like that. We, And several independent artists can help. Protect the full CRZ and canopy. Go beyond code. Be very careful with slope by leaning tree. Stay away from there. No digging, no concrete.
Michael Fossum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides that Laurie shows are too small. Its very hard to follow when she refers to this area or that area. Use Layer views and point with a laser pointer to where.</li> <li>• When showing a green circle for a tree make the circle the size of the critical root zone.</li> <li>• Artwork AIPP please outside the full critical root zone and any heritage tree of BSP no digging, no driving trucks on the CRZ</li> <li>• For AIPP artwork : Something interactive for children, very technological, to be located in the new exhibit room, or a historical piece to be displayed at the rotunda like a scale model of the root and spring flow.</li> </ul>
	Love the design, especially the opening of spaces. As a swimmer, one addition. I would like to see outdoor showers closer to the pool. I like to swim and rinse my hair outside and not necessarily even under the bathhouse.
Mike Cannatti	Great job with the entire process, including public meetings, survey responses and overall outcome. I'm thrilled!

	<p>The lifeguard shack needs to stay in the current space. The safety of the swimmers should be the number 1 goal.</p>
Matthew Peterworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outdoor kiosks to prepay?</li> <li>• fullsize lockers enough?</li> <li>• cellphone/ key lockers like at LA fitness?</li> <li>• site stairwell to connect upper parking lot?</li> <li>• temporary Facilities during construction?</li> </ul>
Eileen Kella	<p>• 1 .Meetings- 4/3/18, 8/14/18, 10/18/18, 10/30/18 how were they promoted?• How many people attended? Were the meetings' results posted online and promoted. Why do we have to be here to know? Web-streaming by COA? 68%? 68% of how many people's input? Today 21 attendees What's the annual use of BSP? How well have these users been represented? Polls at pool?• 2 Does this design accommodate ADA Compliance to better? Best standards?• 3. Is the 500 year flood plain considered? How are considerations different from 100 yr FP needs?• 4. Covered dressing areas, please. • 5.Tree protection in place by ponds and for entry? • 6. Protection of BSP during construction of Bath House? Who will oversee this?• 7. How many people line up to buy tickets?• 8.Will Barton Springs road remain in use by cars?• 9. Solar showers in the dressing rooms• 10. How do we keep our clothes near us and dry in the dressing rooms?• 11. Mirrors in the dressing room? Where?• 12. Towels and clothes in the restrooms? Dressing rooms?• 13. Where do visitors go during a storm&gt; covered area?• 14. Where will people dress/ use facilities during construction?• 15. Regulating Demands. Off-site water quality detection facility, above the floodplain where will this be? Zilker ponds- trees being kept? Safety concerns? How will pond drainage affect parking lot by BSP? Will the ponds be destroyed?• 16.Will the splash exhibit be destroyed? Education Exhibit-will it have sponsorships? Will a P# system be developed? How will you promote the DEC. 5th event?• 17. Why no questions allowed with the whole crowd? Hurry through because of the baseball game? Not acceptable. We should be able to ask questions as a group. Bad engagement. I would prefer a response in person to all of the attendees.. That is how a public meeting works. • 18. All information from tonight needs to be on website for us all to access.</p>

# Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission & Parks and Recreation Board

Date and Time: October 16, 2019  
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Agenda Item D3: Barton Springs Bathhouse Update, Sergio Altamirano, Public Works Department & John McKennis, Parks and Recreation Department



Video can be found online: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10162019-1477/6/>

## Citizen Communication Summaries (for full statements, visit link above):

- Mike Cannatti with Barton Springs Conservancy: “Generally in favor of the process.”
- Karen Kreps: “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it . . . . Opposed to the renovation of the bathhouse.”
- Bobby Levinski with Save Our Springs: “Seems to be out of scale with what the feedback was . . . . Scale back, keep it small.”



## Additional Comments Received by Project Team

### Email from Zoila Vega to Sergio Altamirano (City of Austin Public Works) with Response

**From:** zoila vega <redacted>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 01, 2019 3:05 PM  
**To:** Altamirano, Sergio <[Sergio.Altamirano@austintexas.gov](mailto:Sergio.Altamirano@austintexas.gov)>  
**Subject:** meeting request

Sergio,

It was nice to meet you at the BSP Bathhouse remodel open house 2 days ago. As you instructed me to do, I'm requesting in writing a meeting with the landscape architects, possibly the architect, possibly the PARD forester Whitehead, and AHTF (Michael and I) to discuss the impact of the remodel on heritage trees.

As I mentioned, I provided that feedback and was very involved with the design of the tree court and the grounds Improvement project. Back then, I would ask Gary Gregson, PARD project manager, for a meeting and he would arrange it without any hesitation. I involved several independent arborists to help pro-bono and the result is the wonderful tree court that helped the trees. I'm hoping that we can work together in this project as I did before.

You said that you had to figure out the protocol to setup a meeting. I hope that the City's protocol includes allowing the community to meet with the consulting team, especially when the citizen is the only expert left that was involved in the tree court work.

You asked that I send my concerns in writing: I'm concerned about the impact of the remodel on the heritage trees at the tree court, fire lane, along the new dg trail, and due to the water quality area/ponds or other location.

Once we setup a meeting I will send you the guidelines, etc. that I can find in my archives. I need time to get those.

Best,  
Zoila

Zoila Vega-Marchena, Ph.D.  
Austin Heritage Tree Foundation

### Response sent 11/1/2019, 4:05 p.m.

Good afternoon Zoila,

Thank you for your interest in this project and completing the comment sheet provided during the community engagement this week.

I got a chance to discuss it with PARD's project manager John McKennis and working on setting up a date and time to meet with you at the site. He mentioned that meeting at the site might be better unless you disagree.

*Thank you,*

**Sergio Altamirano, AIA, LEED AP** BD+C, ID+C, O+M

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Altamirano, Sergio](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Followup to Oct. 16 Joint Committee Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 4:18:42 PM

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In case you need this info, I sent this to the Joint Committee. Hopefully, it will help.

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**Cc:** 'Kallivoka, Liana [PARD]' <Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov>; 'Thedford, April' <April.Thedford@austintexas.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Followup to Oct. 16 Joint Committee Meeting

Greetings Honorable Joint Committee Members:

Following up on the Oct. 16 Joint Committee meeting, I'm writing to respond to comments from two individuals who suggested that the Bathhouse Rehabilitation project should not go forward because they said it was "too grandiose" and was not supported by public. Having participated with the bathhouse rehab effort going back to the voter-approved 2012 bond which included funds for the project, I can assure the Joint Committee that there is broad community support for the final schematic design, and this support is based on a robust and extensive community engagement solicitation by the city, going back to the Bathhouse Zone Public Engagement meetings in October, 2015.

While city staff noted that the community input was collected on a city website, you should know that there are actually two separate city websites reflecting the community input, including the [Zilker Park Improvement Projects website](#) (see the [Community Engagement Summary](#) link) and the [Bathhouse Rehabilitation website](#). On these pages, you will see that there have been fifteen (15) public meetings and multiple community surveys conducted by the city, and the community input from these public meetings and over thousands of survey responses is **painstakingly detailed in the yellow-highlighted passages** to show broad community support for both the design values and their alignment with the final/preferred concept recommendations.

While I hope the Joint Committee already realizes what a fantastic job the city did in soliciting and documenting the public engagement, I have assembled below for your convenience a summary of the community engagement reports. As you will see, there is substantial support for the design efforts underway to restore the rotunda/dressing

facilities and add additional access points to expedite entry/exit access from the pool area.

Thanks,  
 Mike Cannatti  
 Barton Springs Conservancy

**Zilker Park Improvement Projects at Barton Springs - Project Timeline**

December 2008	<a href="#">Barton Springs Master Plan</a>
2013	Funding Provided from the 2012 Bond for Facility Renovation and Improvements
June-August 2015	MWM Design Group's Condition Assessment for Barton Springs Bathhouse Zone
October 2015-February 2016	<p><b>Public Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House, October 27, 2015 6:00-8:00 PM Zilker Botanical Gardens                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Open House Comments</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Environmental/Infrastructure Focus Group, November 3, 2015, McBeth Recreation Center                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Focus Group Comments</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bathhouse Focus Group, November 12, 2015, Zilker Botanical Gardens                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Focus Group Comments</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Children's Facilities Focus Group, November 18, 2015, Zilker Botanical Gardens                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Focus Group Comments</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review and Alternatives, December 9, 2015, 721 Barton Springs Rd, Room 130                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Review and Alternatives Comments</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Draft Recommendations, January 9, 2016, Zilker Botanical Gardens                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• January 11, 2016: Land and Facilities Briefing</li> <li>• January 19, 2016: Joint Committee Briefing</li> <li>• March, 2016: PARC Board Briefing</li> </ul>
<b>SURVEYS</b>	PARD released two surveys promoted through the project webpage and social media resulting in over 1300 responses.
September 2015- October 2015	<p><a href="#">View Survey Results</a></p> <p><a href="#">View Survey Response Map</a></p> <p><a href="#">View Alternatives Survey Results</a></p> <p><a href="#">Community Engagement Report</a></p>
June 10, 2016	Issue <a href="#">Final Feasibility Study</a>
2016	Initiate Funded Project Designs in the Bathhouse Zone

[View the Community Engagement Summary \(http://austintexas.gov/page/bathhouse-zone-public-engagement\)](http://austintexas.gov/page/bathhouse-zone-public-engagement)

**Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation - Project Timeline**

**Meeting #1: Design Kick-off meeting** - April 3, 2018

Austin Energy, Conference Rm 130

721 Barton Springs Rd., Austin

[View Meeting Presentation](#)

**First Community Survey** – April/May 2018

Survey was conducted online and at Barton Springs. Over 1,000 participants contributed their ideas. [View the Survey Results](#)

**Meeting #2: Project Values and Program Workshop** - Tuesday August 14, 2018

Zilker Botanical Gardens

2220 Barton Springs Rd. Austin

[View Values Workshop Presentation \(16.2 MB\)](#)

[View Meeting Comments](#)

[Barton Springs Bathhouse Values](#)

**Meeting #3: Stakeholder Meeting** - Thursday, October 18, 2018

Austin Energy Town Lake Center

721 Barton Springs Rd.

[View Meeting #3 Presentation](#) for Design Concepts Workshop

**Meeting #4: Open House** - Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Barton Springs Treecourt

**Preliminary Concepts and Values Survey**

Below are the preliminary concepts/schemes that were presented.

- [Women's Dressing Area \(east wing\)](#)
- [Men's Dressing Area \(west wing\)](#)
- [Rotunda and Exhibit Area \(central\)](#)
- [Survey results for concepts based on Bathhouse Values](#) (Oct. 2018)

**Second Community Survey on Final Schematic Design** - February - March, 2019

[Barton Springs Bathhouse Final Concept Survey Results](#)

**Meeting #5: Community Meeting** - October 30, 2019

Zilker Botanical Garden Auditorium

2220 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78746

[View presentation from Meeting #4 \(PDF\)](#)

[View comments received at Meeting #4 \(PDF\)](#)

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