

Background: Since May of 2012, the master plan team has been developing a master plan using feedback from the local community. The process has included four (4) community workshops that included large maps with hand-written comments, more than a dozen smaller charrettes, and six (6) board and commission meetings. A draft master plan was presented during community meeting #4 in May 2013. In March of 2014 the City Council directed the master plan team to work with a local stakeholder group to produce alternative recommendations to the draft master plan.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss eight alternative recommendations for the draft master plan with the community. Tonight City Staff will collect feedback on these alternative recommendations and share your feedback with City Council for their consideration on August 28, 2014.

COMMENT SHEET

Please provide your comments on the alternative recommendations below. All comments will be summarized into a report that will be provided to City Council at the public hearing scheduled on the August 28, 2014 City Council agenda.

Bike/Pedestrian Bridges (#22 on the map): PARD Staff supports revising the plan to depict the central bridge as an option and recommends environmental studies are conducted along with securing approvals from the Army Corps of Engineers prior to any consideration of the central bridge.

Comments

Holly Street Extension (#25 on the map): PARD staff supports an extension of Holly Street that is designed to accommodate bicycles, pedestrians, and emergency and maintenance vehicles only. This recommendation is intended to maximize park safety and limit cut-through traffic in the park. Alternative: to allow vehicular access between Holly and Riverview Streets only, this would allow improved access to park facilities without encouraging cut-through traffic.

Comments

Proposed Internal Park Road from Pedernales/Riverview Street (#24, 26 on the map): PARD staff recommends redesigning the proposed road connection from Pedernales Street to Riverview Street to primarily accommodate bicycles, pedestrians, and emergency and maintenance vehicles. PARD will reassess the need for increased vehicle connectivity on this section of roadway once a reuse plan for the existing metal structures has been determined and sufficient funds for road and facility improvements have been acquired.

Comments

Internal Park Road in Ball Fields area: PARD staff recommends a reconfiguration of a roadway that terminates into a parking lot without intersecting ball fields. This recommendation is intended to maximize park safety and address potential vehicle-pedestrian accidents involving children and families who utilize the ball fields.

Comments

Proposed Improvements to Fiesta Gardens Lagoon (#14, 16 on the map): PARD Staff supports revising the plan that depicts the creation of sloped lawns, scenic views, shoreline/riparian enhancements and passive recreation such as fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Active recreation such as swimming will not be allowed due to concerns over public safety.

Comments

Proposed Community Use of Fiesta Gardens West (#17 on the map): PARD Staff supports re-labeling the existing maintenance and operation buildings as “Community Use” rather than “Concessions” so that future uses could include youth and senior programming.

Comments

Proposed Relocation of Degollado Pavilion (#15 on the map): PARD Staff supports leaving the pavilion in its current location and reorienting the stage to reduce the impact of amplified sound on the abutting neighborhood during music events. PARD further supports the City Council’s consideration of a policy that would limit the size and number of special events hosted at this site.

Comments

Food Forest (Sustainable Community Agriculture)(#8 on the map): PARD Staff supports the concept of a Food Forest remaining in the plan and will carefully evaluate design proposals in order to mitigate community and City Staff concerns about maintenance, operation and use.

Comments

All comments will be summarized into a report that will be provided to City Council at the public hearing scheduled on the August 28, 2014 City Council agenda. You can also submit these comments to the PARD Planning & Development Division at 919 W. 28th ½ Street, Austin, TX 78705 or, to hollyshoremasterplan@austintexas.gov. Comments will be accepted until 5PM (CST) August 14, 2014.

These minor modifications and all other master plan information can be viewed at the following website: www.austintexas.gov/hollyshoresmasterplan. Click on the [Public Engagement/Draft Master Plan Information](#) link. Should you have any additional questions or require more information, please contact Chris Yanez, Principal Planner, at (512)974-9455 or Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, at (512) 974-9452.

