

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest Park

Vision Plan

Community Meeting #2
June 15, 2021, 12 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Chat

00:49:21 Cullen McMorrow: I missed the link to the poll.

00:49:51 Kata Carbone: Cullen: it's pollev.com/austinparks512

00:52:09 PARD Justin Schneider: Thanks, Kata.

00:52:23 PARD Justin Schneider: <https://pollev.com/austinparks512>

00:52:56 PARD Justin Schneider: By phone, text AustinParks512 to 22333

00:57:19 Cullen McMorrow: Thanks, Kata and Justin.

01:05:58 PARD Justin Schneider: We know there is a lot on each concept. If you want to zoom in, click "View Options" at the top of the screen, and you can choose to zoom in a bit more.

01:09:09 Tanner Blair: Excited to see a few parking spots go away. There's WAY too much parking right now, and if the goal is to make it more ped and bike accessible it would be great to see us de-emphasize auto usage.

01:11:43 Tanner Blair: And just to really drive the point home... there's nice habitat at Mueller pond because you can't park your car next to it.

01:13:18 Nicole Netherton-- Travis Audubon: I think from a bird and wildlife perspective, keeping the pond as natural as possible will keep people from accidentally disturbing nesting birds and fledglings. The Boardwalk is a cool idea but I worry about human-wildlife interactions with such close contact with the "island"

01:13:25 RANLEIGH HIRSH: justin that doesn't seem to be an option on Mac OS version of zoom

01:14:21 Mary Fero: Nicole, I share your concerns about people getting too close to nesting areas and would prefer the most natural environment as possible

01:15:49 PARD Justin Schneider: Thank you, Ranleigh. We will post the PDF version right after the meeting, which may be a little easier to access. Sorry to hear that may be difficult to access.

01:15:53 Cullen McMorrow: Definitely support the bike pump track.

01:15:54 George Thompson: Agree too close to nests, owls nest here

01:16:06 RANLEIGH HIRSH: What is the MSE wall?

01:16:24 Michael Mendez: Thank you for working on the pump track being dirt based! Support the pump track as well.

01:16:42 RVi Nhasala Manandhar: Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Retaining Walls

01:16:48 Caleb Ryan: i'm a big fan of the pump track too...but dirt pump tracks require some maintenance, especially during wet seasons. I understand that asphalt can reduce impervious coverage, but will be much lower maintenance over time...just a thought

01:16:58 George Thompson: is MSE wall between pond and baseball field?

01:17:44 Cullen McMorrow: Caleb, my club Austin Ridge Riders would gladly "adopt" the dirt pump track maintenance.

01:17:52 PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement: <https://pollev.com/austinparks512>

01:18:07 PARD Justin Schneider: <https://pollev.com/austinparks512>; we will transition to the next question in one moment.

01:18:38 Carri Crowe: This bulk of this park is essentially a large bowl shape. Everyone knows the trick where you put your phone in a bowl to amplify the sound - why put an event space with an amphitheater in a bowl in the middle of a neighborhood where people have to live with the amplified sound resonating in our back yards?

01:18:44 PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement: To respond by phone, text AustinParks512 to 22333

01:19:14 Mary Fero: in a previous meeting, Annabell indicated the pond would remain an amenity, it sound like it has now changed to become a "water quality" aka stormwater retention pond.

01:20:01 Mary Fero: It's really difficult to pick when the detail is rather obscure

01:20:04 Caleb Ryan: Cullen, happy to support as well. just an alternative. the one in san Antonio at mcallister park is a paved alternative.
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01:20:52 Cullen McMorrow: Caleb, that's right. We support asphalt pump tracks also, but if asphalt is a deal-breaker due to impervious cover, we're definitely okay with dirt too.

01:21:01 Caleb Ryan: totally agree

01:22:13 Cullen McMorrow: Where was the proposed location of the bike pump track in Option B?

01:22:27 Kata Carbone: I can't select A or B but have specific comments.

01:22:34 Mary Fero: Don't like the idea of a restroom sitting right in front of the pond

01:23:42 PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement: Kata, sorry you are having trouble. There will be time at the end of the presentation for you to share any specific comments you may have.

01:24:06 Kata Carbone: Ok thanks, Kasey

01:24:32 Mary Fero: Based on the lack of detail, this “survey” doesn’t really seem legitimate. It would be more beneficial to see the pdf and survey afterwards, when people have had a chance to compare the differences

01:25:46 PARD Justin Schneider: Mary, thanks for that feedback. We will have the follow-up survey and PDF, just as you acknowledged, available this evening after the second meeting. We will send a reminder tomorrow as well. Thank you.

01:26:09 Carri Crowe: The garish shading materials in Concept A seem out of place along the trail.

01:26:11 RANLEIGH HIRSH: i have to agree that we cannot really tell much difference in the concepts considering the small print

01:26:12 Julie Peckham: In Concept A will the parking lot by the pond be re worked so that runoff from the parking lot doesn't plow into the pond?

01:26:28 George Thompson: Only had about 30 seconds to see plans, without the detail, and the metrics are vague

01:27:13 George Thompson: is there any information on the Dam reconstruction yet?

01:27:25 Diana Dierks: Does Concept B reduce the tennis / pickleball court size?

01:27:32 Mary Fero: Better question would be how those infrastructure projects fit in with the original mission of the park and pond

01:28:11 Carri Crowe: Would be nice if you publish these concepts before the meeting, to give folks time to study them before we are asked to make these judgments. My impression was the opposite of what Drew described - that Concept A was more about natural preservation than Concept B, so I clearly am missing something key.

01:28:18 George Thompson: the sewer pipe and the dam projects are the same? is the sewer only replacement of the sewer?

01:29:40 RANLEIGH HIRSH: too small to make a judgement call please remove the speaker’s window and just show the presentation

01:29:48 George Thompson: curved organic is better

01:30:15 George Thompson: more like country side, than big city

01:30:18 PARD Justin Schneider: Ranleigh, this should be an option on your view. The upper right corner.

01:30:43 Cullen McMorrow: Definitely like curved paths more than straight lines.

01:30:43 RANLEIGH HIRSH: yep there but it’s too small to make a judgment call on

01:30:59 RANLEIGH HIRSH: the concepts were reversed

01:31:50 RANLEIGH HIRSH: note that the pond with the walk was in concept A, now concept a is on the left side of the slide

01:32:01 George Thompson: boardwalk w benches?

01:32:50 Mary Fero: Close approach unlimited places to the pond, but not through

01:32:57 Carri Crowe: Yes, please don't disturb the herons and the turtles that live in and around the pond

01:34:38 Cullen McMorrow: This type of hard-surfaced bicycle track could be tucked into a corner where asphalt parking currently is, so there is no net increase in impervious cover. We support dirt tracks as well. Kids in the neighborhood already tried to build their own mini pump track with baseball dirt to the left/south of the baseball stadium. <https://www.pinkbike.com/photo/18758378/>

01:34:40 Carri Crowe: No large pavilion. This is in the middle of a neighborhood

01:35:53 Mary Fero: I appreciate your attempt to gain community feedback, but everyone is saying they don't have enough information to make informed decisions. I feel like people are casting votes and not really knowing the impact of their choices. Because of that, I can't agree with this process

01:36:31 Cullen McMorrow: Pedestrian, Bicycle, Rollerskate, Scooter, Etc. oriented!

01:37:41 Kata Carbone: Thanks for that; I'll answer many of those questions later. My brain doesn't work that fast; I do have to spend time comparing concepts A & B.

01:38:43 RANLEIGH HIRSH: water fountain by the sports courts

01:38:44 Geoff Hargreaves: Here is the pump track and bike playground in Springdale. It's a great mix of impervious cover and grass space. :)
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01:38:45 Julie Peckham: Metal ping pong tables

01:39:08 Carri Crowe: Thank you for including decking on the pedestrian bridge! FINALLY! My dogs would LOVE THAT!

01:40:12 Cullen McMorrow: Julie, great idea. Love ping pong. Chess board tables also cool.

01:42:57 George Thompson: There are some erosion items on Shoal creek, who do we contact to find out what to do?

01:44:08 George Thompson: Erosion is my yard... who to contact?

01:45:59 Kata Carbone: Darcy, I'm not familiar with the aquatic parking recs; please direct me to that data. Thanks.

01:46:42 PARD Darcy Nuffer: Kata I will send that to you

01:48:24 Tanner Blair: It's not a neighborhood park, it's a district park...

01:48:29 Mary Fero: Hearing about the biological impacts of the stormwater pond would be helpful. I have raised this question to Watershed staff and have not been able to get an answer that alleviates my concerns. This has been a worry from before this process began. If your staff can make a presentation to some of us about the pond, we would welcome hearing the details.

01:48:35 Kata Carbone: Food trucks are a very desirable concept for one or two annual Allandale neighborhood association events.

01:48:47 George Thompson: No large event center, no bands, the bass goes through the walls till midnight

01:49:17 Carri Crowe: It's in the middle of our neighborhood and we don't want it to be a space for large, noisy events. sharing it with the district is excellent, but the amenities need to be consistent with it abutting to our homes.

01:49:28 RANLEIGH HIRSH: district parks cover a 2 mile radius

01:49:46 Carri Crowe: We can serve the wider population without hosting ACL type events here.

01:51:02 RANLEIGH HIRSH: can you make the pump track attractive looking? asphalt and dirt sound bad

01:51:55 Carri Crowe: Resonating sound is an issue for neighbors living near this park and this effort should seek to not worsen that problem.

01:52:51 Cullen McMorrow: Ranleigh, that's a fair point. This is an example of asphalt pump track has greenscape on all the in-space: <https://bermstyle.com/redmond-oregon-homestead-park-velosolutions-paved-pump-track/>

01:53:12 RANLEIGH HIRSH: there are almost 100 parking spaces now

01:53:32 Diana Dierks: I thought one of the first slides had a view with the number of current parking spaces

01:53:49 Hannah W: I agree with Tanner's comment, less driving/parking, more walking/biking

01:54:01 George Thompson: we need bicycles kept off pedestrian walkways, they are hazards to peds

01:54:22 RANLEIGH HIRSH: is there a new water source for the pond? pool is going away and springs were eliminated in the 80's escalation

01:57:56 RANLEIGH HIRSH: oh that includes the baseball field parking

01:57:58 Kata Carbone: Thanks for those parking numbers, Drew.

01:58:06 Tanner Blair: Thnak you for the numbers.

01:58:08 George Thompson: it would be nice to feature the old springs somehow... they are natural, and there

01:58:45 Julie Peckham: Could the parking lot stop before the tennis courts and then have a small parking lot off of Shoal Creek on the parcel between SCB and the creek. Many people from outside the neighborhood see the park but can't figure out how to get to it.

02:00:14 George Thompson: good on further investigation of the springs!

02:00:47 Mary Fero: Hard to be supportive of the proposal to transform the pond without the important details.

02:00:50 George Thompson: new planks for bridge on S
C

02:01:08 RANLEIGH HIRSH: options for pump track other than asphalt or dirt?

02:01:36 George Thompson: Great Job Guys!

02:01:52 Hannah W: when is the next meeting?

02:01:54 Cullen McMorrow: Ranleigh, yes "chip seal" is also used.
<https://www.facebook.com/rocksolidtrails/posts/glow-in-the-dark-all-weather-trail-we-are-stoked-to-start-this-project-and-test-/2641315939438419/>

02:02:24 RANLEIGH HIRSH: flooding washing out the pump track is a concern

02:02:25 Kata Carbone: Where should I send comments on A or B plan items I was unable to decide at short order?

02:03:05 PARD Darcy Nuffer: You can send me an email or use the speakUp Austin page we'll post links in a minute

02:03:10 PARD Justin Schneider: The follow-up survey will go live after this evening's meeting. The PDF of the presentation will be posted shortly after this meeting.

02:03:35 RANLEIGH HIRSH: nice work team! great to see these options even small ones

02:03:45 Kata Carbone: Thanks!

02:03:50 PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement: You will be able to find the recordings, presentations and survey on the project webpage: <https://www.austintexas.gov/sheffieldNWpark>

02:04:01 Diana Dierks: Thank you

02:04:12 Tanner Blair: This is looking great! Sorry that my only question was critical, but didn't want to waste time waxing about all the stuff that is a big improvement.

02:04:37 PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement: Speakup Austin page:
<https://www.speakupaustin.org/sheffieldnwpark>