

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Public input is an essential part of the Vision Plan process as the City wanted to understand and incorporate improvements that would meet users and community needs. Highlights of engagement include:

Public Meetings – Over 85 Reached

November 2015 Onsite Public Meeting – 24 Attendees

April 2016 Public Meeting – 28 Attendees

3 Focus Groups – 33 Attendees

July 2016 Onsite Public Meeting

Surveys and Comments – 598 Points of Input

November 2015 – 90 Survey Responses, 270 Additional Comments

Spring 2016 Onsite Surveys – 78 English, 9 Spanish Surveys of Park Users, with 51 Additional Comments

April 2016 – 86 Survey Responses, 14 Additional Comments

Promotion – Over 100 Messages Shared

18 Social Media Posts

3 Nextdoor Messages Shared with 17 Neighborhoods (reaching over 5,800 people)

16 Email Updates to 240 Emails

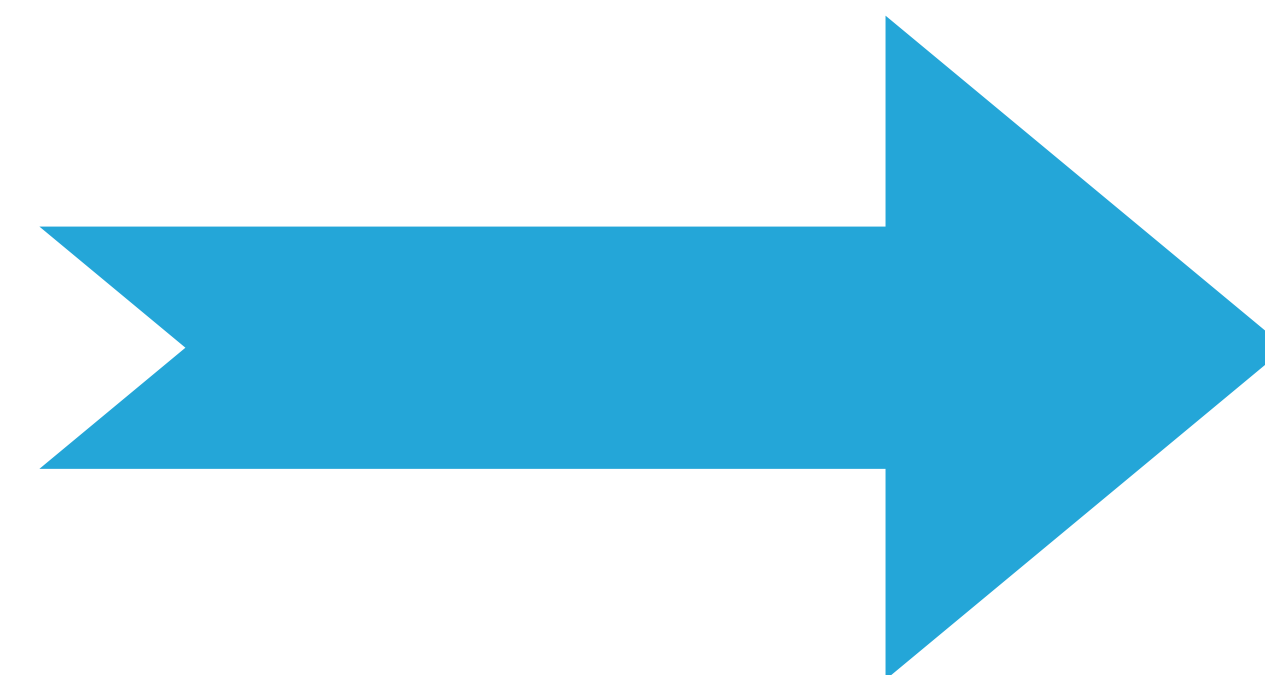
1 Advertisement in El Mundo

20 + signs placed in community

PUBLIC INPUT SHAPES THE PLAN

PUBLIC INPUT

- Park is overcrowded
- Litter along City Park Road
- Desire to keep park looking natural
- Need for turnarounds large enough to accommodate RVs
- Want for an online reservation system for campers
- Need to improve infrastructure



PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- The City will implement measures to improve park access, encourage advance booking and better accommodate vehicular traffic
- The City of Austin has coordinated with Travis County about illegal parking, litter on City Park Road and other concerns
- Natural materials will be used where they can and fabricated materials, such as a Playscape, will have a natural look to them
- Turnarounds have been designed at strategic locations that allow for all vehicle types to turn around
- An online reservation system for campers has been implemented
- Along with improving the camping grounds for RV and tent campers, the City will improve the electrical hookups



Public Involvement

Key Attractions

AMENITIES	PARK					
	Emma Long Park	Canyon of the Eagles	Colorado Bend State Park	Granger Lake	Mother Neff State Park	Muleshoe Bend Park
Boating (Boat/River access)	X		X	X		X
Bird Watching		X		X		X
Camping	X			X	X	
Cave Tours		X	X			
Fishing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Full Service Lodging		X				
Geocaching	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hiking	X	X	X	X	X	X
Horseback Riding	X			X		X
Kayaking		X	X			
Mountain Biking	X	X	X			X
Picnicking	X			X	X	
Stargazing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Swimming	X	X	X	X		X

General Comparative of Parks

Park	Agency Ownership	Management Model	Population Served (30 mile service area)	Trail Miles	Group Facilities/Shelters	Total Park Acres	Day Use Entrance Fees	Campsites	Camping Fees
Emma Long Metropolitan Park	City of Austin	City Operated	1,759,214	9.13	N/A	1,147	\$5/Day Mon-Thurs \$10/Day Fri-Sun & Holidays (per vehicle)	12 RV sites 50 Tent Sites	Range from \$10 - \$25 per night
Canyon of the Eagles	Lower Colorado River Authority	Privately Operated	108,600	14	Large Group Camp Site / Shelter (150 people)	940	Adult (11+) \$7 Child (10 and under) Free Senior (65+) \$3 Military \$3 Permanently Disabled \$3	Full Service Lodging 24 RV Sites 23 Tent sites	Range from \$25 - \$125 per night
Colorado Bend State Park	State of Texas	State Park Operated	56,823	32	3 Group Sites (16 - 48 people)	5,300	Adult \$5 Child (12 and under) Free	15 RV Sites 28 Camp Sites 2 Backpack Camp Sites	Range from \$10 - \$70 per night
Granger Lake	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Fort Worth District	Army Corp Operated	626,480	20	3 Group sites (50 people without special use permit)	4,064	All persons - \$4	Fox Park Campground - 49 sites Taylor Park - 48 Sites Willis Creek - 27 Sites Fox Bottom (undeveloped) - 8 Sites	Range from \$10 - \$50 per night
Mother Neff State Park	State of Texas	State Park Operated	619,734	5	3 Group Picnic Pavilions (30 - 250 people)	259	Adult \$5 Child (12 and under) Free	20 Tent Sites	Range from \$12 - \$25 per night
Muleshoe Bend Park	Lower Colorado River Authority	LCRA Operated	1,510,619	5	N/A	540	Adult (13+) \$5 Child (12 and under) Free Senior (65+) \$2 Permanently Disabled \$2 Horse and Rider \$12	General Primitive Camping	\$10 per night



Benchmark Comparison

Full-Time Staffing Recommendations

EMMA LONG PARK FT STAFFING LEVELS	
Park Manager	1 position
Assistant Park Manager	1 position
Lead Park Technician	1 position
Park Technician	1 position
Administrative Assistant	1 position
Ranger/Technician	1 position

Maintenance Standard Tables (Examples)

Playground

Task	Frequency
Playgrounds and equipment - (All types) - Level 1 Maintenance	
Goal: To adhere to and exceed National Playground Safety Standards	
Inspect and document;	1x/month
Major Annual Inspection	1x/year
Repair	Immediately
Clean and pickup trash	7x/week
Remove vandalism	As needed
Inspect water fountains, where applicable	7x/week
Mow areas around the playground	1x/week
Inspect playground parking lot, picnic tables and	1x/week
Rake sand, woodchips, gravel, fiber mulch	1x/week
Seal rubberized, poured in place	1x/year
Remove/Replace Fiber Mulch	1x/3-5 years
Replace	1x/15 years
Inspect for Pests/Bees/etc	1x/2 weeks

Ramadas

Task	Frequency
Ramada - Level 2 maintenance	
Goal: To provide a quality picnic or outing experience.	
Clean and sweep	1x/week
Remove and/or replace Garbage Bags and Trash cans	5x/week
Trim and Landscape	1x/2 weeks
Clean grills	As needed
Check/Spray for homets, wasps	As needed
Remove Graffiti	1x/week or as needed

Restrooms

Task	Frequency
Restrooms - Level 2	
Goal: Provide a clean, hygienic facility for people to use	
Clean and restock	5x/day
Odor removal	5x/week
Repair vandalism	As needed
Wash aprons	1x/week
Remove and/or replace Garbage Bags and Trash cans	7x/week

