Proposed Locations of Shade Structure and Pavilion



Example of Pavilion next to the Playscape:



Example of Shade Structure by the Pool Area:



Neighborhood Partnering Program Application Summary

Project Name: Balcones Shade Project

Applicant: Milwood Neighborhood Association

Project location: Balcones District Park and Pool, 12017 Amherst Drive, 78759



Project Scope & Description

- Project would install a shade structure, pavilion, and nine picnic tables at Balcones District Park. The shade structure would be located adjacent to the pool and the pavilion would be located next to the park's playscape.
- Project concept has been reviewed and approved by staff at the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments.

Project Costs & Cost Match

Total Project Costs: \$149,773

Milwood Neighborhood Association – Cash Match	\$15,000
City of Austin – Construction & Contingency	\$134,773

Milwood Neighborhood Association Cost Share: \$45,085

Cash Match	\$15,000
Maintenance / Volunteer Hours (Not included in Project Costs)	\$30,085

Project Category: Standard (Under \$150,000)

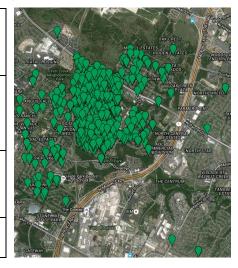
Cost Match Requirement (Community Cost Share / Total Project Costs): Met

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Required M	linimum (Community	Match (%):		30%
Actu	al Comm	nunity Match	n (%)		30%

Description of Support, Participation & Maintenance

Evidence of Support Map

Total Number of Support Signatures	629
Impacted Stakeholders Identified	N/A
Impacted Stakeholders Signatures	N/A
Percentage	N/A



Evidence of Support

Criteria: Met

*As a district park there is no local specified area of impacted stakeholders.

- Milwood Neighborhood Association would plan a series of fundraisers in collaboration with Milwood businesses to raise a cash match of \$15,000.
- As their volunteer match, the Milwood Neighborhood Association would put on a series of creek, trail and park clean ups.
- The City would be responsible for installing and purchasing the materials for the shade structure, pavilion, and picnic tables.
- Letters of support were received for this project from the Milwood Neighborhood Association, Milwood Moms Group, Textruss Inc., Northwood Neighborhood Association, The Boys Scouts of American in the Capital Area Council with the Aquatics committee, Adelphi Acre Community Garden, Summit Elementary School, and Austin Civic Wind Ensemble.

Quality of Life Enhancements

- The pavilion would help encourage neighborhood gatherings and outdoor play by making social events more appealing yearround.
- A shade structure near the pool would go a long way to increase the pool's usability and protect children and their guardians from UV rays. The shade makes the pool a more inviting and comfortable space and is anticipated to increase pool attendance.
- Outdoor activity is one of the best ways to improve the lives of young and old alike. The applicant referenced studies that have shown outdoor play improves vision and behavior in children and reduces stress and obesity for children.

Incorporation of City Initiatives

- Maximize the role of parks and recreation in promoting healthy communities and lifestyles (Imagine Austin - CFS P43)
- Create public spaces that attract and engage children and serve as gathering places for children and families (Imagine Austin - S P29)
- Expand partnerships between local organizations and the City of Austin to maintain and improve local parks and open spaces (Imagine Austin - CFS A6)







