

Zilker Park Vision Plan

TAG Meeting #6

February 23, 2022

Zoom Meeting Chat

- 10:05:13 From Virgil Belk : Virgil Belk PARD Facilities
- 10:06:19 From PARD Amanda Ross : I did that in the chat instead of the ... User error on my end.
- 10:32:46 From WPD Lee Austin : I love the land bridge!
- 10:36:14 From PARD Justin Schneider (he/him) to ATD Lee Austin(Direct Message) : Sorry for the confusion on name change. I asked everyone to add department, and then went through (too quickly) to do it for ones that were missing. I know your spot but just had a moment. ATD Lee now.
- 10:37:51 From ATD Lee Austin to PARD Justin Schneider (he/him)(Direct Message) : No worries, it was just strange since I was pretty sure I hadn't done that
- 10:39:03 From WPD Eric Loucks : Watershed Protection recently completed an erosion assessment for Barton Creek from BSP to LBL. Do you have it? It identifies the areas needing immediate attention. There are segments that are undermined and likely to collapse soon
- 10:39:51 From Design Workshop | Claire Hempel (she/hers) : Eric - we don't have that report yet. Would you be able to send to Greg/Megan?
- 10:40:49 From Amanda Ross PARD (she/her) : We share the same concern and would like to understand impacts to both sites with Stratford alignment more.
- 10:41:10 From PARD: Jessica Gilzow (she/her) : Yes, we also share that concern.
- 10:41:38 From WPD Eric Loucks : You show Barking Springs to remain in all three options but there are people in the environmental/conservation community that feel the area is overused and access controls are needed
- 10:43:05 From CPIO CE Valerie Harris (she/her) to PARD Justin Schneider (he/him)(Direct Message) : Great stuff but I gotta exit to prepare for my next meeting, just ping me if you need me! 😊
- 10:43:43 From Amanda Ross PARD (she/her) : Eric-City Council has officially designated barking springs as a dog area about 10 years ago. That might need to be a consideration if that were to change. We do have some data on use if helpful.
- 10:57:51 From PARD Justin Schneider (he/him) to Design Workshop | Claire Hempel (she/hers)(Direct Message) : Claire, can you ask Marc specifically about alignment with climate action plan?
- 10:58:00 From PARD: Jessica Gilzow (she/her) : It would be great to have public access to the Nature Center and Gardens during ACL set-up, strike, and between weekends.
- 10:58:03 From Design Workshop | Claire Hempel (she/hers) to PARD Justin Schneider (he/him)(Direct Message) : Will do

10:58:58 From PARD: Jessica Gilzow (she/her) : It is a time of year that the weather is great and the Nature Center and Gardens would be visited during those times if it weren't so difficult to get there.

11:01:00 From PARD Cynthia Klemmer (she, her, hers) : Agreed, Jessica-- the overlapping use during times of events could (I think) allow for more continued use and less closures, if access points and service vs public use paths are designated in the plan.

11:01:05 From PARD: Jessica Gilzow (she/her) : Agree. I am concerned about the safety regarding the tunnel.

11:05:35 From PARD: Jessica Gilzow (she/her) : Also, I would like to mention that currently the plan doesn't address that the Nature Center is losing space for the very popular Adventure Camps due to the renovations at the Bathhouse. I would like to make sure that those needs are being considered during the planning process.

11:09:50 From PARD Cynthia Klemmer (she, her, hers) : That's interesting, Laura. If moving the Hillside Theater does continue to be explored, it seems like there are interesting options for expanded/shared use during off-theater usage times.

11:09:56 From PARD: Jessica Gilzow (she/her) : The Zilker Theatre also needs clear load-in and load-out locations, which will require vehicle access.

11:14:06 From PARD Justin Schneider (he/him) to Design Workshop | Claire Hempel (she/hers)(Direct Message) : You may mention after Nathan, that you have a climate question.

11:14:23 From PARD Justin Schneider (he/him) to Design Workshop | Claire Hempel (she/hers)(Direct Message) : (I don't want Marc to leave early)

11:15:00 From PARD Cynthia Klemmer (she, her, hers) : Claire and Team-- I wanted to pass along a compliment. A member of our partner Conservancy who has been attending the meetings made a point of saying how impressed she was by the level of deep dive solutions being explored. She is very thankful to the design team for your willingness to really dig in to find solutions to so many different issues. So, kudos to y'all!

11:15:36 From Kim McKnight (she/her), PARD : It will also be very important to show locations for restroom facilities. This was a high priority from the public.

11:16:56 From PARD Cynthia Klemmer (she, her, hers) : We didn't discuss this specifically today, but I also wanted to mention that I really like the idea of all the traffic circles/roundabouts as well as the 'boulevard' effect being considered. If we have to keep a road that bisects the park, then softening it and calming the traffic is essential and these are good options for that. Would also enhance aesthetics in integrating the two halves of the park.

11:23:31 From PARD Megan Eckard : Hi Kim - restroom locations are indicated with a very small rectangular marker on the concepts

11:24:49 From ATD Nathan Wilkes : Curious how much of the land bridge cost is fill? Again there could be an opportunity with the IH35 project to negotiate to get all the fill the land bridge would need.

11:28:43 From ATD Nathan Wilkes : For the record strongly disagree with comments made about most conflicts are between people walking and bicycling vs bicycling and vehicles. Not opposed to

keeping bike lanes on Barton Springs Road but also feel that a well designed trail system would be able to be safely designed for rolling and walking uses

11:29:04 From PARD Cynthia Klemmer (she, her, hers) : I would like to suggest designating the entire park as an arboretum as one aspect of the plan. It would be conducive with all the uses described - it really just highlights the park as a place for nature and enhanced tree plantings and care, while not technically limiting any planned uses. It could be a useful tool, and would help make trees and natural areas more prominent and would help justify greater and higher quality tree care. (Could also be a useful tool for fundraising, if there is a fundraising/revenue producing entity.) It would also convey a strong message that the public would understand.

11:29:22 From Sustainability | Marc Coudert | he, him : Thank you!