

Barton Hills School Park — Conceptual Master Plan

Land, Facilities and Programs Committee Parks and Recreation Board

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History and Justification



PARK HISTORY

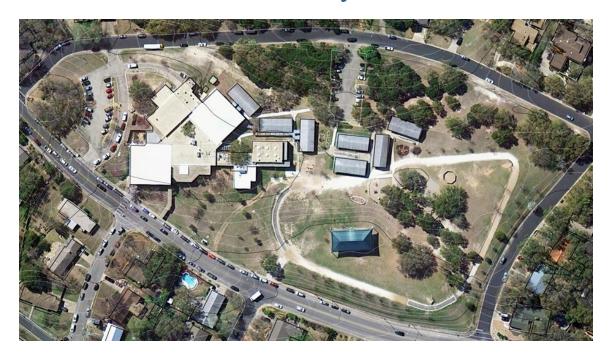
- 4.76 acre site adjacent to Barton Hills Elementary School
- Deeded to the City of Austin in 1975
- "Friends of Barton Hill Community Park" created by the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association in 2012
- Fiduciary account through APF for fundraising and donations

MASTER PLAN PROCESS JUSTIFICATION

- Provide for short and long range planning strategy
- Adopted plan will assist with fundraising efforts
- Satisfies goals of the 2010 PARD Master Plan and Imagine Austin objectives – "Park within 5 walking miles of a residence"
- Creates/Enhances neighborhood recreational opportunities

Issues and Needs Analysis





- Need maintenance plan
- Lack community facilities
- Hillside erosion
- Ineffective rain collection
- Exercise equipment failing
- Ballfield not playable
- Trees in poor condition

- Lack of ADA compliance
- Historically disjointed improvement efforts
- Minimal imaginative play areas
- Basketball court in poor condition
- Irrigation is in disrepair

Citizen's Public Engagement Process



- Four public meetings with school staff
- Barton Hills Elementary
 Campus Advisory Council
- Barton Hills Elementary PTA
- Barton Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)
- Barton Hills Neighborhood meeting
- Park plans included in two BHNA Newsletters
- Plans on display at Fourth of July Parade
- Plans presented to BHNA resulting in letter of support & \$2000 contribution



- Park Improvement Facebook Page
- Presentation of master plan to BHNA list serve three times
- Friends of Barton Hills
 Community Park created in 2012
- Six years of successful garden maintenance at park by community

Vision, Goals, and Objectives

- Create Austin's first sustainable park
- Public space for play, gathering and community building
- Complement resources available to the school and community
- Wildflowers and native grasses for rainfall retention
- Healthy trees and habitat for wildlife
- Open space for kickball, baseball and safe outdoor free play

- Space for community events such as stargazing parties or exercise classes
- Pavilion will be a gathering place where longtime residents can pass on tomato growing secrets
- Updated playground incorporating natural materials, site topography, and environmental features of the park
- Certified by Wildlife Austin and National Wildlife Federation

5-year Conceptual Master Plan















				Estimated Implementation	
Action Steps	How to Accomplish/Fund	Costs	Status	Date	Who is Responsible/Lead
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In Progress:					
Rain Garden	Grants/labor already secured USGBC	\$ 2,000.00	Funded	December 2012 break	Stefan
	AISD	\$ 23,000.00			
New Fencing, Move Rip Rap	AISD	\$	Funded	December 2012 Break	Kati
New Truck/vehicle entrance	AISD	\$	Funded	December 2012 Break	Kati
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 25,000.00			
Phase I: Grounds Infrastr	ucture				
Grading/Aeration/Fill	APF Grant – due Sept 30	\$ 18,200.00	Waiting for approvals	Dec/January 2013?	Stefan
Irrigation System for Field	APF Grant – due Sept 30	\$ 9,942.00	Waiting for approvals	Feb-13	Stefan
Irrigation System for remaining park area		\$ 32,000.00		Fall 2013	
Sod/Grass for Upper Field	APF Grant – due Sept 30	\$ 12,600.00	Waiting for approvals	Mar-13	Stefan
Tree transplanting		\$ 10,000.00	Waiting for approvals	Nov 2012 – do later	
Erosion Control: Limestone Boulders & mulch	APF Grant – due Sept 30mulch from AISD?	\$ 7,500.00	Waiting for approvals	Spring –Summer 2013?	
Trail / track re-alignment	APF Grant – due Sept 30	\$ 1,600.00	Waiting for approvals	??	
Utilities – water lines, electricity		\$ 25,000.00		Spring 2013	
New Sidewalks/cross-walks/ walkways		\$ 30,000.00		Summer 2013	
Playground foundation/slab				Summer 2012	
Mural	Use to generate fundraising	\$ 12,000.00		Now- concurrent with other activities	Beatriz and Mina
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 158,842.00			





Phase II						
Enhance Playground	Silent Auction – Mar 7	\$	75,000.00		Summer 2013	Melanie/Kathleen
Equipment	and/or kick off events					Tina Donahoo
Retaining Walls		\$	30,000.00			
Water Fountain(s)	BHNA	\$	2,500.00	Funded		Stefan/Melissa (BHNA)
Accessibility		\$	7,500.00			
Pavilion Shade Structure		\$	75,000.00		Fall 2013	
Curriculum development		\$	5,000.00		As projects and lessons evolve (e.g. Rain Garden)	
	SUBTOTAL	\$	195,000.00			
Phase III						
Landscaping/planting/Trees		\$	40,000.00			
Sundial		\$	3,200.00			
Homedale Greenbelt		\$	4,500.00			
Entrance integration						
Farming/Gardening Beds		\$	5,000.00			
Cistern (15K gallon)		\$	18,000.00			
Wildlife Habitat – 12x12		\$	3,000.00			
Marrs area, turtles, flowers,						
grasses, animal life						
Briarcrest/BHD		\$	15,000.00			
entrance/stairs						
Birdhouses (various)		\$	1,500.00			
	SUBTOTAL	\$	90,200.00			
Phase IV						
On-going Maintenance Plan		\$	2,500.00			
Develop Education		\$	3,500.00			
Curriculum to complement		,	-,			
new features (rain garden,						
wildlife, etc)						
, ,	SUBTOTAL	\$	6,000.00			

