



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



- 1 Rain Garden
- 2 New Playspace with climber and natural play areas
- 3 Irrigated Ballfields and Open Play Area, Bermuda Turf 419 Sod
- 4 Pavilion with electricity
- 5 Fencing and Carrying Beds
- 6 18,000 Gallon Cistern
- 7 Interactive Sun Dial
- 8 Amphitheater
- 9 Wildflower Areas
- 10 Re-designed gravel track
- 11 Gravel Court and Limestone Seat Wall at Walking Area
- 12 Embankment Slide
- 13 Staircase to Access Park
- 14 New Vehicular Entry to Park
- 15 New Walking and Seating Area
- 16 New Stenwalks and Crosswalks
- 17 Maintenance Access

Sponsored By:
Friends of Barton Hills Playground
 With Input From:
 Barton Hills Elementary PTA

Barton Hills Elementary School Conceptual 5 Year Masterplan



Barton Hills Community Park Phases, Priorities and Implementation Plan



Action Steps	How to Accomplish/Fund	Costs	Status	Estimated Implementation Date	Who is Responsible/Lead
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 Infrastructure					
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 30	\$ 7,500.00	Waiting for approvals	Spring –Summer 2013?	
	--mulch from AISD?				
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			



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Phase II					
Enhance Playground Equipment	Silent Auction – Mar 7 and/or kick off events	\$ 75,000.00		Summer 2013	Melanie/Kathleen 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 Entrance integration		\$ 4,500.00			
Farming/Gardening Beds		\$ 5,000.00			
Cistern (15K gallon)		\$ 18,000.00			
Wildlife Habitat – 12x12 Marris area, turtles, flowers, grasses, animal life		\$ 3,000.00			
Briarcrest/BHD entrance/stairs		\$ 15,000.00			
Birdhouses (various)		\$ 1,500.00			
SUBTOTAL		\$ 90,200.00			
Phase IV					
On-going Maintenance Plan		\$ 2,500.00			
Develop Education Curriculum to complement new features (rain garden, wildlife, etc)		\$ 3,500.00			
SUBTOTAL		\$ 6,000.00			
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 475,042.00			

