

Comments Received from the Butler Shores Parking Public Meeting

Zach / Scott Theater

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There were approximately 15 people in attendance, representing the Zilker neighborhood, South Austin Baseball, local business and unassociated residents.

The following are comments/suggestions received during an hour and a half discussion:

- Weber Field is used primarily through June / spring semester
- High school uses of the fields are primarily fall and spring, after school, after 3:00 pm
 - Practice is typically 13 players, 4 coaches – 15 -20 vehicles
 - Games usually begin after 5:00 pm
 - Visiting teams will be a problem as to parking fees
- This will be double charging the tax payers
- Meters on parkland is not good idea
- Should be working with businesses to pay for parking on parkland
- Park users during the week; should not have to pay
- Increase signage to bring more park users to the park and parking areas; increase the use of the park; more park patrons using the lots.
- Free parking welcomes people to the park; friendly, welcoming and inviting: Fee parking creates wrong feeling – hurried and uninviting
- The current use of the parking is by all types of people, good thing, good interaction of cultures
- Should consider charging during special events only and charge a considerable amount to park. Might result in an equivalent amount of annual revenue.
- Better signage for park users, increase awareness of and access from Butler Shores to trails and facilities
- Selected enforcement – provide monitoring for park users vs. private users

- Bad idea – precedent setting for entire park system
- Will traffic light be installed at Toomey and Lamar?
- Widen Toomey Road for two rows of angled or head-in parking and two way traffic; park improvements in existing parking areas.