

West Austin Park 1317 W 10th Street Conceptual Master Plan



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BACKGROUND

Park History

The Old West Austin Neighborhood Association Parks Committee and Friends of West Austin Park (FOWAP) respectfully submit our Master Plan for West Austin Park, located at 1317 W. 10th St., bordered by W. 9th St., Maufrais St. and W. 9 ½ St. As per the April 2012 City of Austin resolution, an approved master plan needs to be in place before amenities may be added or improved.

West Austin Park is comprised of three acres and was dedicated in 1930. This is a neighborhood park as opposed to a destination park and is primarily used by citizens of all ages from the nearby area.

The West Austin Shelter House commonly referred to as a bathhouse, is one of several early “shelter houses” built by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and attributed to architect Hugo Kuehne. Constructed in 1930, the shelter house was designed in a Tudor Revival Style, which was meant to complement the architectural style of the adjacent neighborhood. The early shelter houses were designed to be multi-purpose facilities and early photos show that they were often used for performances and games. Similar park facilities that date from the 1930s include Pease Park (Tudor-revival) Shipe Park (log traditional), Palm Park (NPS Rustic), Eastwoods Park (NPS Rustic), Bailey Park (NPS Rustic) and Little Stacy Park (Mission Revival). The red brick, one-story West Austin Shelter House consists of two square rooms connected by a steeply gabled wooden roof. The area between the bathrooms is open and was traditionally used for performances and games. The gable ends feature non-structural decorative half-timbering.

The Park is located within Old West Austin which has a very active neighborhood association, the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA). A representative from the OWANA Steering Committee provides leadership to the OWANA Parks Committee. The park is also part of the West Line National Register Historic District. In 2009 a friends group, FOWAP, was formed to more closely address the needs of the park. FOWAP shares project planning and management responsibilities and reports regularly with park updates to OWANA.

Reason for Engaging into a Master Planning Process

In 2007, as part of the mitigation of holding a concert in downtown Austin, the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association received funds to help revitalize local parks. While Mary Baylor Park, the other neighborhood park, had some immediate needs, it was unclear how West Austin Park could best be improved with these funds.

In June 2008 the OWANA Parks Committee surveyed the people who use the park to get a better understanding of what was needed at the park. The response was favorable and unearthed a well of interest and opinion on the park, its features and its function within the community. What became clear was that widespread improvements were desired.

Shortly after this survey was taken the City of Austin announced that they were considering closing the pool in West Austin Park. Keeping and revitalizing this important asset became the focal point for the community. However nobody wanted to lose sight of the needs of the park as a whole and in light of the capacity challenges faced by the Parks and Recreation Department it became clear that a public/private partnership would be the best way to move forward if improvements were to be ongoing.

Inspired by the needs of the park and the success of other public/private partnerships such as the Central Park Conservancy, the Friends of West Austin Park was formed in 2009.

One of the first steps was to engage widespread community engagement and financial support to commission a Master Plan. The plan was intended to outline improvements to West Austin Park that supported the needs of the community. More than twenty families contributed to the cause and in November of 2009, TBG Partners was retained to complete this plan.

TBG Partners was directed to gather widespread community input and to develop a cohesive, long range vision for the property. The resulting Master Plan provides short and long term strategies that help ensure comprehensive improvements and long term viability of the community park as a resource. With this plan in place, neighborhood volunteers have been more readily able to seek fundraising, both public and private, to meet these goals.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

INVENTORY OF PARK AMENITIES

1. ADA accessible all-ages play scape - rebuilt in late 90's with capital improvement funds by PARD
2. Tot swing set
3. Ball Field - significant drainage problems and an aging backstop
4. Swimming Pool - OWANA Parks Committee supported renovation from a fill and drain to a filtered pool in 2011 along with the addition of splash pad features and an expanded pool deck and shaded areas around the pool.
5. Historic Bathhouse - renovated in 2012 with funds from Austin Parks Foundation and OWANA
6. 1 Basketball Hoop - needs to be moved to better location as it now interferes with the pool and women's restroom entrance
7. Fenced Off-leash Dog Park - fence is need of replacement, hillside is suffering significant erosion, lack of double-gated entry/safe access.
8. Reclamation Water Irrigation Tank and Enclosure - established in 2012 with the Austin Urban Forestry division. Funds from Austin Parks Foundation and OWANA supported the project, with donation of solar panel and pump by Meridian Solar.
9. 3 Picnic Tables - 2 of which are located in the off leash area
10. Stone retaining walls - crumbling in many areas and in need of rebuilding, especially on the east side of the park
11. North to South ADA path - the path is not ADA compliant and needs significant improvement
12. Trash Receptacles - 4-5 trashcans

13. 1 Water Fountain - leaking

14. Open Play Area - several areas are open for free play, varying levels of shade and grass

Despite current conditions, these amenities provide the following community uses:

- The playscape is widely used throughout the year
- Birthday parties are common
- OWANA hosts regular July Fourth celebrations
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Field Games, including soccer, baseball, kickball and frisbee
- Mathews Elementary School students often use the park for activities during and after school
- Swimming pool is actively used by neighbors of all ages in the summer
- Neighbors plan annual Splash Day activities and performances at the pool
- Bathhouse restrooms are used daily
- The off-leash area is heavily used on a daily basis by dogs and their handlers

ISSUES AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

A comprehensive assessment and needs analysis was completed by Jeff Larsen the PARD Park Grounds Manager of West Austin Park in January of 2011. Please see APPENDIX A for a copy of this Site Condition Analysis.



Additional Notes on Current Conditions

1. There is a lack of overall maintenance plan for the park
2. No facility for gathering, no shaded seating area
3. Major hillside erosion in many areas
4. No rainwater capturing system
5. No grass on ball field or other open play areas and heavily compacted soil
6. Poor location of swing set, away from primary playscape
7. There are multiple dead/dying trees throughout the park, others showing signs of stress. The park has lost over 45 large trees in the past 6 years.
8. Lack of an ADA compliant pathway linking north and south areas of the park
9. No nature play or imaginative play area
10. Basketball court is single backboard, play interferes with pool entry and entrance to women's restroom
11. No field irrigation
12. The existing stone walls are a beautiful and valued feature in West Austin Park. Currently many of the walls are in disrepair and the stone stairs on the east side of the park are in need of restoration. These failing walls create significant safety hazard for park users and continue to undermine the beauty and functionality of the park.
13. The off-leash area is in great need of erosion control, new perimeter fencing and a double gate entry system
14. The existing ball field is not level and has serious drainage problems anytime it rains
15. The backstop is falling apart and needs to be more aesthetically pleasing
16. Park perimeters are unsightly and not welcoming
17. There is a lack of art in the park

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Community Input 2008-2013

Input from the neighborhood community has been gathered on an ongoing basis during the past several years. Outreach has included online surveys, neighborhood meetings, park patron interviews, neighborhood newsletter outreach and via additional individual volunteer outreach.

1. An online survey was posted by the OWANA Parks Committee in June of 2008 to gather input on the park and the existing non-useable tennis court. The survey was distributed via the neighborhood list serve, announced at neighborhood meetings and a large banner was hung in the park with survey information. A copy of the survey results is attached in APPENDIX B. Feedback indicated widespread interest in improving conditions in West Austin Park.
2. In June of 2009, newly appointed PARD Director Sara Hensley met with interested neighbors in a public neighborhood meeting at Mathews Elementary School to discuss West Austin Park and help inform efforts to envision a vital, healthy neighborhood park.
3. In the fall of 2009, the OWANA Parks Committee and a small group of interested neighbors discussed the idea of developing a Master Plan for the Park. A Friends group was formed to focus efforts. Several meetings were held and the group raised funds from over 20 families to engage TBG Partners in November of 2009. TBG was directed to oversee the Master Planning process, engage neighborhood input and develop a Master Plan for the Park.
4. TBG Partners met with interested neighbors on several occasions to initiate the input and planning process. In addition, the Friends group held open meetings and ongoing work group meetings throughout 2010 and 2011. More than fifty neighbors and their children regularly participated in these meetings. Please see information in APPENDIX C for meeting dates and agendas.
5. A second neighborhood survey was created and distributed in 2010. Please see Appendix D for a copy of these results.
6. The Parks Committee, Friends group and TBG Partners presented at the OWANA General Membership meetings on multiple occasions. The first TBG Presentation on June 7, 2011 gathered input regarding objectives and vision for West Austin Park. Subsequent presentations by Parks Committee members provide ongoing process updates and gathered feedback and input.
7. Master Plan drafts were presented for feedback in 2010 and 2011 at multiple neighborhood events including July Fourth and Splash Day events in West Austin Park and at the Good Times annual neighborhood spring event.
8. Mathews Elementary displayed the Master Plan draft for feedback during Back to School Night in 2010.

9. A final revision of the Master Plan was presented at the OWANA General Membership Meeting and approved on December 6, 2011.
10. The Parks Committee and Friends group presented the Master Plan to Sara Hensley and PARD Staff in July 6, 2011.
11. Since that time the Parks Committee and Friends group have contracted TBG Partners to make ongoing updates and revisions to the Master Plan, as needed.
12. Parks Committee representatives Marjorie Moore, Joe Kazzoun and Marion Cimbala met with Shawn Cooper and Kim McKnight on September 25, 2013 to review a draft of our Master Plan draft. Input from this meeting was incorporated into this final document.
13. As the final step in preparing this document to comply with Community Initiated Park Conceptual Master Plan Guidelines, this document was presented to the OWANA Steering Committee on October 7, 2013. The Steering Committee formally voted to support the Old West Austin Park Master Plan and made a recommendation that the Austin Parks Board approve a Conceptual Master Plan for West Austin Park.

Concurrent efforts that demonstrate community involvement and engagement:

2011- 2012 Historic Bath House Renovation

The OWANA Parks Committee and Friends group worked together with Austin Parks Foundation and PARD over an 18 month period to raise funds, plan and oversee a complete restoration of this historic West Austin Park Bathhouse. This story was covered in the Untold Austin Stories feature in the Austin American Statesman. A full-sized copy of this article is included in APPENDIX E.



2011- 2013 Reclaimed Water Irrigation and Tree Planting Project

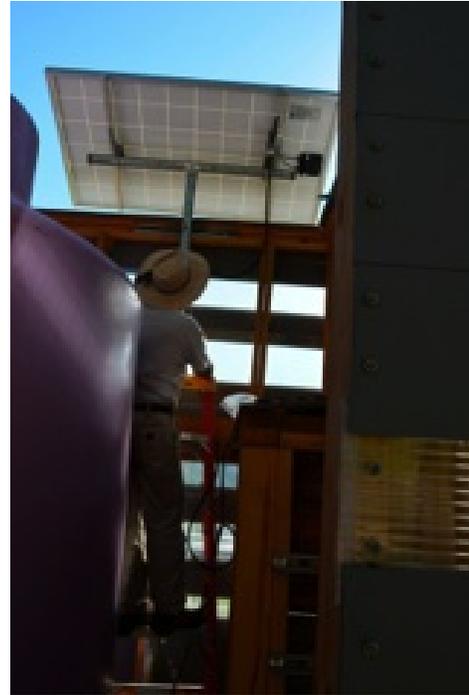
In 2011, the Parks Committee was approached by the Austin Urban Forestry department to participate in a pilot program using reclaimed water to irrigate park land. The project involved multiple work groups including grant writing, project planning and project management.

The enclosure for the water reclamation tank was designed and built by students from the Public Interest Design Program, School of Architecture University of Texas, Austin. A significant portion of their process included public engagement and feedback on the design of the structure. Presentations by the School of Architecture students provided many people with information about West Austin Park, the Master Plan and ongoing improvement projects. Students made presentations and held informal talks at the park, at PARD, and at neighborhood meetings.

As part of this project, in December, 2012, Mathews 6th grade students were trained by Tree Folks to help plant thirty trees. Student volunteers also spread yards of mulch to help protect the newly planted trees. Mathews Elementary School is a cornerstone of the Old West Austin Neighborhood. West Austin Park is used frequently by students and families from the school. A representative from the Mathews PTA serves on the Parks Committee and there is great interest in park projects.



A solar pump to power irrigation flow was generously donated and installed by Meridian Solar.



Old West Austin Neighborhood residents are very active in volunteering and helping to maintain the park. Annual 'It's My Park Day' events, sponsored by Austin Parks Foundation, draw many volunteers to plan, organize and complete projects.

Neighbors have organized a watering schedule to help newly planted trees, helped with tree planting, mulching and irrigation. Because the park is centrally located within the neighborhood it is often used as a path to get from 9th to 10th street. This makes it an ideal location to put up signage about neighborhood events, to meet and greet neighbors on a daily basis and to keep one another updated on park projects.

Vision, Goals, Objectives and Action Items

Our vision is to upgrade and maintain West Austin Park to its full potential. This is a park where young and old come to play, gather, and build community. By using sustainable processes in upgrading the park we will create a low maintenance situation for the future. Safety is equally important, new upgrades will ensure a safe park that is also aesthetically pleasing.

New trees and a shade structure will give us shade for the future. New paths, rebuilt walls, and plantings will provide erosion control, improve safety, improve connectivity and provide new areas to congregate.

Upgrading the off leash area will sustain existing trees, control erosion, and make the dog area safer for all.

Irrigation from the reclaimed water system is both sustainable and a very good teaching tool. We are proud to be the first park in Austin to be using reclaimed water for irrigation.

Addressing drainage issues and erosion problems will help keep the park green and thriving.

Prioritized Needs and Wants

Based on community feedback gathered over the years, a clear list of priorities for West Austin Park has been established. This list, in conjunction with the current assessment and condition of the park has informed the Master Plan projects and phases. Some of these priorities are:

- Shade
- Seating
- Access Improvement (e.g., better drainage for east entrance)
- Beautification
- Maintenance/Repair Existing
- Attention to all use types (e.g., Active, Passive)

Short Term Goals Park Projects (Existing) to Address Current Conditions and Prioritized Needs

These are shorter, more immediate projects that are being completed while we gear-up for the larger phases of the master plan.

- Tree Canopy and Additional Shade - Reclaimed Water Irrigation Project

Due to drought conditions the park has lost over 45 trees in the last six years. To address the need for more shade trees in the park, a Reclaimed Water Irrigation Project was initiated in 2011 with the City of Austin Urban Forestry Division. The enclosure for the water reclamation tank was designed and built by students from the Public Interest Design Program, School of Architecture

University of Texas, Austin. This project was one of two chosen by the students from 20 proposals reviewed. Meridian Solar has donated a solar pump to power the irrigation system.

The project has faced delays, but will be completed in the fall of 2013. Upon completion, the park will enjoy unlimited access to reclaimed water for tree irrigation. In the winter of 2012 thirty small trees were planted on the east side of the park. To date, these trees have been hand watered by volunteers. Upon completion of required work by City of Austin, the system will be operative.

Funding is in place to add additional trees in November of 2013 (optimal season for tree planting). More trees are needed in other areas of the park to replace dead and dying trees. Providing irrigation and planting trees will be an ongoing activity in the Park.

Off-Leash Dog Park Maintenance and Renovation

The off leash area was dedicated in 2002 after neighbors and PARD negotiated plans and funding. The Canine Social Club (CSC) is an active Friends Group, which provides regular communications, helps fundraise and organizes volunteer projects for upkeep of the area.

A significant landscape project was done in the dog park area in 2006, with funding supplied by the CSC. The CSC has prioritized erosion control and maintenance of existing structures to prevent further erosion.

In addition, a new fence and a double gate entry system are needed for safety in entering and exiting the area. The existing entry gate does not latch properly and creates challenges for patrons and dogs to enter and exit the off-leash area. Tree growth has damaged the existing fence to the point where dogs can exit the off-leash area.

Master Plan Phases

The OWANA Parks Committee and Friends group continue working to determine the optimal phasing and implementation schedule. We are currently awaiting a response from the City of Austin on a request for funding to repair the damaged stone walls and for construction of an ADA compliant pathway. Volunteers met with Council Member Morrison in July of 2013 to discuss this request.

Through the development of the master plan, informed by community input and guided by TRG, we created six phases, which address six park areas.

These phases will be ordered based on several factors, included, but not limited by:

1. Community Priorities, first and foremost!
2. Location in the park. We are working from the center so we don't have to 're-do' areas or damage them in later construction.
3. Budget.
4. Other construction based and "common sense" reasons.

The Master Plan incorporates some overarching tenants:

1. Add shade in every phase (primarily trees).*
2. Add seating in every phase.*
3. Do it once and do it right.
4. Low maintenance costs.
5. Address drainage issues in each phase/area and don't create new ones.
6. Only install landscaping with irrigation and ensure any irrigation has low watering needs.
7. Install lighting, if needed/required.

*** Shade and seating were the top two priority items expressed in surveys and input.**

The master plan phases create a framework for the park and ensure the work that is done in the park is as cohesive and efficient as possible. And, while there is a common understanding that these phases are currently defined, there needs to be the flexibility to accommodate change along the way. Phase 1a and 1b are currently defined as the first phase(s). Other phases may fall in order or be changed.

Regardless of how the phasing occurs, the master plan, as a whole, was created with the intent address the overall needs of the park and desires of the community.

Note: All costs are estimates created by TBG.

1. Plaza Area and Existing Playground (Area 2)

1a. A shade structure with seating is being planned for the park center, near the play scape area and pool entrance. This structure will provide shaded seating, a place for small parties and an opportunity for neighbors to sit and visit or share a meal in the park.

The project faced delays during the pool and bathhouse renovations, but is currently prioritized in the planning and fundraising efforts. The neighborhood has secured over \$22,500 for this project and has preliminary construction plans for the project.

1b. Relocating existing basketball court and swing set, using existing large boulder to create (diagonally) sloped climbing wall, etc.

Note: Repair to some of the existing, failing walls will be included in this phase

Cost for both phase 1a and 1b: \$115,817.50. A cost break down of the sub-phases is forthcoming.

2. Terraced Garden (Area 1)

Stakeholders feel that there is the need for more seating and a 'quiet space' in the park. The hillside area on the northwest side of the park has been designated to become a contemplative garden with shade and seating areas. Creating a quiet, contemplative space will create a new space for people who wish to read, play quiet games or just rest.

It will have retaining walls for both erosion control and seating.

Cost: \$175,617.50

3. Natural Playground (Area 3)

This area will add a natural play area to the park and has also been designed to address the need of "older" children (i.e., 7-12) who do not have a targeted play area. Natural materials (e.g., rock, wood) will be used in the construction of this area.

Cost: \$77,675.00

4. Amphitheater Area (Area 4)

This phase includes replacing/repairing existing, failing walls, reducing wall height for safety, addressing draining issues and flooding in the east entrance area of the park, creating a seating amphitheater, etc.

Cost: \$85,800.00

5. Open Field

This phase included addressing draining issues with the baseball diamond and grass area. It also included changes to improve the entrance at the south side of the park such as removing the chain link fence, adding a natural hedge, dirt berm or other natural barrier/border.

Cost: \$66,070.00

6. Off-Leash Area

Improvement to the dog park area including additional seating, addressing draining age issues, adding a permanent fence, (all current fencing was installed as temporary), adding a north gate, etc.

Cost: \$115,150.00

Master Plan
Overview



Master Plan Overview -Including Area Sections



APPENDIX A

Assessment by Jeff Larsen, District Park Manager



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QUARTER (01/01 – 03/31; 04/01 – 06/30; 07/01 – 9/30; 10/01 – 12/31)



West Austin Park

Inspected by: Jeff Larsen

Date: 1/17/2011

Time: 10:50 AM – 12:00 PM

#	Item	Description	Condition	Estimated Cost	Assigned To	Completed By	Priority ¹
1		Grounds Maintenance	Metal protrusion by pole- spray orange to alert walkers				
2		Sign Maintenance	No Park ID sign- existing sign is dirty (scrape, prime and paint) or replace				
3		Grounds Maintenance	Drop off by picnic table pad- grade to edge (add soil, seed and straw)				
4		Grounds Maintenance	Picnic table has graffiti and paint is peeling- scrape, prime and paint				
5		Sign Maintenance	Graffiti on sign and post- remove. Also need a Mutt Mitt box on this post.				

¹ S=Safety; F=Functionality; UF=User Friendly; CS=Customer Service; CE=Customer Experience; RP=Resource Protection





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6		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Bamboo in park. It is an invasive- remove</p>				
7		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Logs laying around- remove</p>				
8		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Logs laying around- remove</p>				
9		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Logs laying around- remove</p>				
10		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Ground trash on site- pick up</p>				
11		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Erosion issues- create swales and mitigate damage</p>				





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12		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is cracking and falling down- repair				
13		Grounds Maintenance	Xmas tree dumped on parkland- remove				
14		Grounds Maintenance	Erosion and stormwater drainage issues by guard rail- mitigate				
15		Sign Maintenance	Sign is cracked and has graffiti – replace with new and add mutt mitt box				
16		Grounds Maintenance	Fence ends barbed- bend over or cut				
17		Grounds Maintenance	Worn turf area- add soil, seed and straw				





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18		Sign Maintenance	Sign- should have mutt mitt box on pole. Also post park rules at entry points				
19		Sign Maintenance	Sign on back of #18, should be reversed so that someone entering park will see it (re-orient to other side)				
20		Grounds Maintenance	Stumps in site create tripping hazard- flush cut and grind				
21		Grounds Maintenance	Mulch migrating to field- remove or rake				
22		Grounds Maintenance	More mulch or add DG for trail				
23		Grounds Maintenance	Mulch compacted against fence- should shore up end to prevent fence from collapsing				





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24		Sign Maintenance	Dog Park entry- Should have double gated entrance				
25		Sign Maintenance	Off leash sign- should be relocated off of fence and place on a post or in a kiosk at entry point of dog park				
26		Sign Maintenance	Off leash sign- should be relocated off of fence and place on a post or in a kiosk at entry point of dog park				
27		Grounds Maintenance	Picnic table is dirty and paint is peeling- scrape, prime and paint				
28		Sign Maintenance	Off leash sign should be posted at entrance by a double gated entry and not inside the dog park				
29		Sign Maintenance	Need small kiosk at top area- papers on fence. Also top of fence missing top rail- repair or replace				





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30		Sign Maintenance	Entry at top of dog park is a single gate. Need a double gated entrance here or relocate to a single entry and exit point				
31		Sign Maintenance	Too many notices posted on fence/gate-should be relocated in a kiosk or outside the fence on a post.				
32		Grounds Maintenance	Gate doesn't close properly-handle difficult to open / close (repair or replace)				
33		Grounds Maintenance	Gate has opening at bottom and is fixed with wire-(repair or replace)				
34		Grounds Maintenance	Broken water pipe or spring leaking into area causing mud puddles-mitigate				
35		Grounds Maintenance	Back fence of dog park falling down- repair. Also no top cross members for fence-repair or replace				





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36		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Picnic table paint is peeling- scrape, prime and paint</p>				
37		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Water service is to area- There is no dog fountain (Suggest getting a fountain)</p>				
38		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Detergent in tree- remove</p>				
39		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Hose on fence- remove</p>				
40		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Trash can is full- empty</p>				
41		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Pipe exposed on bottom of baseball fence- cut or remove</p>				





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42		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is collapsing-repair				
43		Grounds Maintenance	Garden beds full of weeds-clean up, add xeriscaping, mulch, etc.				
44		Grounds Maintenance	Garden beds full of weeds-clean up, add xeriscaping, mulch, etc.				
45		Grounds Maintenance	Repair entire fence at ballfield				
46		Sign Maintenance	Mutt mitt box and signs on 2-poles- remove and place on one pole				
47		Sign Maintenance	Mutt mitt box missing penalty sign				





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48		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>New pool</p>				
49		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Hose laying around- remove</p>				
50		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Retaining wall is collapsing- repair</p>				
51		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Roof (cedar shakes) on- rotted and some are missing. Roof is at end of serviceable life- replace</p>				
52		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Restrooms locked could not inspect</p>				
53		<p>Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Light cover broken- replace</p>				





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54		Grounds Maintenance	Roof (cedar shakes) on-rotted and some are missing. Roof is at end of serviceable life-replace				
55		Grounds Maintenance	Wooden men's restroom door is damaged-replace with metal				
56		Grounds Maintenance	Standing water- mitigate				
57		Grounds Maintenance	Cracked surfacing-repair				
58		Sign Maintenance	Graffiti on walls- remove				
59		Grounds Maintenance	Open electrical box- close or lock it				





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60		Sign Maintenance	Kiosk locked and notices taped outside				
61		Sign Maintenance	Kiosk broken and/or warped-replace				
62		Grounds Maintenance	Remove vegetation from cracks				
63		Grounds Maintenance	Basketball court- repaint lines				
64		Grounds Maintenance	Basketball court- fill in cracks				
65		Grounds Maintenance	Park bench is damaged, paint is peeling and missing a slat. Also graffiti on it. Repair, scrape, prime and paint				



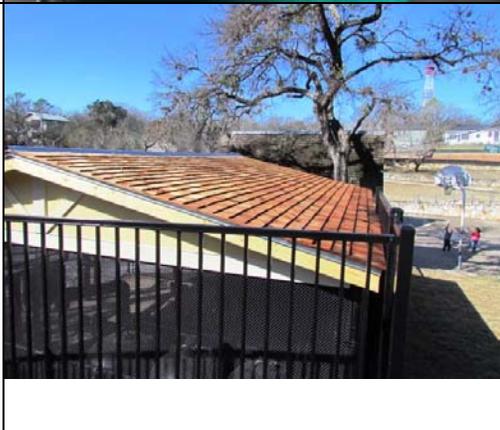


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66		Grounds Maintenance	ADA Swing safety surface is worn and missing areas- repair				
67		Grounds Maintenance	No age sign- install				
68		Sign Maintenance	Faded decal on swing pole- replace				
69		Grounds Maintenance	New cedar roof on pool equipment but not entrance and bathroom. Also need No trespass signs on fencing to pool				
70		Grounds Maintenance	Mulch worn turf areas- add soil, seed and straw				





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71		Sign Maintenance	Remove unauthorized sticker from swing pole				
72		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is collapsing-repair				
73		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is collapsing-repair				
74		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is collapsing-repair				
75		Grounds Maintenance	Sod to small area and not entire area- re-sod this				
76		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is collapsing-repair				





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77		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is collapsing-repair				
78		Grounds Maintenance	Retaining wall is collapsing-repair				
79		Grounds Maintenance	Exposed metal is a hazard-grind down				
80		Grounds Maintenance	Nice trash can				
81		Grounds Maintenance	Playscape is dirty- power wash				
82		Grounds Maintenance	Safety surface is worn and needs repair-concrete exposed (repair)				





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QUARTER (01/01 – 03/31; 04/01 – 06/30; 07/01 – 9/30; 10/01 – 12/31)



83		Sign Maintenance	Age sign should be in front of equipment, not in it				
84		Grounds Maintenance	Hole in safety surface- repair				
85		Sign Maintenance	Age sign should be in front of equipment, not at back				
86		Grounds Maintenance	Clean out drains				
87		Sign Maintenance	Graffiti on lid- remove				
88		Sign Maintenance	Graffiti on wall- remove. Also, wall is cracked and needs to be repair or replaced				





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89		Sign Maintenance	Graffiti on back of Mutt Mitt sign- remove				
90		Sign Maintenance	No mutt mitt box, penalty or park rules on pets leash sign- is at entry point and should have this				
91		Grounds Maintenance	Silt fence with pea gravel- purpose? Look at adding retaining wall or soil, seed and straw to hole.				
92		Grounds Maintenance	Creosote poles in play area- remove				



APPENDIX B

2008 survey- PDF attached

West Austin Park Survey		
What do you use/value West Austin Park for most? Please select up to 3 choices.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A place to meet others in the community	51.8%	44
An extension of my own garden/yard	17.6%	15
Just open green space	56.5%	48
Recreation for adults	31.8%	27
Recreation for children	48.2%	41
A place to take the dog	30.6%	26
A place to relax/picnic	37.6%	32
Other (please specify)		30
answered question		85
skipped question		7

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	05/17/2008 19:01:00	community garden
2	05/20/2008 21:07:00	Shortcut through the neighborhood.
3	05/20/2008 21:08:00	swimming pool in summer
4	05/20/2008 22:00:00	a place to play baseball or kickball
5	05/20/2008 22:11:00	in San Francisco, the little park by our house had what can be described as an enclosed multipurpose structure. It had a little mini-theater inside on one end, lots of balls and other smallish sport activities, lots of tables and chairs that could be used, high ceilings with lots of light. It was a place to gather and see a show that the kids put on, talk about politics, or even just throw a little party. It did not have a lot of pretense, and really didn't seem to cost a lot of money to make .. it was very simple, clean, and SUPER useful for all ages.
6	05/20/2008 22:18:00	Baseball field
7	05/20/2008 22:42:00	The park has plenty of space currently for all the other options....picnic space,green space, adult and child recreation and a large dog park. A place to garden together would be great.
8	05/21/2008 00:23:00	I used to take my dogs to the park, but with the smaller dog park space, the big dogs seem to dominate. It was too overwhelming for the little dogs.
9	05/21/2008 01:34:00	add sand and make a volleyball court!
10	05/21/2008 04:01:00	Covered pavillion area
11	05/21/2008 15:33:00	tennis court!
12	05/21/2008 17:24:00	Some sort of covered area would be nice...to watch kids from, picnic, etc...
13	05/22/2008 19:41:00	A place to get away from the hectic pace of our life.
14	05/23/2008 22:34:00	a place to have fun and hang out
15	05/24/2008 15:50:00	A community garden area with excess veggies sold there as a non profit/profit for owana. Provides fresh veggies for the hood and extra monies for owana. Scott Freeze
16	05/25/2008 14:56:00	Good Tennis courts
17	05/27/2008 14:50:00	a place to walk
18	05/27/2008 17:42:00	By placing the word "just" in front of "open green space" I hope you are not diminishing the importance of open green space.
19	05/27/2008 22:49:00	swimming when the pool is open
20	05/27/2008 23:09:00	I don't use the park. I use it as a short cut on our walks through the neighborhood. We don't have a dog or kids.
21	05/27/2008 23:18:00	tennis court tennis court
22	05/27/2008 23:29:00	or gardens to rent or share
23	05/27/2008 23:53:00	A short cut.
24	05/28/2008 01:05:00	A place to play tennis! I don't play, but can't imagine why the courts are defunct. How much \$\$\$ would it take to restore them?
25	05/28/2008 13:00:00	I also use it as an extension of my own yard and I have used it as a place for recreation for myself (an adult)
26	05/28/2008 14:42:00	Exercise.
27	05/28/2008 16:46:00	sports court
28	05/29/2008 03:22:00	We enjoy getting to meet others in the community and would like the new space to foster that even more. It is already accomplishing our use/value of the park by providing a good recreation place for children as well as the dog.
29	05/30/2008 19:59:00	Tennis Court
30	06/02/2008 01:46:00	Restore it to a fully functional, lighted tennis court, with a nice surface- not like the white concrete surface at West Enfield park.

West Austin Park Survey									
What do you think is missing from West Austin Park?									
Answer Options	Response Count								
	answered question	80							
	skipped question	12							
Number	Response Date	Response Text							
1	05/16/2008 17:59:00	Need to have more room around the pool. Also, a small amphitheater that could be used for UNamplified music and small plays would be great!							
2	05/17/2008 19:01:00	picnic pavilion, picnic table, grill community garden							
3	05/18/2008 17:59:00	a running trail; a lounging area around the pool--some decking would be nice.							
4	05/20/2008 18:21:00	a tennis court! Also, the park needs proper care for the trees, watering during the summer (that could be gray water from the pool, since it's drained every night).							
5	05/20/2008 21:07:00	Bike parking!!!							
6	05/20/2008 21:08:00	needs more trees, to replace the many that have been lost over the years.							
7	05/20/2008 21:13:00	maybe a miniature golf area, or a fountain/waterscape that kids could wade into (just about an inch or so of water at the most) to cool off - kind of like what you see in big cities like NY or Chicago. It should be open and functioning year-round, without the need for a lifeguard. Or a public gardening space							
8	05/20/2008 21:18:00	Community Garden Space							
9	05/20/2008 21:36:00	A better Dog Park							
10	05/20/2008 21:41:00	More swings w/larger seats.							
11	05/20/2008 22:01:00	A place for adults to gather. We already have plenty of children's landscape. I would like to see an area with benches and a fountain of some sort that would be good for adults and "nearly adults" to be able to relax and enjoy the space. Please, please don't put a vegetable, natural type garden in this space. There is already too many yards in the neighborhood that aren't taken care of.							
12	05/20/2008 22:11:00	I think the above mentioned structure is missing. I feel like a sun shade over the pool and kids areas could be added.							
13	05/20/2008 22:18:00	I definitely don't see a need to have more dog oriented activities.							
14	05/20/2008 22:42:00	I also feel like the grass could be more lush and green during the warmer months, especially since we have access to the spring water there at the pool (before it gets chlorinated of course) Hate to say it, but if people are driving in a lot to use it, then parking. There is none. It has so many wonderful things already...but a community vegetable garden area would make it perfect							

15	05/20/2008 23:57:00	Outdoor sculpture and/or artistic installations from our residents. Perhaps a meditation labyrinth?
16	05/21/2008 00:23:00	I wish there were a better pool and more shade.
17	05/21/2008 01:34:00	a lot of trees!
18	05/21/2008 04:01:00	see above
19	05/21/2008 14:28:00	Beauty. A more quiet area geared toward adults.
20	05/21/2008 14:39:00	Tennis court
21	05/21/2008 15:33:00	a tennis court!
22	05/21/2008 16:16:00	more stuff for kids to climb on, but different from same old plastic playscapes. Central park in NYC has some really nice and different playscapes for children.
23	05/21/2008 16:47:00	a covered space to congregate... small gazebo w/ picnic tables
24	05/21/2008 17:24:00	Covered area for Summer months
25	05/21/2008 18:21:00	fountain--like the one at lady bird lake park, or other fountain
26	05/21/2008 19:21:00	tennis court
27	05/21/2008 19:39:00	A tennis court
28	05/21/2008 19:55:00	a year-round pool! Recreational opportunities for adults...but not much space for that.
29	05/21/2008 21:26:00	tennis court
30	05/22/2008 01:13:00	It is very hard to picnic as we used to do; the tables are inside the dog area and it isn't pleasant to picnic there. So...what's missing, some tables under shade trees.
31	05/22/2008 19:41:00	a water feature. It could be a simple wading pond. It would be nice to have a shallow pond with fish and water lilies.
32	05/22/2008 19:50:00	Community Garden
33	05/22/2008 22:58:00	Community Gardens in the old tennis court would be good. We could put in raised beds built out of rock and then just fill the beds with mulch and leaves from the neighborhood and let the organic matter decay in place and compost into free good soil. And if we put in raised beds we would not have to tear out the existing cement. Also I would really like to see the chain link fence around the dog park made into something nicer. Or in the short term plant some vines that would cover it. Also I would really like to see the chain link fence around the dog park made into something nicer. Or in the short term plant some vines that would cover it.
34	05/23/2008 03:26:00	A TENNIS COURT!!! Also shaded picnic tables--two of the three nice stone ones, and the shady ones, are now in dog park.
35	05/23/2008 14:48:00	More water features. A water feature or pond would be a nice addition.
36	05/23/2008 15:37:00	A tennis court that can be used.
37	05/23/2008 22:34:00	a skatepark
38	05/24/2008 18:22:00	Maybe more trees or landscape and maybe park benches in the area the city tried to turn into a WAYA ball park. It would probably be high maintenance to have a fountain to gather near, but the sound would be very relaxing.
39	05/24/2008 18:26:00	Maybe a tennis court?
40	05/25/2008 14:56:00	Good Tennis courts
41	05/25/2008 19:20:00	Tennis court or sport court (mixed use).

42	05/25/2008 20:16:00	I would like to see more play equipment for the children... a shade structure... picnic tables
43	05/26/2008 01:15:00	bigger swing sets for older children/adults
44	05/26/2008 15:23:00	I think additional siting/picnic tables with nice trees would be helpful
45	05/27/2008 14:50:00	a community garden
46	05/27/2008 17:42:00	A community garden.
47	05/27/2008 22:45:00	climbing wall
48	05/27/2008 22:49:00	better pool, more hours
49	05/27/2008 23:09:00	character. there is no vision to this park. A few suggestions: solar lights, native stone paths around the park so you can walk through it, around it, and from 10th street to the park on the east side. a working tennis court, a gathering place to sit and meet friends that does not have dog poop odor around the area. maybe like a pavilion style wood covered structure like they have in beach cities.
50	05/27/2008 23:18:00	tennis court
51	05/27/2008 23:29:00	i think that it is a great park
52	05/27/2008 23:53:00	A tennis court.
53	05/28/2008 00:08:00	We are new to the area, but we are wondering about if/when the pool is open as well as why the tennis court is closed. Perhaps we could create a website with community activities and/or calendar?
54	05/28/2008 01:24:00	more green space to be used as seated/shaded for adults
55	05/28/2008 01:35:00	a tennis court!
56	05/28/2008 01:55:00	Water play for children; amphitheater for all types of productions
57	05/28/2008 03:01:00	conversational seating for groups. . . picnic areas that are clean:)
58	05/28/2008 04:58:00	Proper drainage. Adequate lighting. More trees to replace the aging, dying trees that are there now. Good, usable drinking fountains in multiple locations.
59	05/28/2008 13:00:00	The old way of doing things. The live and let live attitude that used to be a way of life in this neighborhood until the yuppies moved in and ruined everything.
60	05/28/2008 13:21:00	Longer swim hours (this year is 4-8 PM ONLY); additional BIG swings (we used to have six baby and six big -- when they redid the park, they cut our allocation in half)
61	05/28/2008 13:32:00	Tennis courts
62	05/28/2008 14:25:00	Water fountain
63	05/28/2008 14:34:00	More picnic tables.
64	05/28/2008 14:42:00	A functioning swimming pool. And more shaded areas with picnic tables.
65	05/28/2008 15:46:00	recirculating fountain
66	05/28/2008 16:46:00	sports court
67	05/28/2008 23:08:00	The swimming pool seems to rarely be open. Something whimsical and eccentric would be nice, a statue of a dog or something.
68	05/29/2008 03:22:00	shallower pool for toddlers or a sand box
69	05/29/2008 12:32:00	sense of entry. on the south is just a gap in the fence. on the north is a sidewalk down the hill. what should be missing is the useless tennis court.
70	05/29/2008 17:10:00	An adult recreation option and an art feature
71	05/29/2008 17:15:00	an area to meet, relax, do some yoga, see a puppet show, hear some music

72	05/29/2008 18:18:00	tennis courts
73	05/29/2008 21:57:00	More gardening space.
74	05/30/2008 04:35:00	shade for the pool, ie more trees. water spigot in the dog park
75	05/30/2008 18:14:00	Decent tennis court
76	05/30/2008 19:59:00	Tennis Court
77	05/30/2008 23:17:00	full court basketball
78	05/31/2008 03:57:00	Space for adults to gather to socialize, seated game area (chess, checkers), picnic tables
79	06/01/2008 21:30:00	a swimming pool (NOT a wading pool, a SWIMMING pool).
80	06/02/2008 01:46:00	Would be nice to have a farmers market there on weekends. It seems that their are too few venues in West Austin to meet our neighbors.

West Austin Park Survey

What members or segments of the community is the park currently NOT serving well?

Answer Options	Response Count								
answered question	49								
skipped question	43								

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	05/16/2008 17:59:00	Not serving music or arts community well enough. There are many artists in our community and it would be nice if we could make the park more usable for things such as small art shows, music concerts, theater, movie night, etc.
2	05/20/2008 18:21:00	teenagers
3	05/20/2008 21:07:00	Not sure if a wheelchair user can go everywhere she would like to.
4	05/20/2008 21:13:00	the pool hours are random and not enough
5	05/20/2008 21:18:00	Community Garden Space would serve old people, young people and provide a space for these diverse populations to intermingle.
6	05/20/2008 22:01:00	adults (including older adults) without children who might want to socialize but don't see anywhere for them to go in the park.
7	05/20/2008 22:11:00	I think 10-18 year olds. Teenagers.
8	05/20/2008 22:18:00	Seems diverse enough.
9	05/20/2008 22:42:00	Older folks.
10	05/20/2008 23:57:00	elderly
11	05/21/2008 00:23:00	Don't know
12	05/21/2008 04:01:00	tennis players...just kidding ;)
13	05/21/2008 14:39:00	Tennis players
14	05/21/2008 15:33:00	tennis players!
15	05/21/2008 16:47:00	seniors
16	05/21/2008 18:21:00	handicapped?? may be a hard park to navigate if you are older
17	05/21/2008 19:21:00	people without dogs
18	05/21/2008 19:39:00	The tennis players
19	05/21/2008 19:55:00	homeless
20	05/22/2008 01:13:00	older neighborhood members
21	05/22/2008 19:41:00	Older more mature members. There are more of us these days. We need comfortable seating and small conversation spaces. More trees and bushes would be great.
22	05/22/2008 19:50:00	young professionals
23	05/22/2008 22:58:00	There is no handicapped access to the dog park. I think that we should strive to meet this need for our handicapped neighbors.
24	05/23/2008 03:26:00	teens, adult and teen athletes, tennis players
25	05/23/2008 14:48:00	Those who might like to play tennis, the courts should be re done and ussed again.

26	05/23/2008 15:37:00	tennis players
27	05/23/2008 22:34:00	people that need shade
28	05/24/2008 18:26:00	I think this park does so well at serving the entire community. There are often families, children, dogs, young adult, neighbors all hanging out there at the same time. I love it!
29	05/25/2008 14:56:00	Good Tennis courts
30	05/25/2008 19:20:00	Athletes: bicyclists, tennis players
31	05/25/2008 20:16:00	Adults without dogs or children
32	05/27/2008 14:50:00	don't know
33	05/27/2008 22:49:00	not sure
34	05/27/2008 23:09:00	every segment that does not have children or a dog.
35	05/27/2008 23:18:00	those without dogs
36	05/27/2008 23:29:00	i think that it does well from young to old
37	05/27/2008 23:53:00	Dogless empty nesters.
38	05/28/2008 00:08:00	Unsure/not applicable since we always are people of all ages enjoying the park. However, we may want to look at ADA access for all areas in the park.
39	05/28/2008 01:24:00	the older adults
40	05/28/2008 04:58:00	Wheelchair users, other mobility limited people.
41	05/28/2008 13:00:00	Me, because of the despts/outsiders (a vocal minority) who have moved into this neighborhood who think it is their duty to monitor the behavior of others.
42	05/28/2008 13:32:00	tennis players
43	05/28/2008 14:42:00	Active adults. Some exercise opportunity (chin up bars? functioning swimming pool? restoring tennis court?)
44	05/28/2008 15:46:00	Older resident
45	05/29/2008 17:10:00	Adults age 30 and up. It seems that children, youth, and twenty somethings are served by the kickball/baseball field, playground, and basketball court; however, there is not a good space for adults to recreate.
46	05/29/2008 17:15:00	people who just want to relax in nature or people watch
47	05/30/2008 19:59:00	Tennis players
48	05/30/2008 23:17:00	disc golf players, but the park is too small for a legitimate course
49	05/31/2008 03:57:00	Adults without children or dogs

West Austin Park Survey									
What would YOU put in this space specifically to serve the community better?									
Answer Options	Response Count								
	answered question	74							
	skipped question	18							
Number	Response Date	Response Text							
1	05/16/2008 17:59:00	I would place a garden where people could chill out in the tennis court area. Benches, flowers, etc.							
2	05/18/2008 17:59:00	a pavillion or community center							
3	05/20/2008 13:46:00	Take down the wood and chain link fence. Then to remedy the dangerous drop-off from the street, bring in fill dirt and construct a slope from the street down towards the park and plant grass and trees or stair-step down with large stone blocks as was done in the dog park. The result would be an attractively landscaped area which would increase the size of the park. The concrete tennis court slab may need to be removed also or possibly just part of it.							
4	05/20/2008 18:21:00	a tennis court!							
5	05/20/2008 21:07:00	Simply take up the tennis court and restore it to green space, plant trees, possible garden.							
6	05/20/2008 21:13:00	see #2							
7	05/20/2008 21:16:00	anything to serve kids better. Especially younger kids. Maybe short basketball goals or a small soccer net.							
8	05/20/2008 21:18:00	Community Garden space would allow neighbors to grow some of their own food - good exercise and healthy eating							
9	05/20/2008 21:36:00	A better Dog Park							
10	05/20/2008 21:41:00	Tennis courts.							
11	05/20/2008 22:00:00	either a tennis court or a meditation garden							
12	05/20/2008 22:01:00	An old metal type of black fountain in the middle and crushed granite pathways projecting from the fountain. Benches on the perimeter. There is a great little park in the East End Historic neighborhood of galveston that is very similar to this. It is a fantastic area for people to gather and talk with their neighbors while their children are playing on the playscape.							
13	05/20/2008 22:11:00	An enclosed multipurpose structure, with a little mini kids-style theater inside on one end, lots of balls and other smallish sport activities, lots of tables and chairs that could be used, high ceilings with lots of light. It was a place to gather and see a show that the kids put on, talk about politics, or even just throw a little party. The community could sign up to rent it out.							
14	05/20/2008 22:18:00	It does not have to have alot of pretense and could be relatively cheap and simple to make .. Simple, clean, and SUPER useful for all ages. Plus we could project movies on the outside wall during the warmer months! Since I doubt anyone will support parking, maybe a public garden. Or a public garden with pond. Problem with that is, people have to maintain it.							

15	05/20/2008 22:42:00	A community garden with beds for families or groups to tend and also a space for common herb garden, common flower garden, and maybe a place to grow food for the food bank/shelter or another non-profit.
16	05/20/2008 23:57:00	benches and shade coverings -- maybe from some wooden trellises that we grow vines on for shade
17	05/21/2008 00:23:00	A better pool. It would be nice if it were a zero entry (like a beach) and had sprinklers. The current pool doesn't work well with kiddos who can't swim.
18	05/21/2008 04:01:00	Maybe an amphitheater where local musicians could play...community plays, etc.
19	05/21/2008 14:28:00	A garden, with most space devoted to community garden plots for produce, encompassed in an ornamental structure. Almost potager style. Including some quiet seating.
20	05/21/2008 14:39:00	tennis court
21	05/21/2008 15:33:00	a tennis court!
22	05/21/2008 16:16:00	new, but different playscape; more picnic areas or sitting areas.
23	05/21/2008 16:47:00	1. a small community garden (like @ townlake at mopac) or 2. a small covered space that is handicapped accessible with the same style picnic tables that exist in the park.
24	05/21/2008 17:24:00	Pavillion - shows, music, arts, festivals.
25	05/21/2008 18:21:00	garden, fountain(s)
26	05/21/2008 19:21:00	more picnic tables not in dog area; tennis court; longer hours/days for pool
27	05/21/2008 19:39:00	Fix up the tennis court
28	05/21/2008 19:55:00	A community garden, or a hockey court. But yes, for goodness sakes, do something with that eyesore.
29	05/21/2008 21:26:00	re-do tennis court and if possible, plant trees on west side of court
30	05/22/2008 01:13:00	what about a good tennis court--my family used to play tennis there all the time, until the city stopped keeping it up; it would definitely be used during the summer time when the pool is open and kids are out of school
31	05/22/2008 19:41:00	A lovely garden area with flowers and a shallow fountain or pond.
32	05/22/2008 19:50:00	COMMUNITY GARDEN
33	05/22/2008 22:58:00	I used to love the adult sized swings in the park ... then they were replaced with kid sized swings. I would love it if some adult size swings were added again. Then add a zip line across the park for a fun inexpensive play thing. If it could take you all the way from the north to the south side that would be super fantastic.
34	05/23/2008 03:26:00	A TENNIS COURT!!! There must be a way! We could have a fund raiser for extra money. The city could put up a sign, "play at your own risk" for people who are prone to suing over a crack or uneven spot if we couldn't make it perfect. It is an ideal spot for it. It would serve many ages. It would not be loud or unruly. It would be used a LOT. Tennis should be for all people, not just those who can get to and pay for it at tennis centers. It is a lifelong sport, very social, very neighborhood-oriented.
35	05/23/2008 14:48:00	Re build the tennis courts. There are not enough courts in the area.
36	05/23/2008 15:37:00	A reconditioned tennis court
37	05/23/2008 22:34:00	i would put some trees maybe a skateboard park... it would be cool to have abigger pool... thats open more

38	05/24/2008 18:26:00	I REALLY think the tennis court should be repaired and used for tennis. My entire family, adults and children, play tennis and we currently have to leave the neighborhood just to hit the ball. Tennis is a life long sport, enjoyed by everyone from young children to senior citizens. A tennis court is a perfect fit for WEst Austin Park, which serves such a broad community. It's already there, let's just get it fixed up and get the whole neighborhood playing tennis!
39	05/25/2008 19:20:00	Sport court (for tennis, volleyball, basketball combined use)
40	05/25/2008 20:16:00	A meditation spiral inlaid into concrete... children could use the flat space to ride... adults the meditation space... benches, picnic tables
41	05/26/2008 01:15:00	swing sets, more picnic tables and benches near shaded areas (umbrella shades or trees)
42	05/26/2008 15:23:00	An place where older folks can hang out?
43	05/27/2008 14:50:00	a garden with a water feature and bench
44	05/27/2008 17:42:00	A community garden. You have a rectangular space that can be sub-divided into plots where neighbors can grow food. Considering the wading pool is always empty, lessening the amount of impervious ground cover should be an aim. You may want to contact the sustainable food center for advice/info on how to get a community garden started. With a nominal fee collected for each plot and more green space in the park, this seems to me to be the way to go.
45	05/27/2008 22:49:00	more shade for the pool
46	05/27/2008 23:09:00	garden like setting with bistro tables and outside art, statues, and beds to look at would serve the community and me. Personally, I would use the park if there was a tennis court ;)
47	05/27/2008 23:18:00	see 1 and 2
48	05/27/2008 23:29:00	either flower or veggie gardens
49	05/27/2008 23:53:00	A tennis court.
50	05/28/2008 00:08:00	San Diego public libraries just released a new program: Library Kiosks. This would be a great collaborative opportunity with Austin public libraries. I am a librarian and am happy to help facilitate effort if the community is also interested: Susie Thorn 633-3824.
51	05/28/2008 01:24:00	shaded seating away from the children and the kickball
52	05/28/2008 01:35:00	a tennis court
53	05/28/2008 01:55:00	I'd like to see the tennis court become two things: first, a ground-level fountain that children can run through, activated by a button for five-minutes a stretch. This way, energy would be saved for the times when people want to use it, but the benefit of water play would be there for all to enjoy. Second, there should be a small amphitheater for small productions, like Shakespeare in the park, children's theater, etc. We should spare our neighbors by not encouraging loud music venues; just a nice compact place for local arts performances and for imaginative play when not is use.
54	05/28/2008 03:01:00	more seating / small group spaces, perhaps shaded.
55	05/28/2008 04:58:00	alternatively . . . a volleyball court?
56	05/28/2008 13:32:00	More picnic tables and canopies for shade. More trees. Better and more water fountains.
57	05/28/2008 14:25:00	More picnic tables
58	05/28/2008 14:34:00	I would tear out the tennis court and put shade trees and picnic benches there. I really think a new tennis court should go there. The City just took five (free) courts away from the old Austin Rec Center and has not added any courts in Central Austin. Try getting a court at Caswell or Austin High between 5:30-9:00pm!!!

59	05/28/2008 14:42:00	If the tennis court is not restored, I think some area for other activity like a Bocci ball court, or tables for chess (with plenty of shade, of course!). Think of Washington Square Park in NYC—a place where adults gather for positive social interaction.
60	05/28/2008 15:46:00	fountain with picnic tables sheltered from the sun
61	05/28/2008 23:08:00	The tennis court should be either revived or replaced. My suggestions are a sculpture garden (probably too expensive) or a labyrinth.
62	05/29/2008 03:22:00	sandbox, playhouse and shade
63	05/29/2008 12:32:00	more green space, more plants and vegetation.
64	05/29/2008 17:10:00	Tennis courts would provide a way for adults to recreate and socialize.
65	05/29/2008 17:15:00	a flexible space for gatherings, movies, picnics and a place to be among nature, color and flowers
66	05/29/2008 18:18:00	tennis courts
67	05/29/2008 21:57:00	A big garden space.
68	05/30/2008 04:35:00	community garden
69	05/30/2008 18:14:00	Decent tennis court
70	05/30/2008 19:59:00	Tennis Court
71	05/30/2008 23:17:00	In the defunct tennis court area? I wouldn't mind an actual working tennis court. I realize we have a "pool" already, but an adult's pool for lap swimming would be fantastic.
72	05/31/2008 03:57:00	Create an area for adults to use to gather informally i.e. benches to read the paper, permanent tables to play board games, picnic tables
73	06/01/2008 21:30:00	a swimming pool!
74	06/02/2008 01:46:00	Tennis court in top condition.

West Austin Park Survey									
Imagine you have a visitor from out of town...what would you want them to say about West Austin Park after they had been there?									
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Number	Response Date	Response Text							
1	05/16/2008 17:59:00	An oasis in the city.							
2	05/18/2008 17:59:00	it looks like a great place for the community to come together							
3	05/20/2008 13:46:00	It was an attractively landscaped park which was quiet and peaceful with a fun children's playscape with a field for kickball, baseball, frisbee throwing and kite flying etc., and it had nice shade trees and the dog owners obeyed the leash law.							
4	05/20/2008 18:21:00	What a great park!! (which they already do, except for the derelict and vandalized tennis court)							
5	05/20/2008 21:07:00	Diverse activities - garden, 2 playscapes, kickball, frisbee, pool, dog park, picnics, backetball, trees - all in such a close areal							
6	05/20/2008 21:08:00	a nice green space							
7	05/20/2008 21:16:00	I love how many kids/dog/adults are playing here and how attractive it is.							
8	05/20/2008 21:18:00	that it is a hub of the community of neighbors that actually know each other							
9	05/20/2008 21:36:00	It was actively used by the community							
10	05/20/2008 21:41:00	Beautiful, when did they put those tennis courts in?!							
11	05/20/2008 22:00:00	They found it a fun place to visit either for recreation or for relaxation							
12	05/20/2008 22:01:00	Gathering space for every age of the neighborhood. Well maintained and inviting.							
13	05/20/2008 22:11:00	I would want them to see all the different things our park has to offer for all ages and interests. Not just kids and dogs. I'm really proud of our park with full tennis courts, pools, larger outdoor structures, shade.							
14	05/20/2008 22:18:00	Everything was beautiful. Nothing hurt.							
15	05/20/2008 22:42:00	That it is the best park in Austin. I already think it is!							
16	05/20/2008 23:57:00	Wow - that is really unusual and beautiful. What a wonderful way to represent your neighborhood.							
17	05/21/2008 00:23:00	I'd like them to say it was accessible, fun, pretty and well used.							
18	05/21/2008 14:28:00	What a warm, friendly, usable space! What a great sense of community!							
19	05/21/2008 14:39:00	How many people were in the swimming pool							
20	05/21/2008 15:33:00	gosh, I wish there was a tennis court next to my house!							
21	05/21/2008 16:16:00	fun, beautiful, relaxing							
22	05/21/2008 16:47:00	that it is a great place for everyone in the neighborhood to visit.							
23	05/21/2008 19:21:00	Sorry about the dogs							
24	05/21/2008 19:39:00	That they wish they had a neighborhood park like that in their town.							
25	05/21/2008 19:55:00	groovy.							
26	05/22/2008 01:13:00	that it offers recreation and relaxation to all ages							
27	05/22/2008 19:41:00	I want them to say "wow did you see that botanical garden in the middle of the Old West Austin area?"							

28	05/22/2008 19:50:00	clean, safe
29	05/22/2008 22:58:00	I would say that the childrens play area is lovely I would say that the chain link fences around the dog park , south side of park, and tennis court are an eyesore and cheapen the look of the park.
30	05/23/2008 03:26:00	That it was full of people doing different things having fun.
31	05/23/2008 14:48:00	Nice neighborhood park. A little something for everyone.
32	05/23/2008 15:37:00	It's a great park with a lot of green space and places for the kids to play. We also had a GREAT time playing tennis.
33	05/23/2008 22:34:00	if was fun and a great park
34	05/24/2008 18:22:00	Very relaxing and beautiful. Like I had a mini vacation after visiting there. I'd want them to remark on how it is a gathering place for our neighborhood.
35	05/24/2008 18:26:00	Wow, so many people, young and old, actively playing in such a lovely city park.
36	05/25/2008 14:56:00	Man, those were good Tennis Courts
37	05/25/2008 19:20:00	Well planned, well kept, community oriented fun.
38	05/25/2008 20:16:00	That it's a lovely park with lots of activities for everyone.
39	05/26/2008 01:15:00	beautiful park area in historic neighborhood, with plenty of space for families, children, and pets
40	05/26/2008 15:23:00	That it is a well used classic looking park.
41	05/27/2008 14:50:00	that the park is an timeless oasis that reflects our communities personality
42	05/27/2008 17:42:00	Wow, a place where you can relax, let your kids play on a playground, let dogs run around and grow food. What a park.
43	05/27/2008 22:49:00	fun. i wish we had that in our hood
44	05/27/2008 23:09:00	Wow, now that's a place you can go to after a stressful day to relax, regenerate, and connect to others. Gorgeous setting. It was a magical place. I thoroughly enjoyed myself while reading my book.
45	05/27/2008 23:18:00	I played tennis there.
46	05/27/2008 23:29:00	great place to take a dip to cool off in the summer
47	05/27/2008 23:53:00	Nice courts.
48	05/28/2008 00:08:00	We are a community who takes pride in our neighborhood and is forward thinking in our environmental efforts.
49	05/28/2008 00:36:00	Very vibrant
50	05/28/2008 01:24:00	that it was utilized by the entire neighborhood
51	05/28/2008 01:55:00	Nice house on the corner (that's ours!)
52	05/28/2008 03:01:00	I love your neighborhood, there is so much to do on foot from your house . . . and you all seem to know each other.
53	05/28/2008 04:58:00	The dog park is great, and I am so impressed that there aren't any people who ignore the agreement to only let their dogs off leash inside the fenced dog park. And, there are several water fountains in convenient locations, and the garbage gets picked up often enough so that there are no problems from overflow or possums or smells, etc.
54	05/28/2008 13:00:00	That it is a nice quiet neighborhood park.
55	05/28/2008 13:21:00	What they DO say -- what a pretty, friendly park!
56	05/28/2008 13:32:00	That it was a peaceful, green, clean park
57	05/28/2008 14:25:00	You are lucky to have that park nearby
58	05/28/2008 14:34:00	It is clean.

59	05/28/2008 14:42:00	That it's a place that brings the neighborhood together. The dog park is such a great place to meet neighbors, and any additional space should do likewise. We're relatively new to the neighborhood, and the park is one of the best spaces to meet folks that live here.
60	05/28/2008 15:46:00	A great relaxing place to spend time.
61	05/28/2008 23:08:00	It had a unique personality.
62	05/29/2008 03:22:00	creatively planned, well used and well maintained
63	05/29/2008 12:32:00	its a great place to relax and meet other people from the neighborhood. A place where children are and feel safe.
64	05/29/2008 17:10:00	It's a neighborhood park with a strong sense of community and nature
65	05/29/2008 17:15:00	wow, so many people come to this park, what a fun place to hang out
66	05/29/2008 21:57:00	Its a quiet place that is well kept and the people are awesome.
67	05/30/2008 18:14:00	Cool vegetable garden, great pool, nice dog park, cool tennis court!
68	05/30/2008 23:17:00	"That's a great park in the middle of town."
69	05/31/2008 03:57:00	It has something for everyone--children, dogs owners, playing field, senior citizens, places for adults and young people to gather Informally
70	06/01/2008 21:30:00	"they sure do have a real nice dog park and swimming pool!?"
71	06/02/2008 01:46:00	It is great that you have a place right in the neighborhood for kids to play that is in good condition and is safe.

West Austin Park Survey									
Do you have any suggestions for how West Austin Park should be improved?									
Answer Options		Response Count							
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	skipped question	21							
Numer	Response Date	Response Text							
1	05/16/2008 17:59:00	Deck around the pool area with expanded room as well. Small covered stage for live music or family movie night in the park, similar to what is done in Republic Park.							
2	05/17/2008 19:01:00	add the above answers from 2							
3	05/20/2008 18:21:00	We would, obviously, like to see the tennis court rebuilt and the trees taken better care of and the grass watered in the summer. We'd also appreciate longer (i.e. later) pool hours in the summer.							
4	05/20/2008 21:07:00	Bike racks, frequent graffiti removal, off-leash dog enforcement.. Occasional neighborhood festivals are fun.							
5	05/20/2008 21:08:00	more trees							
6	05/20/2008 21:13:00	more and better pool hours, repair of some of the soft surfaces around the playground							
7	05/20/2008 21:18:00	Provide a community garden space							
8	05/20/2008 21:36:00	A better Dog Park							
9	05/20/2008 21:41:00	Yes, if possible, let's resurrect those taunting tennis courts.							
10	05/20/2008 22:01:00	The dog park has pretty much turned the southwest end of the park into dirt, so lets make the northwest end more manicured and inviting for those who might not use the dog park.							
11	05/20/2008 22:11:00	Suggestions. See above..							
12	05/20/2008 22:18:00	It just has a kind of run-down look. Work with Western Hills Little League to replace the backstop and improve the ball field. The director of the league lives in the neighborhood.							
13	05/20/2008 22:42:00	Over time, the walls will likely need some repair and I hope that can be done with out losing the older character. Also the pool should be updated w/ a circulating pump so it does not have to close during the day.							
14	05/20/2008 23:57:00	Turned into green space with outdoor sculpture, art, or a meditation labyrinth. Perhaps plant some trees for shade, or build a trellis with vines to cover some benches where people can sit, relax, read, and gaze out over the rest of the park.							
15	05/21/2008 00:23:00	More shade, more placed to sit/picnic. The kids play equipment gets so hot in the summer sun, it basically unusable for most of the summer days. More shade trees or a tent over the equip would be great. And a better pool as mentioned above.							
16	05/21/2008 03:39:00	an extension of the dog area and/or a shaded area for gatherings							
17	05/21/2008 04:01:00	just restore the tennis court							
18	05/21/2008 14:28:00	Some of the rock work on the upper levels needs repair. Wooden decking around the pool would be another nice improvement. But I think the garden should come first.							
19	05/21/2008 14:39:00	FIX THE TENNIS COURT							

20	05/21/2008 14:58:00	A swimming pool similar to West Enfield's pool with longer hours and a longer season.
21	05/21/2008 16:16:00	see above
22	05/21/2008 16:47:00	1. improving the west entrance off the little side street. 2. note unofficial patterns of congress in thru park and add stepping stones or gravel to prevent additional erosion. 3. remove the few recently, heavily-damaged trees and replace. 4. put small, cheaply fenced "buffer-zones" with leaves/mulch around the trees within the dog park for the trees longterm health (this was done at the Norwood estates dog park to prevent dogs from urinating on trees and adding protective groundcover around root base...see: http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/Norwood_dogpark/photos/view/3a767b=3)
23	05/21/2008 19:21:00	more picnic tables not in dog area; tennis court; longer hours/days for pool
24	05/21/2008 19:39:00	I think you should fix up the tennis court for use by the community. It could be a public court similar to those scattered throughout Highland Park in Dallas.
25	05/21/2008 19:55:00	love it like it is, aside from the early pool closing.
26	05/22/2008 19:41:00	Layered gardens. Flowers, herbs, and green bushes. Palm trees would be great.
27	05/22/2008 19:50:00	put in a COMMUNITY GARDEN - this fosters relationships
28	05/22/2008 22:58:00	See question 2, 3, 4, & 5 above.
29	05/23/2008 03:26:00	Bring back a tennis court. Move dog park to fence along 9th and free up the nice shady picnic space for everyone.
30	05/23/2008 14:48:00	Open the pool in late May, and keep it open through mid September.
31	05/23/2008 15:37:00	Plant more trees and native bushes. Have existing trees trimmed and dead wood removed.
32	05/23/2008 22:34:00	Once again....a tennis court. Thank you! yeah
33	05/24/2008 18:26:00	Fix the tennis court! That's the main thing.
34	05/25/2008 14:56:00	Good Tennis Courts
35	05/25/2008 19:20:00	Dedicate city bond money to not only improve but MAINTAIN all aspects of the park.
36	05/25/2008 20:16:00	The tennis courts are a huge eyesore. Removing the fence and just allowing the children to ride their bikes, etc. in the flat space would be a good start. The fence around the pool could be more attractive as well... maybe vine-covered. Shade-structural!
37	05/26/2008 01:15:00	see #2 and 4 above....also, I'd like to see the green fence around the tennis court removed, so that area will be cooler and more open, maybe with picnic areas and swings
38	05/26/2008 15:23:00	I think the park is great - I love some of the visuals you get with the old stone walls and such. so I would hope things would fit into that feel... As I said I think some more sitting area/tables would be cool as I would more often just
39	05/27/2008 14:50:00	sound proof the fencing for neighboring property owners; incorporate gravel drive by dog park more seamlessly into park by either change of use or improvement; trim trees after recent storm damage and plant new trees as needed; reduce erosion on hilly areas by planting grass that will grow in existing conditions; study pool to reduce water waste and determine if pool is best use for space
40	05/27/2008 17:42:00	A community garden.
41	05/27/2008 22:45:00	amphitheater for children performances and others.
42	05/27/2008 22:49:00	see above.
43	05/27/2008 23:09:00	Replace the chain link fence along 9th street with an iron or other decorative fence. Then replace the fence around the pool and dog park, so we don't feel like it's a school yard. Solar lighting and native stone walk paths so you're not afraid to step in dog poop in the dark.

44	05/27/2008 23:18:00	Keep people and those with dogs apart. See 1 and 2.
45	05/27/2008 23:29:00	the park serves a purpose and is enjoyed by alot of people
46	05/27/2008 23:53:00	Restore the courts.
47	05/28/2008 00:08:00	Additional shade would be nice. Regular maintenance of pool and equipment would be beneficial for safety reasons.
48	05/28/2008 01:05:00	It's a bit scruffy. Perhaps a few more benches and some zeroscaping here and there, and be groomed. generally just a little more well groomed.
49	05/28/2008 01:24:00	i would love to see just about anything but a tennis court replace the unused tennis court
50	05/28/2008 01:35:00	add a tennis court
51	05/28/2008 01:55:00	See number 4, please. In addition, I have one small suggestion. There is a new bucket-style swing for handicapped children and its straps have been broken from the day it was installed. That has always seemed like a sorry message to send about our concern for disabled children.
52	05/28/2008 03:01:00	add some other simple sporty things down in the grassy area . . . like washers . . . or volleyball . . . etc
53	05/28/2008 04:58:00	Improve the drainage, and get it right this time. (There have been several attempts, but there is still a swamp, with mosquitoes, in the south central part of the park. It just doesn't drain. Add several good water fountains. Add more lighting. Add a sidewalk to give complete access from South to North form mobility-impaired people. Add trees to replace the trees that are aging and dying.
54	05/28/2008 13:00:00	Keep the idiots from moving into this neighborhood, therefore the park would be improved because we wouldn't have assholes calling the cops on their neighbors.
55	05/28/2008 13:21:00	Open up the "tennis court"; remove the asphalt and see what happens!
56	05/28/2008 13:32:00	Although I'm glad folks have a place to take their dogs I think it has really ruined the park. Its dirty and that whole area needs to be green again It needs to look like a park not a stinky piece of dirt -
57	05/28/2008 14:25:00	More picnic tables. We live across the street from park. More and more, people come out early in day on the weekends to reserve the one picnic table (by just sitting there all morning) for a birthday party or BBQ. Generally it is not folks from our neighborhood, but from other neighborhoods that don't have as nice a park. So, perhaps more picnic tables might help.
58	05/28/2008 14:34:00	FYI: The police have been very responsive to the problems of homeless people sleeping in the park. Thank them for me! -- Jim
59	05/28/2008 14:42:00	Fix the pool and open it in the summer! And more shade!
60	05/28/2008 15:46:00	More shade...
61	05/29/2008 03:22:00	An improved covered area - perhaps a large shade similar to the one at the park on 10th (Clarksville Park)
62	05/29/2008 12:32:00	remove the tennis courts and landscape this area.
63	05/29/2008 17:10:00	Revitalize the tennis courts and add an art feature (ie: mosaic stepping stones or an Austin Green Art piece)
64	05/29/2008 17:15:00	some programming in the park like movies yoga, theater or puppet shows for kids, reasons to get the community together
65	05/30/2008 04:35:00	community garden in place of old tennis courts
66	05/30/2008 18:14:00	Fix the tennis court, and make the pool more attractive to everyone!
67	05/30/2008 19:59:00	Tennis Court needs to be updated
68	05/30/2008 23:17:00	possibly some more park benches in the shade
69	05/31/2008 03:57:00	Repair the children's playscape turf, expand children's playscape, more attractive fencing around pool, create space for adults to gather throughout the day
70	06/01/2008 21:30:00	build a SWIMMING POOL
71	06/02/2008 01:46:00	Repave and landscape the street behind the tennis court, and it would be a great place for farmers markets and street fairs. Also, the park's slope could make for a nice amphitheater.

APPENDIX C

OWANA Parks Committee and FOWAP MEETING NOTES- from 2010 and 2011

Meeting March 2, 2010

After months of planning we are finally ready to kick off the Friends of West Austin Park (FOWAP)!!!

You are on this email list because you have shown interest in the park and/or participated in events at the park. We hope you join us!

It is exciting to get started, formalize our group, engage TBS Partners to lead us in creating a master plan for the park and support this wonderful park for years to come!

The first meeting will be this Sunday March 2th from 3-4:30pm at the home of Bob Wynn at 1209 Castle Hill.

Justin Lindabury from TBG Partners will join us and review the plan for the master planning process which is our first task.

Please join us and invite others who would like to be **FOUNDING MEMBERS OF FOWAP** (I promise not to use that name all the time, but it is so much easier to type!).

A **FOUNDING MEMBER** is committed to making a \$100 contribution to FOWAP. This money will be deposited into our account at the Austin Parks Foundation and will be spent to cover the costs of the TBG Master Plan (\$2000). Use of additional funds will be determined by the group in a process tbd. One of the things we need to in the coming weeks do is sort out the structure and leadership of FOWAP.

Want to do more? Become a **SUSTAINING MEMBER** for a \$500 donation and a **LIFER** for \$1000.

All checks should be made out to **AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION**, with Friends of West Austin Park, or FOWAP in the memo line.

You do not have to pay to be a part of this group, and it's OK to pay and not engage in any additional activities.

Please let me know if you can be there on Sunday or if you have any questions. If there are others who might like to join us, please let me know so I can make sure we have them on the email list.

THANK YOU!
Marion Cimbala

Meeting March 28, 2010

Thanks to all of you who were able to join us on Sunday and to others of you who have been in contact or donated.

We had a wonderful group that represented the incredible variety of our neighborhood.

A special thanks to Bob for hosting and Teri for helping out by taking meeting notes (which are attached).

As outlined in the notes we have identified our next steps which are to:

- Founding group to meet again to...
 - Identify a smaller 'stakeholders' group
 - Develop fundraising plans which take in to consideration a sustainable model to maintain the park and its improvements
 - Develop FOWAP's mission and purpose
- TBG to ballpark a schedule using the larger community meeting in late May as their starting point

This weekend I'll try to coordinate another Founders meeting and options for the community meeting date.

A few of you identified ways that you would like to contribute and/or stakeholder groups you represent.

Andrea/Sandra/Marjorie- Canine Social Club

Kurt- Mathews PTA

Larry/Gioconda- design/planning

Christine/Bob A/Bob W- fundraising/events

Madelyn- website

Laura/Christine- OWANA SC

Please let me know if others of you are part of a stakeholder group, have particular areas of interest, or skills. We can use all kinds of help!

Not that all of you are expected to donate, but just to make sure your donation is accounted for if you have. I have checks from:

Andrew/Sarah McCalla, Teri/Christopher Taylor, MadelynThiel, Joey/Claudette Kazzoun, Kurt Sauer, Marion/Nathan Cimbala, Bob Atkins/Kevin Campbell, Daryl Kunik, Marjorie Moore, Emily Johnson

And checks on the way from: Amie Raftus, Marjorie Hook, Jessica Hymowitz, Borge Endresson/Germaine Curry, Will/Lindsay Heron

If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

I am so grateful to be part of our special neighborhood.

GO FOWAP!

Marion

Meeting May 16, 2010

Subject: FOWAP meeting moved to May 16 3pm

Since a fair number of the group is not able to join us this Sunday we've decided to move the meeting to next Sunday May 16th at 3pm.

The meeting will be at Bob Wynn's house- 1209 Castle Hill.

In the meantime I would appreciate everyone helping to spread the word about the upcoming meeting on May 26 from 5:30-7pm in the Mathews cafeteria.

More on that soon.

Thanks- I hope you get to play in a park today!
Marion

Meeting Agenda and Friends Group leadership
Agenda September 19, 2010

Thanks for your interest in West Austin Park. We (almost) have our plan, now let's get going!
Please join us on Sunday the 19th from 4-5:30pm at Galaxy Cafe.

We will have a copy of the master plan for West Austin Park, so even if you are unable to stay for the entire meeting, please stop by and see the plan! If you are unable to attend, please respond to this email with your feedback and sign up where you plan to help (in an area below, or suggest other ideas).

Agenda items for this meeting:

1. Review draft vision, mission, structure, discuss objectives
2. Populate committees (membership, fundraising (might have separate groups for Events, Private Donations, Grants), Communication, Volunteers, Project Management
3. Determine FOWAP meeting schedule
4. Discuss current draft of the master plan
5. Action plan/ next steps

Friends of West Austin Park- Draft

Mission

The mission of Friends of West Austin Park (FOWAP) is to restore, manage and enhance West Austin park for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Vision

Friends of West Austin Park envisions a healthy sustainable destination that provides a welcoming environment for all ages to play, celebrate, share community and unify the neighborhood.

Process

1. complete master plan
2. prioritize projects and determine costs
3. fundraising for endowment and projects
4. project management
5. ongoing maintenance

Structure/Committees (please choose a place you can get involved!)

Fundraising

-Events

-Grants

-Private Gifts

-Corporate Gifts and Sponsorships

Membership/ Volunteers

Communication
Projects planning and management

Meeting schedule

It has been suggested that we should meet every 2 weeks for a while to maintain our momentum. We need a location that is available so please help us identify a place or let us know if you can host.

Thank you! The weather is about to cool off and this is a great time to get to work on our park!

Jan 30, 2011

January 30th Agenda

1. Review notes from park "walk-through" with PARD and update on pool construction schedule
2. Plan It's My Parks Day event details
3. Firm up FOWAP structure and populate committees
4. Review TBG project/master plan update and priorities
5. Determine FOWAP Meeting schedule

FOWAP Structure

Executive -

Pres, VP, Treasurer and 1 representative from each of the four committees below.

Fundraising-

Events- Christine Buendel, Susan B, Daryl/Dana Kunik, Bob Atkins

Grants- Marion Cimbala, Marjorie Moore,

Private Gifts- John Tienart, Bob Atkins

Corporate Gifts and Sponsorships- Bob Atkins, Marion Cimbala

Membership-

Volunteers

Kurt Sauer,

Communication/PR

Jessica Wassenaar, Madelyn Theil, Emily Johnson, Gregg Huff, Will Heron,

Projects- planning and management

Joey Kazzoun, Carrie Heinley, Andrea Butler, Larry Halford, Laura Porcaro,
Gio Bellonci, Marjorie Moore

Friends of West Austin Park
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2011

Action Items

- Walk Through with PARD February 3rd at 2pm – email Marion if able to attend
- Committees to meet over the next two weeks
 - o Email Marion if you wish to serve on a particular committee
 - o Communications Committee meeting Sunday, February 6th at 2pm
- Project Committee to make recommendation to larger group about projects to prioritize

Agenda

Review notes from park "walk-through" with PARD and update on pool construction schedule

About ten people attended the walk-through on 1/25 which ended up being just with Tom who runs aquatics at PARD. .

Pool Project related inquiries:

Elbows for spigots with hoses to water grass and trees inside and outside of the pool fence.

Inquire if stripping and painting bath house inside and out is best suited for contractor or It's My Park Day with volunteers?

Find out which color paint has been selected for Parks throughout Austin or get one of the original colors from the bath house since it is a Contributing Structure to the West Line National Register Historic District.

Bid on roof repair/replacement and probability of funding.

Items to be completed by Aquatics as discussed by Tom in addition to above:

Bids and completion of liner for pool - paint or fiberglass

Tile work on edge of steps and pool

Railings

Benches

Clean Up Wish List to be completed before It's My Park Day:

Obtain approval to paint or tile mural on green cement wall by west side of tennis court space or DEMO the green wall altogether.

Remove orange netting temporary fencing surrounding tennis court space.

Demo chain link fence south side and west side of tennis court space. Repurpose this demo'd fence top rail, bottom rail, and netting for dog park fencing of secondary gate (project we may want to do on It's My Parks Day if PARD doesn't handle this).

May need to add more dirt by west side of court so the drop off gap is smaller than 16". Or use the big pile of dirt that was delivered months ago in the tennis court space.

Close off gate at East side of dog park so no entry (okay'd by Canine Social Club)

Make entrance with gate on north side of dog park and keep south gate by 9th St. intact. (okay'd by Canine Social Club)

Area North side of park in between playscape and sidewalk on W. 10th ~ retaining wall with orange netting and gravel/dirt that gets filled periodically. Can we reuse this dirt and make this retaining wall more appealing? It just popped up one day and we're not sure why. We can do as project with your permission for It's My Park Day or is this something PARD must handle?

Weeding. Planting new trees.

Guard rail by W. 9 1/2 Street entrance to the park - remove the guard rail and replace with stone wall or similar

Cement starting to show on playscape flooring area - safety issue - engineered wood mulch on ground and demo the current flooring -- could this be It's My Parks Day Project if PARD thinks something needs to be done in this area.

Plan It's My Parks Day event details

There is \$250 in funds available for It's My Park Day but there are limits on what that money can be spent on.

Projects for the event are dependent on what PARD will be able to accomplish before March 5th. Once that is known will meet to make final project decisions. If all projects are completed by PARD will use the day to celebrate the new pool and other updates to the park.

Requesting walk through with Jeff Larson from PARD take place this week, Thursday, February 3rd in the afternoon. Once that time has been determined it will be forwarded to entire FOWAP list.

Firm up FOWAP structure and populate committees

Agreed to move membership under fundraising and have maintenance under volunteers

Bob Wynn nominated to be VP/Treasurer; Marion President, leaders for each sub-committee will select their leadership at individual meetings in early February.

Review TBG project/master plan update and priorities

See notes provided by Joey Kazzoun prior to meeting for additional detail (These will be posted to the web site which should be live February 13)

Important that we have a master plan that we follow. The consensus of the group is that we need to focus our time, energy and money on the 'big picture'. We created the master plan to avoid piecemeal projects, create a greater economy of scale through larger projects and avoid doing work that is later destroyed or 'deconstructed' in a subsequent phase.

We will need to create a maintenance plan/costing as not included in original breakdown

Landscape architecture fees not included in original breakdown.

Discussed removing amphitheater title and renaming 9 ½ Street enhancements. Project Committee will make recommendation on what projects should have the initial focus.

Determine FOWAP Meeting schedule

Proposed committees meet the first half of the month and then a general meeting the end of the month. Will meet monthly until things are underway.

APPENDIX D

Survey Monkey summary notes

Community gathering space. Place to being family and dogs.

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preservation of "green space"

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green space to be available for use by residents, a venue for neighborhood events.

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The tree cover, hilly terrain and the dog park

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dog park and young peoples' Sunday kickball games

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Getting to know neighbors, enjoying the outdoors.

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Playground

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dog off-leash area

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space and pool

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the swimming pool

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green space, a little lung of fresher air, an island, a pathway

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The dog park section

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the open space and variety of uses

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shade, respectful users

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green space for kids to play and neighbors to meet

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Shade Trees with places to rest or picnic

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Maintaining what is there. Terraced walls are slowly collapsing. Several dead trees from last summer.

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Location, that it is in the middle of the community

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Place for kids and dogs to run.

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places for kids to play and people to meet

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The dog park

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the dog park

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Separate off-leash dog area, maintained ball field, pool, playscape

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handicapped accessible open space in the heart our city.

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seeing and chatting with neighbors

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clean with safe equipment

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The Dog Park & wide open greenery

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The pool

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Trees

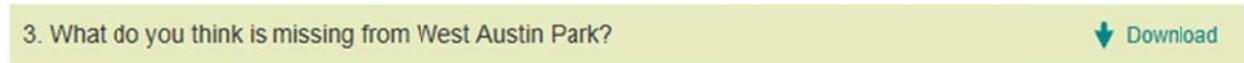
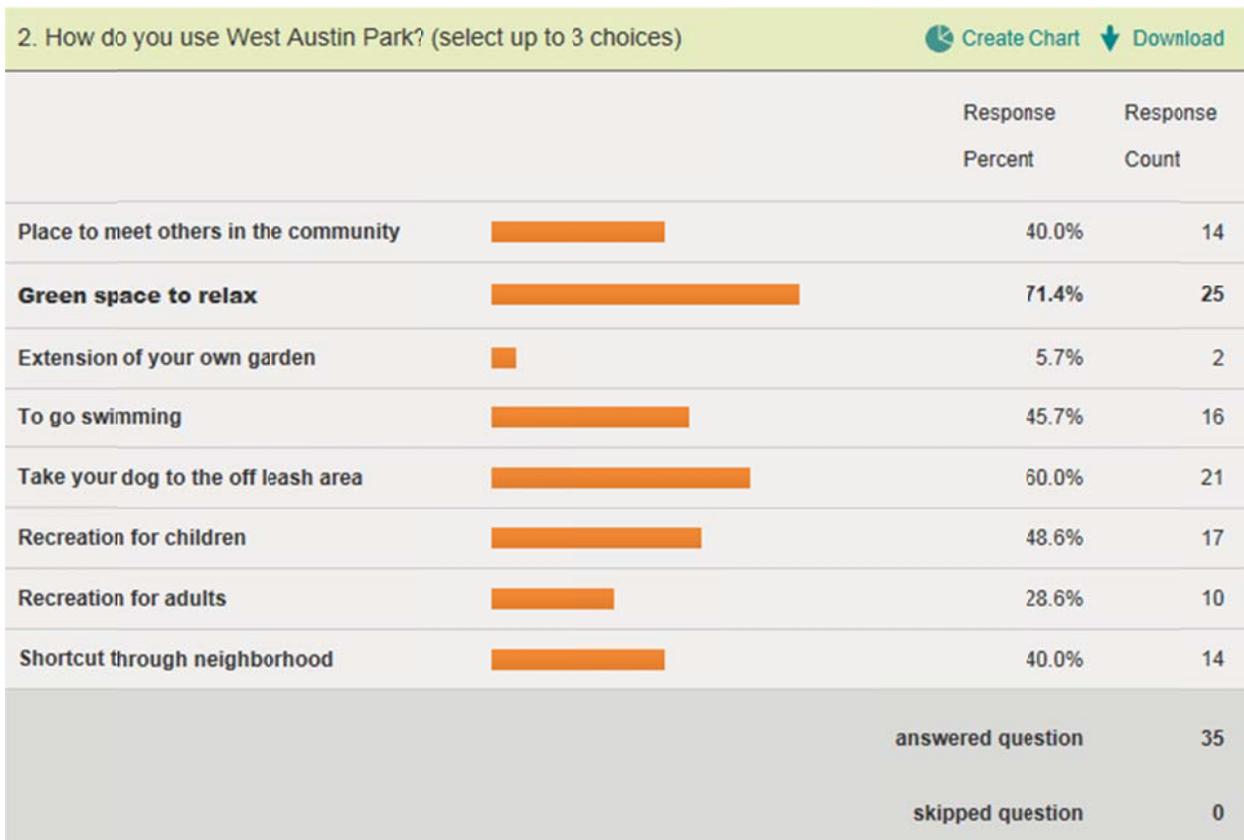
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diversity - play area, dog area, sports area

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Community garden

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more plantings

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more community wide use, group use, foliage, flowers, plants and the lik

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Movies, music in the park. Badminton instead of tennis (quieter) and a dog swim day at the pool.

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recreational use of the old tennis courts, more parking on the street

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more picnic tables or benches.

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Shade at the Pool

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tennis court ;--)

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an updated baseball field with grass and dirt

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a restriction on dogs, which are off-leash and pooping unscooped weekly.

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Better night lighting

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not much, I really like the park

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shade (doesn't have to be trees), picnic tables, vegetation (besides the trees and few shrubs)

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more sitting and picnic area

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grass. need softer grass and less weeds/dirt. also could use a volleyball court. also could use some more picnic benches, some pavilions with overhead roof to provide shade, and some grills.

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shade

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places for older people to enjoy the park. No irrigation to keep grass during summer. No benches under shades. Lack of trees. Need more picnic tables.

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Consistent care for what is already there, (too much new stuff is just more to take care of). More trees: between tennis court and pool, along gravel path in front of dog park, and to replace trees that died last summer (and plant them in the fall after the scorching

summer is over). 2).Where chainlink fence has to be used (pool and dogpark) plant some vines like jasmine, trumpet flower, etc to provide some cover and shade.

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More of a sense of community, asthetic interest, defined spaces

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I would like a large-scale community garden and

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pick nick area comunity garden

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Arena

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It's fine. Just leave it alone.

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n/a

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Well maintained ball field

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Handicapped accessible Connectivity from 9th street and Shelly St.

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neighborhood events

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functional pool

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Games: Handball Court, Washers, Disc Golf

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larger pool

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Bicycle parking, all-weather path, chess tables

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shaded private green spaces to sit and relax

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4. What would you like someone from outside the neighborhood community to think of West Austin Park? [Download](#)

Cute

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Enhances the lives of peolple it touches

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that it is well kept, attractive, used and useful

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They already think of it "hidden gem" or "best keep secret in Austin"

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That it serves the entire community, young and old, dog people and kids playing

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the park is for the neighborhood.

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Wonderful community gathering place

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that it's truly a neighborhood park, and not generic

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I do not care what they think

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to feel welcome--to stroll or dream; not to have her dog take a crap/

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It's a nice, well kept park

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nice neighborhood park

5/26/2010 8:03 PM

good place to hang out with or without kids

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nice place, good people.

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nice relaxing place to hang out

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A shaded, cool place to relax for all age groups.

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I want the parks basic amenities cared for: trees, walls, fences. pool and paths.

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That it is a great community park that is beautiful as well

5/25/2010 9:15 AM

That it's a wonderful urban oasis for recreation and something to contribute back to neighborhood, e.g. garden, fruit trees

5/24/2010 10:42 PM

that it is a great resource close to so many homes

5/24/2010 9:41 PM

Coll Plack to chill out

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A park that's well-maintained

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Well maintained, funtional, versatile

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That it is a dangerous, dirty, ugly, unfriendly park. And that they would be better off going to another park.

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that it is a friendly, safe, neighborly park to frequent

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great neighborhood park

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Nice Landscaping and flowers

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Small community neighborhood park

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A model park

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peaceful

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5. Do you have any suggestions for how to improve West Austin Park?

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keep dogs ONLY in the dog area. they destroy all vegetation otherwise.

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A badminton court instead of tennis.

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larger area for community gardening

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more shade

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Extended Pool Hours-Shade at Pool-Community Gardens in place of tennis courts

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treat the ball moss

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safe and well kept

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an updated baseball field with grass and dirt

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I bet you can guess.

6/1/2010 3:07 PM

Better night lighting for winter hours

5/27/2010 9:37 AM

Fix ground surface in kids play area, see #3 for what is missing - include those items

5/26/2010 5:38 PM

Please repair the busted underground pipe that causes seepage after rains. Also, a spigot on the south side of the dogpark as well as the north end.

5/26/2010 9:05 AM

see number 3 above

5/26/2010 8:27 AM

more shade trees and dedicated shade for play area

5/25/2010 7:42 PM

Irrigation to keep grass in the summer months, more picnic tables in the northeast corner, more trees to replace those lost in the northeast corner and throughout the park, amphitheater in the northwest corner where the tennis court was with shade covering, better entrances on the northeast side and east side of the park. I would hate to see a community garden. These always get unattended and weedy over time.

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1) Repair collapsing terraced walls/stairs in NW part of park, 2). Control erosion on the west entrance that flows right into the baseball diamond. 3). Maintain or lose baseball diamond (trees, benches, tables or just open space could be there, 4). Close up fence along 9th street to keep foot traffic to designated paths, 5). Help dogpark install a second, bigger gate on its north border for maintenance access (fence is cut open for vehicle access and patched together with wire when they leave).

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Have some community driven gardens, defined spaces and walkways, and inviting architecture

5/25/2010 9:15 AM

Community Garden (maybe even a chicken coop co-op), better utilization of sports field

5/24/2010 10:42 PM

improve pool area-take care of trees need more shade

5/24/2010 9:41 PM

No, sorry

5/24/2010 8:48 PM

It's fine. Just leave it alone.

5/24/2010 8:32 PM

keep the pool open longer

5/24/2010 6:01 PM

Keep ball field well maintained, good grass, trimmed, updated back stop, benches along baselines etc.

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extend handicapped accessible sidewalks though park to join Shelly and 9th and 10 street

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neighborhood work days in the park

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shade

5/23/2010 7:19 PM

Landscaping, Games: Handball Court, Washers, Disc Golf

5/23/2010 3:34 PM

Remove the rarely used baseball field and put in more swings, larger pool, maybe a big sand box

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Add bicycle parking, all-weather path, chess tables

5/23/2010 1:58 PM

see #3

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6. Interested in joining Friends of West Austin Park? Please provide your email address and we will [Download](#) send you information about the group and add you to our distribution list.

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APPENDIX E

Statesman Article

West Austin Park's new Tudor shelter

Renovated bathhouse, new trees, leash-free dog zone attract visitors.

By Michael Barnes

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Austin park shelters come in varied styles and have served varied purposes. The Tudor Revival structure built in West Austin Park in 1930 is also known as a "bathhouse," because the shelter's rest areas serve as changing rooms for the park's small pool.

Historians believe that the bathhouse was designed by Hugo Kuehne, the distinguished architect and parks advocate who created similar shelters in Pease Park, Shipe Park, Eastwoods Park and Little Stacy Park.

Since the 1930s, the central sheltered area has been drafted for picnics, games and performances. Its two square rooms are connected by a steep wooden roof. The half-timber decoration is for looks

WEST AUSTIN PARK

Location: 1317 W. 10th St.

Acres: 3

Dedicated: 1930

only, although it probably fit neatly with the scattered Tudor Revival homes in Old West Austin.

Recently, the Friends of West Austin Park finished a renovation of the bathhouse, including a new cedar shingle roof and restored decorative elements. The support group is working with Urban Forestry to install an irrigation system to reclaim water and nurture 50 new trees. The park already houses a reclaimed water tank.

West Austin Park was among the first to double as a leash-free dog zone. Now popular across the city, these areas not only provide essential play time for pets in a "pack" environment, they also can increase the sense of community in a neighborhood. (As



The Friends of West Austin Park recently renovated the shelter.

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long as they are kept scrupulously clean.)

This 3-acre gem is among the lesser known parks in Austin. Because of the area's zig-zagging streets, one stumbles on West Austin Park if trying to forge a back trail

from North Lamar Boulevard to trendy Clarksville — or trundling to and from the crowded retail area along West Sixth and West Fifth streets.

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