



# **Future Use of City Property 401 West St. John's**

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## **Resolution 20130926-077**

City Manager directed to hold a community meeting to solicit suggestions and ideas:

- 1) Using the entire tract for storm water management
- 2) Using the entire tract as a park including a storm water management pond and relocating University Hills Optimist sports
- 3) Reconfiguring the site to allow both public park uses, a storm water pond, and continued youth sports activities
- 4) Maintaining the site in it current use and configuration with modifications necessary to include a storm water pond

# **Resolution**

- Urban park Implementation Plan
- Long Range Plan 2011-2016
- Resolution 861211-19 and City Code Chapter 8-1 relating to use of athletic fields for youth recreation
- Brentwood/Highland Neighborhood Plan
- University Hills historical usage
- Park design parameters
- Storm water management need
- Stakeholder input
  - November 14, 2013   December 4, 2013   January 28, 2014
  - February 18, 2014 and February 20, 2014

## Considerations

- **SpeakUp Austin**

- The vast majority of participants supported the options to use the tract as a public park while including a storm water management pond.
- Whether or not to relocate the University Hills Optimist (UHO) was where most participants differed.
- Plans to keep the site “as-is” or use all the land for a storm water pond were least supported.

**Stakeholder Feedback**

- **University Hills Optimist Club**

Supports shared use that allows many youth sports leagues to remain and a portion of the youth sports leagues to be relocated, accommodates the storm water management needs and provides for neighborhood park use

- **Highland Neighborhood Association**

Supports complete relocation of UHO, however, is open to kickball staying on site with an on-site relocation of the fields and use of temporary fences

**Stakeholder Feedback**

- Maintain in perpetuity a storm water management pond
- Maintain the two 125 feet lighted fields currently located on the Southeast corner of the property for tee-ball, coach pitch and kickball
- Remove the three baseball fields including all the fencing, bleachers and lighting located in northern half of the property.
- Retain the Northeast side of the property as open space sufficient to accommodate a U14 65 yards x 100 yard regulation soccer field for youth program 14 and under

## **Immediate Proposed Use Recommendation**

- Renovate existing two story structure to be used concessions, restrooms, meeting room space, events or other community needs
- Relocate UHO baseball program not associated with tee-ball or coach pitch
- Recognition of Edward Reznicek with ball field naming
- Provide adequate temporary parking and appropriate traffic patterns

**Immediate Proposed Use  
Recommendation**

The property is estimated to be 7.464 acres

• Storm water management structure	1 acre
• Parking	.5 acre
• Two kickball fields/bleachers	1 acre
• Current building	.3 acres
• Shared use soccer field space	1.3 acres
• Open park space	3.364 acres

**Land Use Information**



## Action

- Land Acquisition
- Initial Park Readiness
- Master Plan
- Park Development

## Estimated Cost

- \$0
- \$20,000 initially  
\$12,525 annually
- \$100,000
- \$1,000,000

**Actions for Implementation**

- Relocation Option I

- Relocate all of baseball and kickball to Bartholomew Park to coexist with Delwood Northeast Optimist
- Relocate soccer to Roy G. Guerrero Park

- Relocation Option II

- Relocate all of baseball and kickball to Bartholomew Park to coexist with Delwood Northeast Optimist
- Relocate soccer to Gus Garcia Recreation Center/Park

## Relocation Options

**Make a recommendation to Council  
regarding the proposed use of City  
property at 401 West St. John's**

**Action**