

Policy Workshop – Tuesday, February 17 **Late Backup**

Topic: Parks and Open Space

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Austin City Council Chambers

Total of 2 Hours	Parks and Open Space
5 min	Introduction Moderator Mayor Steve Adler introduces topic and panelists
10 min	Context – Sara Hensley, Director of Austin Parks and Recreation Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big trends in park management. What are key factors to consider in allocating land and using/maintaining/preserving parks, open space, and other natural resources? - What is the role of Council? - What specific issues and questions will go before Council in the next 60 days?
40 min	Key Policy Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community voices (identified in collaboration between staff and Council) - Each gives a 5 to 7 minute presentation on a key policy issue - What are the benefits and challenges of partnerships and conservancies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Susan Roth, Parks & Recreation Board - What are key considerations for using parks for special events, etc.? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Colin Wallis, Austin Parks Foundation o Melissa Hawthorne, Past President of Barton Hills Neighborhood Association - How well does the current Parkland Dedication Ordinance meet needs and provide sufficient and quality access to parkland? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Lynn Osgood, UT Department of Urban and Regional Planning - How can we strategically preserve land for parks and open space as Austin grows? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jeff Francell, The Nature Conservancy
45 min	Discussion Moderated by Mayor Steve Adler between Council and Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City staff asked to react to presentations on key policy issues
15 min	Other Voices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other voices from community provide comments (Mayor and Council will identify “other voices” that can provide other perspectives to be considered.) Each person will have 3 minutes to provide a different perspective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sharon Blythe, Advocate for Cemeteries o Matt Knifton, Texas Rowing o Harry Savio, Homebuilders Association o Thais Perkins, TreeFolks o Steven Zettner, RPS Technologies o David King, Zilker Neighborhood Resident
5 min	Closing/next steps