

# **CITY OF AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**The Open Space, Environment & Sustainability Committee  
Parking Spaces  
At Caswell Tennis Center**

**August 26, 2015**



# Caswell Tennis Center

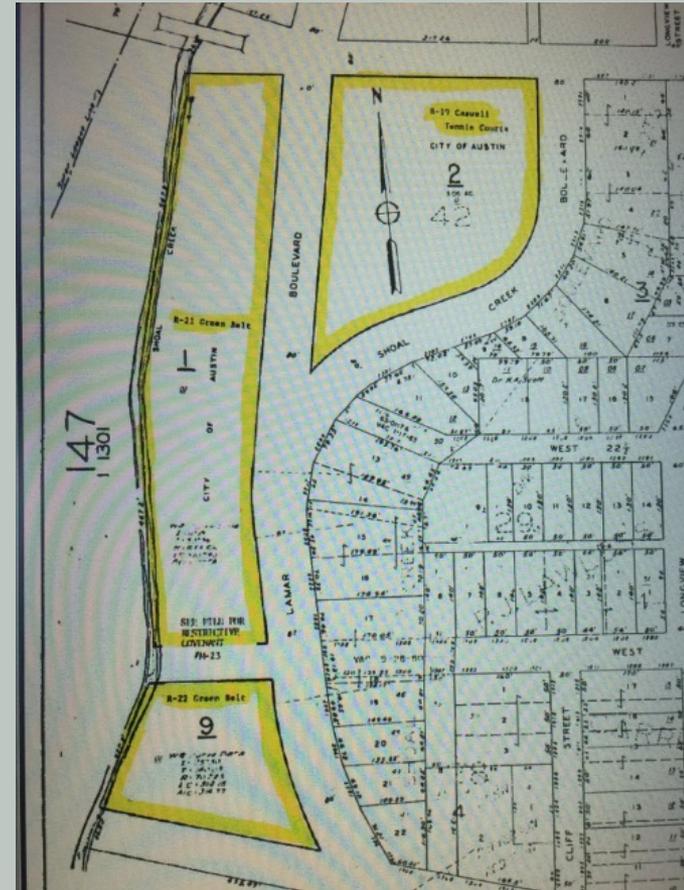


# Tennis Center Parking Background

**1931** – PARD purchased the tract of land called the Shoal Creek Park  
(Highlighted in Yellow)

**1947** – City Council pass a Resolution identifying a part of this track located at the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> and Lamar to allow W. T. Caswell to construct a Tennis Center.

The development plan included the construction of tennis courts, court back-stops, surface drainage, parking spaces & other necessary improvements by the City.



# Background (Continued)

**2005** – PARD installed “Caswell Patrons Only – Towing Enforced” signs along the straight-in parking spaces in front of the tennis Center.

**2011** – PARD was contacted by Transportation Department that the parking spaces were in the Right of Way (ROW) and PARD needed to remove signs.



PICA 21881, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library

## 1947 to 2011

The straight-in parking spaces were assumed to be PARD’s responsibility and were maintained & re-striped as needed by PARD.

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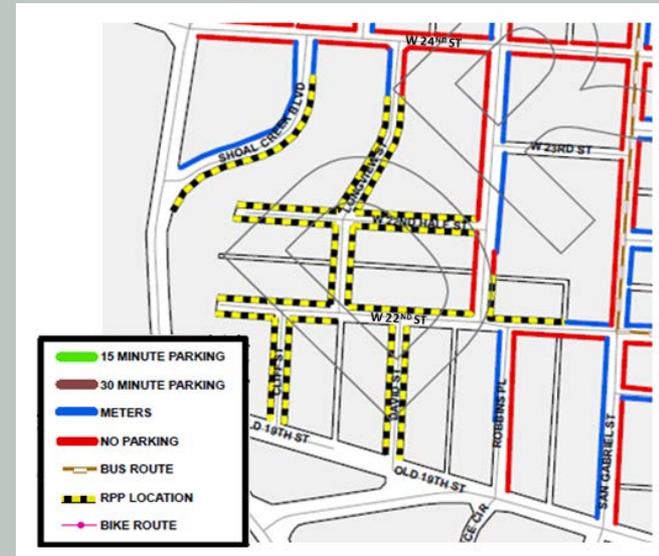
2012 – Transportation installed 2 hour parking signs along that one block section of Shoal Creek in front of Caswell; signs were NOT placed at ROW spaces across the street.



2012 - Transportation designated 4 parking spaces for Caswell's staff.

# Background (Continued)

**June 2015** – Transportation Department presented a West Campus Parking Expansion Plan Draft. Picture shows detail of the Caswell area.



**July 2015** – Real Estate Office reviewed multiple documents associated with this property and all documents point to the parking area as ROW

PARD has requested a site survey of the property and is waiting on results to determine the appropriate land designation.



# Stakeholders

- Caswell Tennis Center Patrons
- University of Texas
- Two Neighborhood Associations

Decisions regarding parking need to take into consideration  
the feedback from all stakeholders

# Consistent Practices

- The Transportation Department has a consistent standard across the City not to reserve parking in the ROW for a specific purpose long term
  - Exception to this standard will cause inconsistencies throughout the City
  - Specifically allocating parking spaces for Caswell and excluding other surrounding agencies is deemed inconsistent with how similar situations are handled
  - The Transportation Department did consent to providing 4 parking spaces for Caswell's staff.

# Alternative Options vs Meters

- Straight in parking spaces to be permanent designated parking specifically for Caswell Tennis Center (dedicated parkland). This would be managed by the Pro Shop at Caswell. Two hour on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.
- As stated above but during the hours of 7 am – 1 pm daily (all seven days). Two hour parking all other times and on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.

## DRAFT Permit

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**Caswell Tennis Center  
Patron Parking Permit**

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Vehicle License Plate Number

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Austin Parks & Recreation Department

# Alternative Options (Continued)

- Keep two hour limits as is now with 4 parking spaces designated for staff parking. Two hour parking for on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.
- Straight in parking spaces designated parking specifically for Caswell Tennis Center patrons during the hours of 7 am – 1 pm daily (all seven days). Metered parking all other times and on-street parking along both sides of Shoal Creek Blvd.
- Metered parking in all areas along Shoal Creek Blvd.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?**

**THANK YOU!**

