



Case study

Deep Eddy Parking Lot

National Register of Historic Places: Map of Deep Eddy site



In DE lot, cars are not parked near pool entrance...they are parked close to Pool Burger and other businesses on Lake Austin Boulevard. Some cars are the vehicles of park rangers or construction workers at Eilers Park.



Another angle. Park Rangers were given temporary use of part of the DE footprint, which has morphed, without official discussion, into permanent housing for that department.





My only suggested use of the HOT monies, if they are determined available to use on this, is to somehow formalize the entrance into the parking lot itself. This could be something as simple as metal posts on either side of the entryway with a removable stanchion in the middle. Once this is established, it becomes simpler to monitor who enters the parking area if that is desired, and as park land, the parking area could be closed during curfew or other set hours. The police could of course use their entrance on the west side of the property.

Paul Bardagjy, the President of the Friends Of Deep Eddy (FODE), and I spoke earlier today and he told me he will be meeting with senior staff of PARD on October 8th with an eye to look at ways to lessen the pressure on the parking situation. There seem to be incremental steps that can be taken to address this before next year's swim season begins. FYI, we all need to keep in mind that there is a major Goodwill Store being constructed just up on the boulevard and it will be a traffic generator both while being constructed and when it goes into operation.

Although I am member of FODE, Paul is our official point person, and I know he has been consulting with the Aquatics staff and will continue to do so. If there is anything I can do to help either individually or as a member of the HLC, please do not hesitate to ask.

Email from Blake Tollett

Options

Install infrastructure--safe and plentiful bike racks within view of lifeguards, safe cross-town bike and scooter lanes, and shuttles to move those unable to use active transportation--to **allow tax-paying residents from all over town to access their public park amenities**, Resident already pay for these parklands, with taxes and entrance fees. There are no equivalent pools available in the city.

Develop other parks/pools with similar amenities in multiple parts of town.

Perhaps install two-hour parking signs, like those currently on south side of Lady Bird Lake, and a **distinct entrance** to Deep Eddy/Eilers Park/Trail Access.

Request that the City address the lack of parking for area businesses, **not at the expense of an historic property and public amenity.**

Metering public amenities without offering usable, reasonable, and convenient public infrastructure penalizes many residents who are unable to afford the extra costs for outdoor recreation that should be free.

- This is a problem already at Zilker, where people park on the grass during times when lots charge entrance fees. Fees and lack of transportation are prohibitive for many residents.
- Meters are a problem around Lady Bird Lake. Residents who would like to use the walking trails must now pay \$2/hour to park, \$1/hr did not “make enough.” The trail is not accessible to many residents, without transportation.
- Metering may affect south/east side of lake, along eastern stretch of the boardwalk as Oracle and area businesses expand and new “south Domain” is developed.
- Existing bus lines are unreasonable for those trying to move around town. See one example below.

bus from academy drive to deep eddy

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Arlyn Studios, 200 Academy Dr #140, Au

Deep Eddy Municipal Pool, 401 Deep Ec

16 min 44 min 16 min 1 h

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Leave now

11:56 AM - 12:40 PM 1 h 24 min

12:04 PM from 504 Riverside/Newning

\$2.50 15 min

Sample bus route

It takes 1 hour and 24 minutes to ride the bus from my home to Deep Eddy. I could walk it in one hour. But I can't afford to take 3 hours off work to swim. I live only 15 mins from the pool by car.