

Parks and Recreation Board Financial Committee Potential Items for Consideration  
April 12, 2021 – *Status update November 18, 2021*

1. FUNDING AVENUES

Tax Related

- HOT Tax allocation to historical & tourist parks (referred from Parks and Recreation Board)
  - *Discussed June 2021, October 2021 & November 2021*
- Recreation, Arts, & Parks Tax<sup>1</sup>
  - *Not discussed 2021*
- Ad Valorem Tax Texas Local Government Code Chapter 331
  - *Decided not to explore.*
- Cemetery maintenance ad valorem tax
  - *Not discussed 2021*
- Public Improvement District, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 372<sup>2</sup>
  - *Not discussed 2021*
- Park Public Improvement District in format described in Local Government Code Chapter 372.021: Special Improvement District Fund
  - *Not discussed 2021*

Fee Related

- Park Maintenance Fee<sup>3</sup>
  - *Reviewed August 2021 & November 2021*
- Park District Fee
  - *Reviewed August 2021 & November 2021*

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<sup>1</sup> Added to existing sales tax.

<sup>2</sup> Defined geographic area to jointly plan and put in place a sustainable funding source that can pay for a set of services to improve their area.

<sup>3</sup> Creation of a Park Maintenance Fee to be imposed and levied upon the responsible party of all developed property within the City of Austin, similar in structure to the Transportation User Fee.

- Convert PARD from General Fund to Enterprise Department

### Other

- Sale of land and endowment
  - *Not reviewed 2021.*
- Budget Definitions
  - *Not reviewed 2021.*
- Partnerships (Are partnerships part of Contracts & Concessions?)(referred from Alternative Funding Working Group)
  - Capital improvements
  - Operation and maintenance
  - *Not reviewed 2021.*
- Unrestricted donations directly to PARD (referred from Alternative Funding Working Group)
  - *Not reviewed 2021.*
- Increase fees.
  - *Will be reviewed 2021.*
- Reorganization of Park Rangers; conservation corps;
  - *Not reviewed 2021.*
- Continued discussion of under-resourced needs.
  - *Action taken in 2021-2022 budget review.*
  - *Will be reviewed in Budget 2022-2021*
- ADA accommodation
  - Not reviewed 2021.*
- Costs related to park development (capital projects); costs related to maintenance
  - deferred maintenance presentation

*-Not reviewed 2021.*

- Energy (older facilities opportunity to increase efficiency – energy savings performance contracts) and water costs (reuse).

*-Not reviewed 2021*

- Services for seniors (given projections for senior population are we planning to meet needs).

*-Not reviewed 2021*

## 2. RESEARCH NEEDS

- Visitor counts

*-Not reviewed 2021*

- Spending per population; index to population growth. – historical information from PARD (dramatic drop).

*-Not reviewed 2021*

- Rate of loss of yards/informal parks/open space as density increases in central city and parkland needed to accommodate.

*-Not reviewed 2021*

- Dogs per capita increase and parkland needed to accomadate.

*-Not reviewed 2021*