

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**DATE:** February 2022

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### SPECIAL NOTE

During the recent 3-day freezing weather event, Parks and Recreation staff stepped up to serve their community. The gymnasiums at eight Recreation Centers provided Cold Weather Sheltering for a total of about 400 people per night. Individuals received blankets, mats, water, meals, and access to restrooms. Some staff worked four consecutive overnight shifts racking up 40-50 shelter hours. Another dedicated public servant worked over 20 shelter hours in one day. Staff gave their all to make sure that everyone who sought shelter was safe and warm during the storm. These efforts were successful due to the contributions from the Community Recreation Division with additional support from, Natural Resources, Museums and Cultural Programs, Centralized Programs and Aquatics.

### VISION PLAN UPDATES:

**Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan:** The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) and the consultant team presented three draft plan concepts in Community Meeting # 4 on Tuesday, February 15. The concepts bring together ideas from previous alternatives and cumulative community input. The meeting took place via Zoom with Spanish and ASL interpretation and streamed on Facebook Live. An online survey will follow the community meeting as well as outreach to increase the representation of all districts. The second series of thematic small group discussions are scheduled for March. This series will include 5 discussions (4 virtual, 1 in-person opportunity) centered on equity and inclusion, and the future of Zilker Metropolitan Park. Additionally, PARC staff will convene the project's Technical Advisory Group on February 23. Coordination with ATD, TxDOT/CTRMA, Capital Metro, partners, and event organizers continues. Community engagement opportunities and Community Meeting #4 materials may be found on the project website: <https://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision> **District 5 and 8**

### PLANNING UPDATES:

**Project Connect:** PARC staff continues to collaborate with the Project Connect, Blue Line and Orange Line teams. Recent activity includes:

- Thirty percent (30%) drawings for the Orange Line were reviewed by PARC staff, who continue to note impacts to parkland and pose questions.
- Orange Line Draft Environmental Impact Statement appendices are in review through February 16.
- Meetings continue with the Austin Transit Partnership (ATP), the Line teams, and PARC legal representatives to map a path forward for ATP acquisition of parkland – full taking of title, permanent easements, and temporary easements. We believe that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process will be first, followed by multiple Chapter 26 cases, then condemnation.
- PARC has outstanding questions about the 6F process, which mandates an equal value replacement of taken land, in this case at Waller Beach. We would like to consider options in various scenarios, such as not being able to find a similarly situated property, or not

finding a willing seller. We will continue to meet with these parties and internally to consider the best path forward.

- ATP issued a memo regarding the potential for bus lines on the Blue Line Bridge. The Design Competition for the bridge is being postponed until all programmatic elements can be determined.
- PARD and ATP held a virtual community engagement meeting on January 12. The goal of the meeting was to share information about the impact to the Waller Boathouse and PARD's preliminary exploration of several alternative sites on Lady Bird Lake for the Boathouse relocation. PARD shared the opportunities and constraints about several sites along with PARD's recommendation of the vacated Hostel Building along Lake Shore Blvd as the preferred alternative location. Community members were asked to provide feedback about the various sites with a focus on the opportunities and constraints of the Hostel Building. Meeting material can be found [here](#). PARD and ATP are still in the process of reviewing and synthesizing the feedback, prior to further community engagement.
- PARD continues to track and participate in design workshops and meetings as needed.

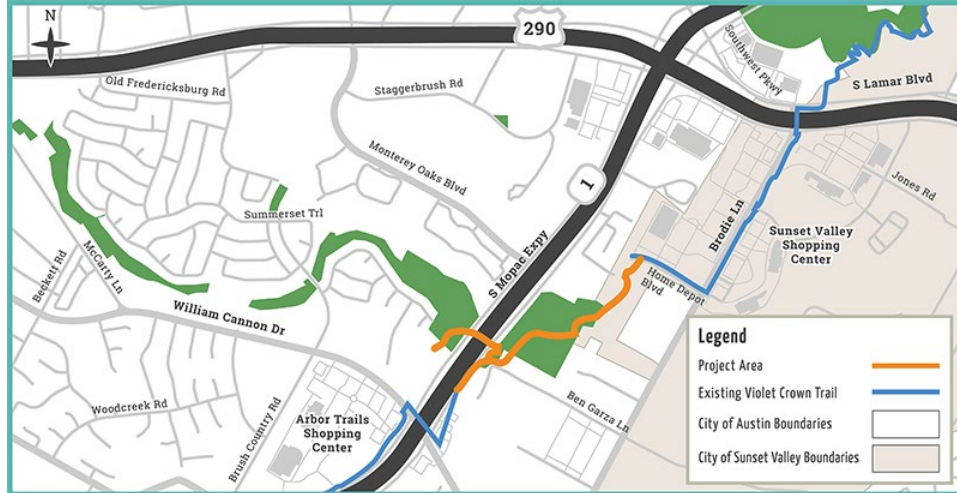
More information can be found at the project website: <https://projectconnect.com/>

**305 S. Congress "Statesman" Planned Unit Development Amendment (PUD):** The item was heard by the Planning Commission on February 8 and was forwarded on to Council with recommendations. Commissioners had previously convened a working group which generated a set of amendments that were discussed and refined during commission. Notable items for PARD were a park programming plan that would be bi-annually presented to Parks and Recreation Board for their approval, the applicant to take on full maintenance of the parkland, and the applicant to bear the costs of certain park investments (e.g., a reconstructed hike and bike trail, ponds, water steps) outside of their fees-in-lieu or park development fees. **This item has not yet been scheduled for City Council.** The first opportunity would be March 24. **District 9**

## DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

**Violet Crown Trail Projects:** PARD and Public Works will provide updates on three active Violet Crown Trail (VCT) projects to the Pedestrian Advisory Council on March 7 and the Bicycle Advisory Council on March 15. Projects include the Zilker Trailhead in the Barton Creek Greenbelt, led by the Hill Country Conservancy (HCC), which is anticipated to begin construction in the Fall of 2022. The VCT Phase 2 north section, led by Public Works, will be partially on Sunset Valley and City of Austin parkland. The trail will also cross under Mopac to connect to the greenbelt west of the highway. Work on this section of trail began in mid-February 2022. HCC is also currently accepting bids on the VCT section of trail in Circle C Metropolitan Park, with construction anticipated to begin in March. Funding is provided by PARD. HCC is leading the project through a partnership agreement with PARD. **District 8**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/violet-crown-trail>



The Violet Crown Trail Phase 2 North in Williamson Creek Greenbelt



PARD is partnering with Hill Country Conservancy to complete a 2-mile section and extension of the Violet Crown Regional Trail through the park and around the Veloway from the trail crossing at Slaughter Creek to La Crosse Ave.

**Construction Completion – Emma Long Metropolitan Park – Phase I Implementation:** Emma Long Metropolitan Park is located at 1706 City Park Road and is a popular destination for residents and vacationers. On July 29, 2020, City Council approved Texas Constructors, LLC as the lowest qualified bidder for Phase I Implementation of the Vision Plan. They began construction on September 14, 2020 with a completion date of July 15, 2021. The park remained open during construction with a phased approach. While the park has remained open, it has seen construction delays due to weather, labor shortages, and material delays. Substantial completion for the project is expected by end of February 2022. The project was funded through the 2012 & 2018 GO Bond, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation Program grant, site parking/entry fees, and Parkland Dedication fees. The project construction budget was \$2.48 million. **District 10**





New bathhouse at Emma Long

**Upcoming Construction – Walsh Boat Landing Restroom Renovation:** Located at 1600 Scenic Drive, 78703, Notice to Proceed (NTP) is anticipated in early March for Job Order Contract (JOC) Contractor, Velez Construction. The project will update the existing restroom building to meet current ADA standards. The renovation will make no changes to the exterior facade of the existing building. Reconfiguration of the plumbing and interior partitions will provide ADA compliance. Lighting fixtures, toilets, sinks, drinking fountain and accessories will be updated. Existing gate doors will be refinished, and minor repairs will be made to the exterior stone and concrete. Access to the public and commercial boat ramp areas will remain open during construction. Portable toilets will be available during construction. The preliminary proposal for construction totals \$138,000. **District 10**  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/walsh-boat-landing-restroom-renovation>



Walsh Boat Landing Restroom

## MAINTENANCE UPDATES:



**Musco Lighting Project at Krieg Complex:** Krieg Softball Complex, which includes eleven softball fields, began to display sports field lights aging on three of those fields (Krieg 9, 10, and 11). The aging caused significant dimming in which adult softball could no longer be safely played. The Athletics Office worked with Musco Lighting to retrofit new sports light fixtures on the 20 existing poles. The newly installed fixtures bring the latest sports lighting technology with LED lights that will reduce light pollution, increase lighting lifespan, and most importantly provide safe play. **District 3**

**Mayfield Cottage and Gardens:** A 35-foot section of the historic stone wall surrounding Mayfield Cottage collapsed but has been repaired through the responsive support of the Friends of Mayfield group (Friends). PARD Maintenance team replaced an aging porch at Mayfield during February, ensuring it is stable and refreshed for the upcoming season of guests, weddings, and public use. **District 10**

**Lions Golf Course – Short Term Golf Cart Lease:** On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Golf Division began receiving delivery of 62 golf carts for Lions Golf Course. 90% of the current fleet are 2013 model carts and this replacement is highly needed. We were able to negotiate the lease through PNC bank due to another golf course going to default on their lease. The carts are 2020 models with Lithium power packages and will be fully warranted. The agreement will get us back to this December in which we will receive delivery of the same type of cart at all our golf courses. **District 10**

**Roy Kizer Golf Course – Golf Greens Renovation:** In late February the Golf Division began staging equipment for a full golf greens renovation on Roy Kizer Golf Course. This will involve removing the grass, 4-8 inches of soil, re-grading, tune up the irrigation system and sprigging of the new grass. For the month of March, the Golf Enterprise fund will find a way to operate nine holes of the golf course while work is conducted on the opposite nine. Near the end of March or early April a full golf course closure will occur to complete renovations. This project is much needed as those greens are 28 years old and need amending and resurfacing. **District 2**

**Upcoming Construction – Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, Tower Restroom Renovation:** Located at 2800 Hancock Drive, 78731, notice to proceed is anticipated in mid-March for JOC Contractor, Hensel Phelps. The project will update the existing restroom service tower to meet current ADA standards. The renovation will make no changes to the exterior facade of the service building. Doors, windows, and interior finishes will be restored or replaced in kind to match the architecture style. No work is proposed to the Main Office Building and construction should not interfere with cemetery access or use. Portable toilets will be available during construction. Preliminary proposal for construction is expected in late February. **District 7**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-memorial-park-cemetery-restroom-renovation>



Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, Tower Restroom

**Waterloo Greenway – Creek Delta (The Confluence):** The second phase of the Waterloo Greenway, The Confluence, which includes new trails and bridges as well as full ecological restoration of Waller Creek between Lady Bird Lake and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, received a \$2.5 million grant by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This marks the first infusion of federal dollars into the Greenway and is part of the U.S. Army Corps' 2022 Fiscal Year nationwide investment provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. **District 1 and 9**





Project rendering, The Confluence

**Walnut Creek Metro Park Playground Revitalization:** Park Planning, Park Development, and Maintenance & Playgrounds teams received a [Texas Recreation and Park Society](#) 2022 Statewide Park Development Innovation Award on February 16 based on their collaborative efforts for the innovative redesign of the Walnut Creek Metro Park playground area. A first of its kind for Austin, this flagship playground area features a nature-inspired traditional playscape alongside a nature-based play area with the Fairy Pavilion as its focal piece. Management plans at this site will be utilized at other nature play builds across the city. Four public programming events were hosted in 2021 alongside partners Earth Native Wilderness School with further programming events planned for 2022. **District 7**



Fairy Pavilion and Nature Play at Walnut Creek Metro Park

**Givens District Park Receives Lone Star Legacy Designation:** Austin's Givens District Park was honored with designation as a Lone Star Legacy Park by the Texas Recreation and Parks Society in a ceremony at the association's annual institute in College Station on February 16. To qualify for consideration, the park must have endured the test of time and become iconic to those who have visited, played and rested on its grounds. Nominated parks must be a minimum of 50 years old and meet criteria related to historic, architectural, and natural significance.

After 14-acre Rosewood Neighborhood Park opened as the first and only segregated public park for Black Austinites to use in 1929, many in the community soon began advocating for a bigger park, a district park, to accommodate the large numbers of people utilizing the municipal space. Finally, in the summer of 1959, Givens District Park opened to the public as the second segregated public park in Austin, which was seen as a huge victory for East Austin. The park quickly became a hot spot for African Americans in Austin; the traditions that started in the park became beloved and many have lasted throughout the years, such as the car culture, youth sports, and celebrating holidays.

The park was named posthumously for Dr. Everett H. Givens, one of the first Black dentists in Austin, a World War I veteran, and a luminary for African Americans in East Austin. Dr. Givens was not only a stalwart advocate for a larger district park for Austin's African American community, but he championed many of improvements in East Austin and the civil rights, welfare, and opportunities for Black Austinites during a time when Jim Crow racial segregation was widespread in every facet of Austin life. **District 1**



Neighborhood children are led through a nature trail along Tannehill Branch Creek, which was developed as an outdoor educational area for many schools in East Austin to highlight the environmental importance of the terrain and the types of plants, animals, and birds found there.



## PROGRAM/EVENT UPDATES:

**Celebrating Austin notables through Black History Month:** For Black History Month, PARD is highlighting Black Austinites who helped shape our city, and the historic cemeteries where they reside through special promotions. Banner promotions on Texas Tribune website link to PARD's website where viewers can read the biographies of notable Black residents. An editorial ad highlighting influential figures such as Ernie Mae Crafton Miller, Dr. Everett Givens, and Willie Mae Kirk will run from February 11-25. All advertising encourages tourists to visit PARD historic cemeteries where they can scan QR codes next to 17 notable burials and learn more about Austin's history. PARD promotions of historic sites are funded through PARD's allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax funding dedicated to promoting Austin parks to tourists and led by PARD's Historic Preservation, Tourism and Wayfinding Program of the Park Development Division. **District 1.**

<https://www.texastribune.org/paid-post/notable-names-black-austin-history/>



**Lifeguard Recruiting:** The Aquatics Division will continue lifeguard recruiting efforts at the following locations.

- 2/15/2022 - Austin High lunch time recruiting, 1715 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78703
- 2/16/2022 - Austin High lunch time recruiting, 1715 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78703
- 2/17/2022 - Black Student Alliance Expo, IDEA Montopolis, 1701 Vargas Rd, Austin, TX 78741
- 2/22/2022 - LBJ High lunch time recruiting, 7309 Lazy Creek Dr., Austin, TX 78724
- 02/23/2022 - LBJ High lunch time recruiting, 7309 Lazy Creek Dr., Austin, TX 78724
- 02/23/2022 - COA Community Job Fair Virtual
- 02/23/2022- UT Marketplace Job Fair Gregory Gym Plaza, 2101 Speedway, Austin, TX 78712
- 02/28/2022 - Youth Career Fest Austin Central Library - 710 W. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX 78701

Barton Springs Pool is gearing up for its charging season to begin March 12th, following its two-week annual maintenance closure Feb 26- March 11. **District 5**

## Recreation Center Program Highlights Featuring District 2 and District 4

**After School Program:** The After School Program at Gus Garcia has started back up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of school. The participants have been introduced to cooking lessons sponsored by Common Threads in which the kids learn how to cook healthy snacks that they can cook themselves at home. The Center has begun our Outdoor Garden program. This program is in collaboration with the City of Austin Community Garden Program with the goal to introduce and teach the participants how to grow healthy food in the garden. We are excited to continue our reading acs program with the University of Texas students. The reading acs program is set to start back up mid-February. **District 4**

**Varsity Generation Program:** The Varsity Generation Program is back for the New Year at Gus Garcia. Due to entering stage 5, there has been a drop in attendance for all varsity generation programs as some participants have expressed not feeling comfortable attending in person programs. Virtual programs such as virtual traveling have been added and began in February. A plan to stream in person programs is in process as well. Gus Garcia Recreation Center will be hosting the monthly Bringing Seniors Together Event. This year, the event is The Varsity Generation Lunar New Year Drive Thru Event. It was on Thursday, February 17 from 10AM-12PM in the parking lot. The event is open to all participants ages 50+. Participants will be able to drive thru the parking lot that will consist of eight stops. Seven of the stops will be vendors that will pass out fliers pertaining to their programs that are provided for the varsity generation population and a goodie item or bag. The 8th stop will be Gus Garcia's booth that will be distributing cultural goodie items such as a red envelope, fruit, and treats.

**District 4**

**Teen Link Gus Garcia Program:** The Gus Garcia Teen Drop-In program "Teen Link" is preparing for February by integrating Black History Month curriculum into daily experience. The Black History Month Programming Is pioneered by Gus Garcia Recreation Center Staff member Kameron Moore. The first project has been to decorate two large bulletin boards with projects related to the theme. The second phase of our Black History Month Curriculum will be our teen participants facilitating activities with the younger age groups. Everything produced will be displayed on the bulletin boards. Teen Link is showing signs of steady growth. The numbers have increased from five to seven teens daily to 10-15. This may be a result of the new recruitment strategies implemented since mid-December for teen participants.

**District 4**

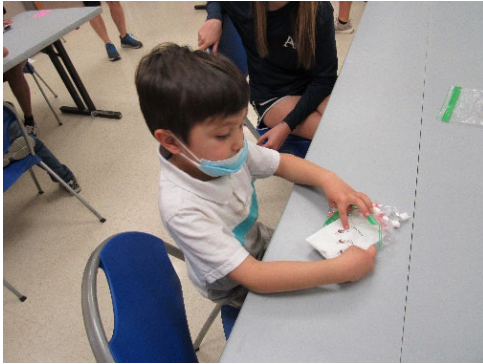
**TCTA Program Updates:** Totally Cool Totally Art (TCTA) is a teen outreach art program for at risk youth. We are currently in Session two of TCTA titled "Painting and Drawing." Participants learn basic and intermediate artistic techniques from professional artists. Compared to session one, TCTA's numbers are growing significantly. Whereas in session one we might have only had four participants signed up and two show up, in session two we have 20 teens signed up and are seeing five to eight participants nightly in TCTA. Attendance and consistent participation are still growing. The art projects produced in TCTA will be displayed in a gallery later this season. **District 4**

**Basketball Clinic "Run Drills Build Skills":** Gus Garcia's basketball clinic "Run Drills, Build Skills" begins on Monday, January 31. We have been able to register a total of 50 youth participants! The clinic is a five-week program of weekly meetings lasting one hour. The fifth week of the program serves as a showcase week. Events akin to the NBA All-Star Weekend experience will occur in Run Drills, Build Skills, including a slam dunk contest (using a mini goal) and a three-point contest. **District 4**

**George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center**

**Run Drills, Build Skills basketball Clinic:** George Morales Dove Springs Run Drills, Build Skills basketball clinic began on February 2. This clinic will offer youth the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of basketball. Over 40 participants are registered for this upcoming program. **District 2**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial:** As a part of an initiative to incorporate more culturally inclusive programming, George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center celebrated and honored the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King by having their afterschool program participants partake in educational MLK themed crafts and activities. **District 2**



### Dittmar Recreation Center



**Basketball Clinic:** Dittmar Recreation Center hosted a youth basketball clinic for ages five to twelve from January 31 through February 25. A total of 66 youth will be participating in the clinic.  
**District 2**

**Sporty Seniors:** Dittmar Recreation Center is also hosting a new program for the Varsity Generation called Sporty Seniors. Participants in this clinic perform gentle weightlifting exercises and calisthenics to improve mobility, strength, balance, and overall health. A total of eight seniors are currently participating in this program. **District 2**

**Valentine Cards:** The center hosted its annual Valentine's Card Making Event on February 7 from 5-7PM. At this event, participants had fun creating decorative Valentine's cards that will be delivered to the Dell Medical Center to be given to children there in time for Valentine's Day. **District 2**





**Dougherty Arts Center Gallery Scavenger Hunt:** The Dougherty Arts Center hosted a drop-by event on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, giving away some special DAC swag to anyone who finished an exhibit themed scavenger hunt. Current exhibitions include Emma Hadzi Antich, Amar Gupta and the DAC Staff Exhibit “While You Were Away.” 54 people were in attendance. For more information, be sure to check out our website. **District 9**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/julia-c-buttridge-gallery>



**George Washington Carver Museum – Cap Metro Celebrates Black History Month in Partnership with Dawn Okoro:** This February, Capital Metro partnered with CarverMuseumATX and artist Dawn Okoro to celebrate health and wellness, the theme of Black History Month 2022. Okoro’s recent work, which examines standards of beauty and the use of commercial imagery to influence our desires, has been placed on a bus that will travel multiple routes throughout the Capital Metro Network.

**District 1**

<https://capmetroblog.com/tag/capital-metro/>



**Oakwood Cemetery Chapel – African American Family History Research Project:** is collaborating with the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Museum on a research project on African American family history with the University of Texas at Austin’s RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service through the UT Connect program. Researcher and graduate student Christopher Ndubuizu is helping research family history and land ownership for a semester long project in Spring 2022. **District 1** <https://connect.rgkcenter.org/>

**Water Distribution at Walnut Creek Metro Park:** In the wake of the immediate City of Austin water boil notice, the Parks & Recreation Department collaborated with Austin Water allowing Walnut Creek Metro Park to serve as one of the seven water distribution sites for the community. Parks staff and Parks Rangers shifted their focus to this park to assist with the coordination of traffic flow as well as distribute cases of water for three days, February 5-7, 2022. Over 32,000 bottles of water were distributed collectively among the seven water distribution locations. **District 7**



**Austin Community Gardens Program:** Program Coordinator Jennifer Steverson is collaborating with Central Texas Seed Savers, Rooted in Melanin and Carver Museum to conduct a Seed Giveaway at the Carver's Community Garden. The event took place on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. **District 1**

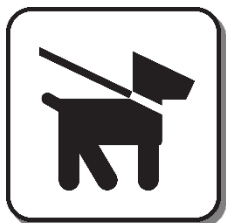
**Zilker Botanical Garden:** The Zilker Botanical Garden remains open at 100% capacity. **District 8**

#### Park Rangers Updates:



Park Rangers handled daily operations including 1,249 contacts regarding Laws, Safety, Service and Education. 356 contacts were logged for Dogs off leash during this time frame. Park Rangers began issuing warning citations after several months of doing outreach at Longview Park and The Mexican American Cultural Center.

Park Rangers successfully transitioned to limited in-person programming. From October 1, 2021-February 10, 2022. Rangers have held 45 programs, for a total of 93.5 hours with 623 participants. Programs are focused on Leave No Trace recreational practices, and responsible park visitation.



Since October 1, 2021, Park Rangers have had 1,184 contacts with park visitors who had their dogs off the leash to request compliance with leash laws.

### Park Ranger Hot Spots/ Directed Patrols and notable Operations:

- Zilker – Overnight car and RV camping is being addressed. Polo Fields were cleared, and gates installed to aid in these efforts.

#### District 8

- Vehicle break-ins at several parks are becoming more common. Parks with reported concerns include Covert Mount Bonnell Park, Mayfield Park and Preserve and the Gaines Creek entrance to the Barton Creek Greenbelt. APD is partnering to help address concerns. Additional signage has been installed and media has been done previously on the topic. **District 8 and 10**
- Little Zilker Park Dog Off leash continues to be problematic. Park Rangers are partnering with AISD for enforcement. **District 8**



Ranger Contreras with Park Ranger Cadet Class on Reptiles



Ranger Saldivar offering some help in the Ranger Slacklining Program

## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

**FY 2023 Budget Development:** PARD Divisions are currently working on FY2023 Financial Forecast and budget development process.

*Per the City of Austin Budget Officer, Kerri Lang:* Resident and stakeholder feedback on budget priorities, including input from the City's various boards and commissions, remains a key component of the annual budget development process. The FY 2021-22 Budget included investments in community priorities such as: critical infrastructure, cultural and creative spaces, and a renewal in our commitment to advancing progress within the transformative Reimagining Public Safety (RPS) framework.



Since the 3.5% tax revenue cap took effect in FY 2020-21, the City has implemented measures aimed at flattening the organization's cost curve, as well as identifying potential new revenue streams. These measures have helped allow the City to propose a balanced budget. However, the financial outlook for the City continues to project expenditures exceeding revenue. Thus, it remains crucial to focus recommendations and to provide feedback on the efficiency, equity, and effectiveness of the City's existing services and programs.

As in previous years, the Budget Office will coordinate with City departments to review recommendations passed by boards and commissions. We are requesting recommendations be submitted online at [www.austintexas.gov/budget](http://www.austintexas.gov/budget). All recommendations must be received by March 31. This will allow the Budget Office the necessary time to review the recommendations with Department staff. For your information, the Council-approved calendar for the FY 2022-23 budget is shown below:

- March 31 - Board and Commission recommendations due to the Budget Office
- May 6 - Department budgets due to the Budget Office
- July 15 - Presentation of the FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget to City Council
- July 27 - Community Input Session
- August 17 - Budget Adoption

Additional information can be found at [www.austintexas.gov/budget](http://www.austintexas.gov/budget). Should you have any questions, please contact our office at [BudgetQA@austintexas.gov](mailto:BudgetQA@austintexas.gov).

**The Rowing Dock and Zilker Boat Rentals:** Staff is closely monitoring the progress of the Vision Plan process to determine any possible impact on existing concessions. The resolution of these outstanding matters will allow both PARD and the concessionaires to determine the best path forward for the management and operation of the boating concessions. In lieu of releasing an RFP to solicit vendors for these concessions in light of the ongoing planning process, the current concessionaires will be given the opportunity for a two-year extension prior to the termination of their contracts. The two-year extension request was presented to City Council for approval on February 17. **District 8 and 9**

**Zilker Train:** The Parks and Recreation Board received an update on January 5, 2021, regarding the execution of the Construction, Operations, and Maintenance Agreement for a Miniature Train Operation at Zilker Metropolitan Park with the Austin Parks Foundation (Foundation). The Foundation anticipates the amenity will commence operation in the Spring 2022. The Foundation has a website that provides details on opening and activities related to the train at <https://www.zilkertrain.org/>. **District 8**

**Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA):** Interlocal agreement (ILA) with LCRA for the installation of buoys at Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, Decker Lake, and the area surrounding Water Treatment Plant #4 on Lake Travis. This agreement will replace the current agreement expiring on December 30. Per the agreement, PARD and LCRA agree to mutually determine locations and number of buoys needed at each. LCRA will install buoys with PARD reimbursing LCRA for materials and labor. **District 8, 9 and 10**