

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Joint Use Agreement Update

October 24, 2022

**Presentation, discussion and possible action
regarding amendments to the Joint Use Agreement
between Austin Independent School District and City of Austin.**



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Overview of Joint Use Agreement (JUA)

- 1) Last Updated in 1984
- 2) Partners – AISD, CCCN and PARD
- 3) Timeline – Efforts began in 2017
- 4) Updates to the JUA
- 5) Next Steps



Project Goals

- To identify current inefficiencies in the operations and maintenance of these sites
- To develop clear roles and responsibilities
- To create a streamlined and transparent process for community activated improvements moving forward

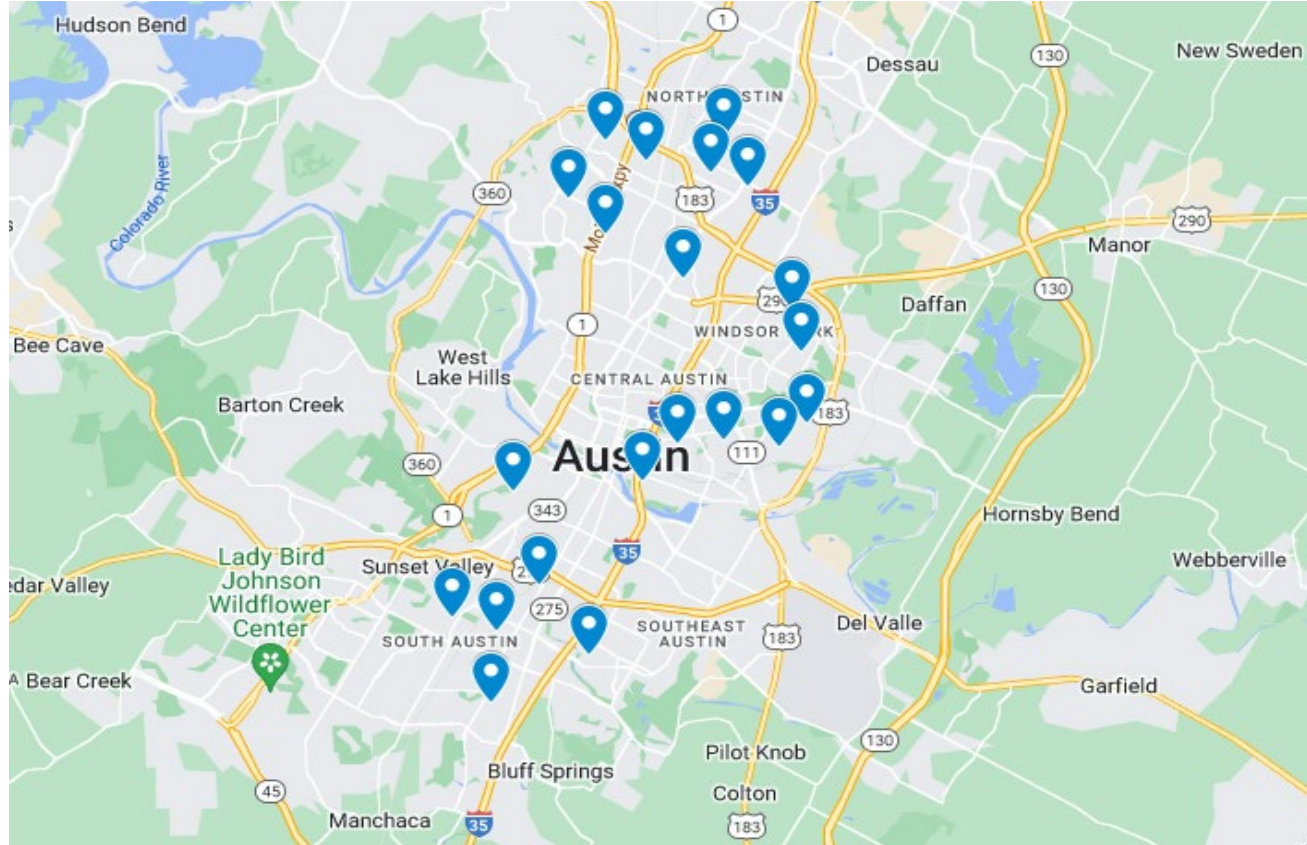
Importance of School Parks

The outdoor space at joint use school parks is available to the public during non-school hours through a partnership between the City of Austin and Austin ISD. Joint use sites provide a number of **benefits to both the school and surrounding community**, including:

- Access to greenspace and recreational opportunities in otherwise park-deficient areas, which has been connected to better physical and mental health
- Park/City of Austin-related grant opportunities to improve the existing greenspace, such as adding a nature trail through wildflower meadow
- Shared cost and maintenance responsibilities, including playground maintenance and waste disposal
- Evolution of a community hub, whereby the space is co-created by the community through art, nature, or recreation
- Children that spend time in nature are healthier, happier, and perform better in school
- Community stewardship opportunities through nonprofit partner organizations, thereby growing community ownership of the space



Twenty-one Joint Use Sites/School Parks



Updates to the JUA

1. Updated to reflect site inventory and ownership of assets
2. Developed clear roles and responsibilities regarding ownership of current and future assets
3. Developed Design Standards
4. Incorporated Feasibility Review Process for future improvements at the site
5. Included Oversight and Management Procedures



Updated Process | School Park Improvements

Community Activated Park Project Proposal (CAPP – PARD)

**COMMUNITY ACTIVATED
PARK PROJECT IN
5 STAGES**

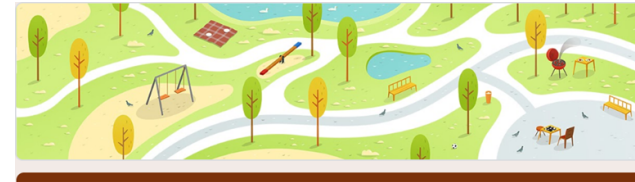
PARD collaborates with community partners to
develop and execute park improvements



**STAGE 1:
SUBMIT A
PROPOSAL**

Submitting organization provides
details, scope, & graphics of project.
Online proposal form:
[https://pardpartnerships.wufoo.com/
forms/z1lr7o8l0xncquo/](https://pardpartnerships.wufoo.com/forms/z1lr7o8l0xncquo/)

Schoolyard Improvement Project Proposal (SIP – AISD)



Schoolyard Improvement: Request for Review

Thank you for your interest to improve your schoolyard! The purpose of this form is to approve the location of your project and to ensure you receive relevant information regarding future site developments, underground utility lines, and potential resources to help you and your team implement the project. The form should be submitted by the School Principal or someone they designate to submit on their behalf. Also, please submit a work order and include the work order number in this form. The review committee meets twice a month, and please allow four weeks for review and approval. Larger-scale projects or projects that need coordination with upcoming site work may be referred to the AISD Construction Management Campus Support Team for follow-up with the applicant. Please do not begin your project until you have received approval.



Next Steps:



Finalize Draft JUA



Parks Board and AISD Board | October and November 2022



City Council | 12/8/2022



Execute JUA



Publish webpage with JUA and general info on the management of sites



Joint informational workshop with pertinent PARD/AISD Supervisors to review finalized JUA



PARD Community PARKnerships | Agreement Manager

Parks Board Action Requested

**Make a recommendation to
Mayor and Council in support of the
amended Joint Use Agreement between
Austin Independent School District
and City of Austin.**

Questions

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