

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

# ANNUAL CONCESSION REPORT FY22



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# AUSTIN CITY CODE

Austin City Code § 8-1-73 requires delivery of an annual report to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Environmental Commission providing the following information regarding concessions in Town Lake Park:

- Name and location
- Income and expenditures
- Total number of boats rented
- Environmental concerns caused by a concession

# Name and Location

# Austin Rowing Club at Waller Creek Boathouse

# Butler Pitch and Putt

EpicSUP

# Expedition School

# Lone Star Riverboat Cruises

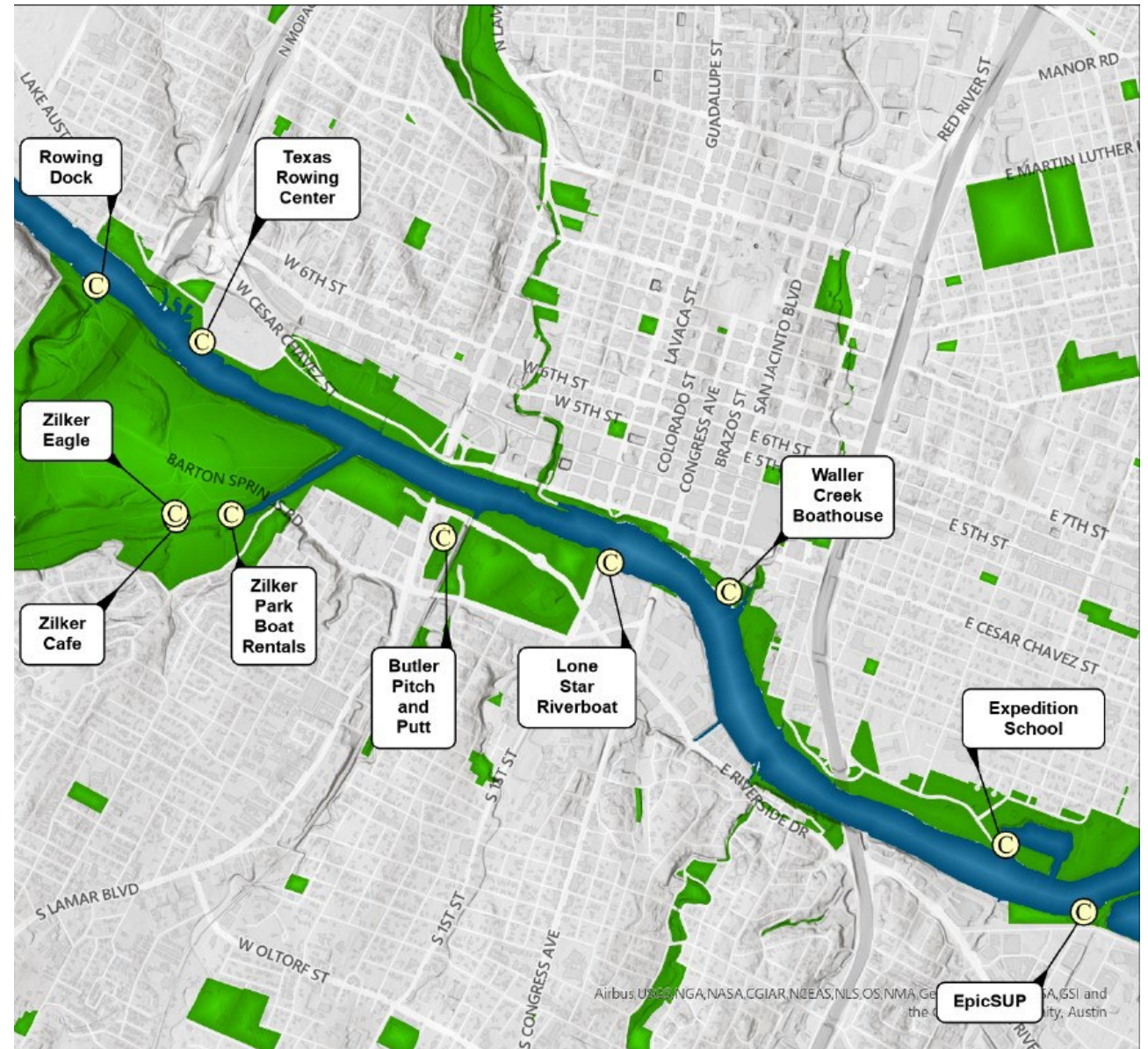
## Rowing Dock

# Texas Rowing Center

## Zilker Café (temporarily closed)

## Zilker Eagle Railroad (temporarily closed)

# Zilker Park Boat Rentals

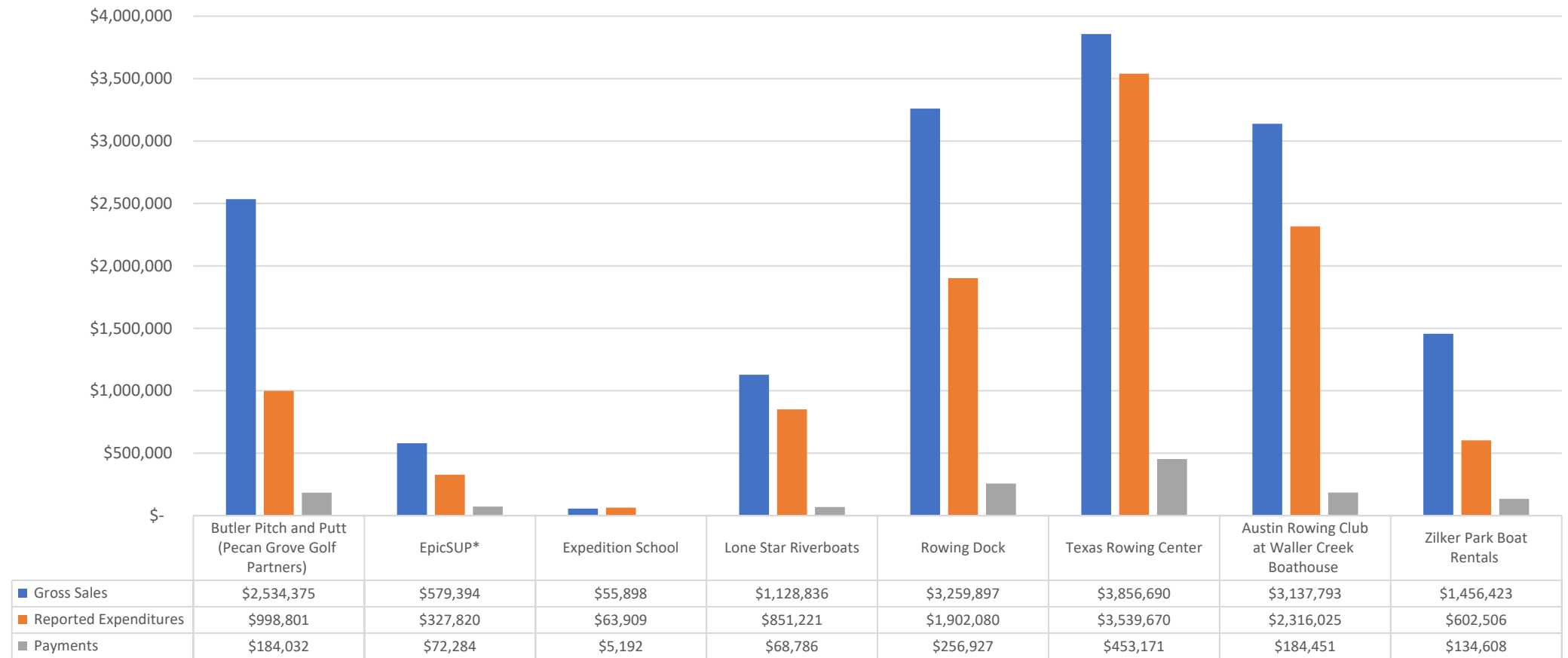


# Contract Terms

Concession	Contract Begin	Contract End	2000						2005						2010					2015					2020					2025						2030						2035					2040		
Austin Rowing Club at Waller Creek Boathouse	2012	2023													5			2		4																													
EpicSUP*	2013	2023													5			2		6 mo.	2																												
Rowing Dock	2000	2023	2	5				5			5			5			1																																
Expedition School	2020	2024																							18 mo.	2																							
Zilker Park Boat Rentals	2006	2024							5			5			5			1	2																														
Lone Star Riverboat	2015	2025																5			5																												
Butler Pitch & Putt	2019	2029																							10					5					5														
Texas Rowing Center	2020	2030																							10										5					5									
Zilker Eagle	2021	2031																							10										10														
Interim Period			*May 15, 2021-January 1, 2023, all revenue share payments go to The Trail Conservancy																																														
Basic Term																																																	
Option Executed																																																	
Option Remaining																																																	
Holdover																																																	



# FY22 Gross Sales, Expenditures, and Payments



\*The Trail Conservancy received all payments by EpicSUP in FY22.

# Annual Rentals

Type of Boat/ Concession	EpicSUP	Expedition School	Rowing Dock	Texas Rowing Club	Austin Rowing Club at Waller Creek Boathouse	Zilker Park Boat Rentals
Canoes	0	603	9,404	4,489	0	11,013
Kayaks	9,052	1,682	48,838	39,358	24,108	28,728
SUPs	16,832	928	30,374	76,205	10,033	16,542
Electric Boats	0	0	0	0	4,785	0
Totals	25,884	3,213	88,616	120,052	39,926	56,283

# Environmental Concerns

Per the recommendation of the City of Austin Environmental Commission, PARD does the following:

## Marine Waste Disposal

- Maintains and makes public marine waste disposal records for Lone Star Riverboats, which operates one vessel with an onboard toilet.

## Lake Safety

- Reviews the number of public and private boats typically on lake.
- Has commissioned a study of lake capacity.

## Other Concession Considerations

- Maintains consistent terms and conditions in concessions contracts to the extent practicable.
- Provides annual updates on any new concessions, including the Seaholm Power Plant and the Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan.





# Recommendations

Per Austin City Code, § 8-1-73

Not later than the 30th day after receipt of a report by the director of the Parks Department, the board and the Environmental Commission shall make a recommendation to Council regarding:

- Creation, continuation or termination of a concession
- The status of each existing concession
- The issuance of request for proposal for a concession under this division.

*The Parks and Recreation Board Recommends to Austin City Council for the continuation of Town Lake Metro Park concessions including consideration to recent studies and how that can impact water quality, the environment, safety, wildlife and outdoor recreation. Upon expiration of a contract on Lady Bird Lake that staff consider findings of environmental and capacity studies on Lady Bird Lake and consult experts. Further recommend that staff reevaluate the revenue sharing of that concessions contract and weigh it against recent rates and the public's ability to enjoy the park.*