

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DATE: *March 2023*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS:

Oakwood Chapel Cemetery: Staff conducted individual community engagement meetings on various dates in March with cemetery descendants and stakeholders to get feedback on plans for public memorial events to dedicate monuments for the 36 individuals found at Oakwood Cemetery Chapel. The monuments will be installed in April for the reinterred burials of these individuals found during the Oakwood Chapel rehabilitation project. There were 40 attendees at the meetings. **District 1**

Old Bakery & Emporium Bike Mural Tour: On March 11th, at 10:30 a.m., the *Bike Mural Tour* participants arrived at the Old Bakery & Emporium to hear about a future mural on the North side of the Old Bakery & Emporium Building. Participants were asked to take part in a survey that included different types of murals that viewers may be interested in seeing on the North wall. There were 250 attendees at the event. **District 1**



Old Bakery & Emporium Park During Bike Mural Tour



Attendees Viewing Murals

Survivors of Onion Creek Floods: On March 11th, the Dougherty Arts Center hosted a story circle with survivors of the historic Onion Creek floods in 2013 and 2015 for the purpose of gathering community input into a commemorative mural in Onion Creek Metropolitan Park as per Council Resolution 2021014-048. Muralist Alonso Elizondo met with community members for three hours to learn more about the floods. The event was well attended by the Onion Creek community. **District 2**

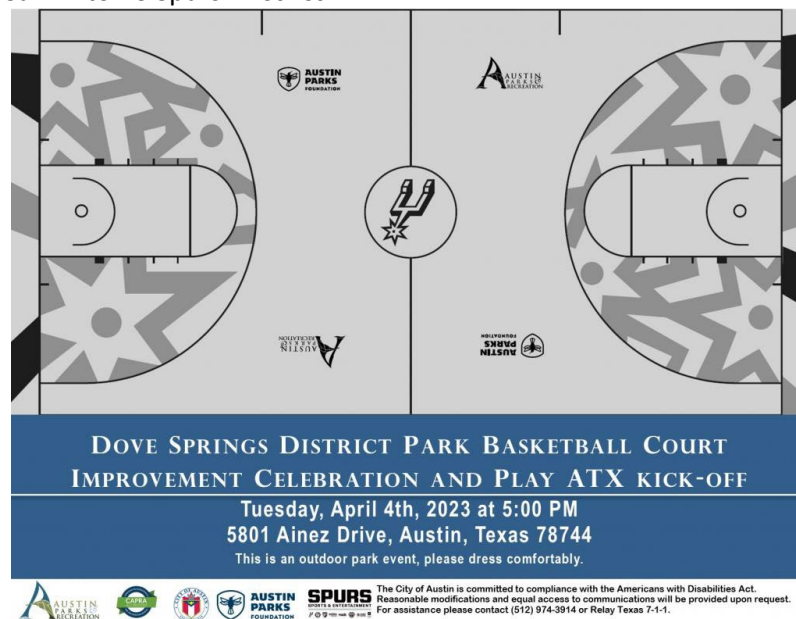
EVENTS:

Creek Trail Celebration: A community event to celebrate the approval of the project proposed in [Donde Corre El Agua \(Where the Water Runs\)](#) plan for the East Williamson Creek Trail will be held on April 1st at 10 a.m. The plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board at the July 25, 2022 meeting. The event is hosted by GAVA (Go Austin, Vamos Austin). **District 2**



Event flyer for Creek Trail Celebration at 5001 Creek Bend Drive

Dove Springs District Park Basketball Court: A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate improvements made to the basketball court at Dove Springs District Park is scheduled for April 4th at 5 p.m. The improvements included court resurfacing, new striping, and new basketball goals. Musco sports lighting will also be added to the basketball court later this year. The project is funded by Austin Parks Foundation and the San Antonio Spurs. **District 2**



Flyer for kick-off event at Dove Springs District Park

PLANNING UPDATES:

Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan: The vision plan is anticipated to begin the approval process in late March, with the Design Commission on March 27th, the Urban Transportation Commission on April 4th, and the Environmental Commission on April 5th. The Zilker Vision Plan will also be presented at a Public Health Commission Meeting (date to be determined). More information, including a Frequently Asked Questions document and the draft plan, may be found on the project website:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision>

Districts 5 and 8

Project Connect: Department staff recently met with members of Project Connect and Austin Transit Partnership to discuss a potential crossing at Ladybird Lake. The current plan is for only one crossing over Lady Bird Lake, and it will be a bridge rather than a tunnel. The two possible locations for the crossing have been identified as Statesman / Waller Beach or South First Street / Auditorium shores. The latter has three distinct options showing where the alignment would be, where the line would elevate, and whether there would be a station in the park. These options were shared with the Department Director and Assistant Directors. A version of these options was shared with the public on March 21st. A Parks and Recreation Department fulltime liaison specific to Project Connect will start at the end of March/early April. <https://projectconnect.com/>

Multiple Districts

Texas Legislature Parkland Dedication Bills SB 558 and HB 1526: Two State bills have been proposed as part of the 88th legislative session that would dictate the City of Austin's parkland dedication requirements. The bills greatly reduce the amount of parkland that could be required from new developments. Department staff is working with the City of Austin Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGRO) to communicate the City's concerns regarding these two bills. SB 558 has been referred to the State Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development. This Committee held a hearing for the senate bill on March 22nd. Randy Scott, PLD Program Manager for the Parks and Recreation Department testified against the bill along with a City of Austin Law Department representative and some Austin parks and recreation community advocates. **All Districts**

Parkland Dedication Conversations: The Parks and Recreation Department's (Department) Parkland Dedication team hosted conversations with community stakeholders to gather input and explore opportunities for fine-tuning and improving the commercial and residential parkland dedication ordinances. The process includes conversations with different stakeholder groups that started in January and continued through March. The results are anticipated to be reported to City Council in the spring. This process is in response to [City Council Resolution 20220915-053](#). **Multiple Districts**

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation: The project team will seek an advisory review of the rehabilitation scope from the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) on April 5th. The Bathhouse is a designated contributing structure to the Zilker Park National Register Historic District. The project scope includes structural, accessibility, and utility infrastructure improvements, a rehabilitation of the central rotunda and dressing areas, and updates to the Splash! exhibit within the historical bathhouse at Barton Springs Pool as called for in the 2008 Barton Springs Pool Master Plan and the 2016 Zilker Bathhouse

Zone Feasibility Study. The project scope was presented to the Architectural Review Commission of the Historic Landmark Commission on February 8th. **District 8**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/barton-springs-bathhouse-rehabilitation>



Photo of the Barton Springs Bathhouse in 1947

Amendment to the Partnership Agreement with Hill Country Conservancy: On March 23rd, the Department requested Council to approve an amendment to the Parkland Improvement, Donation, and Maintenance Agreement between the Department and the Hill Country Conservancy (HCC) that will allow the allocation of City funding for the construction of the Circle C Metropolitan Park segment of the Violet Crown Trail system to be managed by HCC. The amendment adds a maximum amount of funding, not to exceed \$2.1M, that the Department will allocate for construction. The Parks and Recreation Board recommended the amendment on an 8-0 vote on February 23rd. **District 8**

Duncan Neighborhood Park Improvements: On March 23rd, the Department requested Austin City Council to authorize the execution of a construction contract for the Duncan Neighborhood Park project, with the low-bid contractor in the amount not to exceed \$1,388,576.00, with additional community engagement to explore the inclusion of child-friendly features such as a playscape during a second phase of improvements at the park. Approval of the contract, with the recommendation for additional community engagement, was recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on February 27th, and the Downtown Commission on March 15th. **District 9**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/duncan-park-improvements>

Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) Phase 2 Improvements: The Joint Venture Miró Rivera Architects + Tatiana Bilbao ESTUDIO continues to make progress on Construction Documents being delivered in two packages – one for site/infrastructure construction and one for building construction. The Development Services Department (DSD) is reviewing the site/infrastructure construction package. While this project review is currently 8 weeks behind schedule but colleagues have agreed to place the project on the Planning Commission agenda for March 28th while

administrative and clarification comments are cleared. The Austin Energy-managed Chilled Water Pipe Extension project to connect the MACC to the downtown chilled water network will start work immediately upon site plan approval in the parking lot. The MACC Phase 2 site construction will begin shortly thereafter followed by building construction. Project completion is anticipated in early 2025. Funding is available through the voter-approved 2018 General Obligation Bonds and Parkland Dedication Fees. **District 9**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/MaccPhase2>

MAINTENANCE UPDATES:

Freeze Damage Repair: The Aquatic Division is continuing to work on December and February freeze damage repairs to restrooms and pump rooms. The Aquatic Division is also working with Forestry for tree maintenance and clean up. Work has been prioritized appropriately to manage the summer swimming pool opening schedule. **All Districts**

Annual Spring Clean: Barton Springs Pool conclude its annual spring clean on March 10th and will opened to the public on March 11th. **District 5**

AC Repair at Turner-Roberts Recreation Center: The Turner Roberts Recreation Center is without AC. The Department's maintenance team has been working with the outside vendor to repair the damaged unit. Recently, in an effort to provide for continued operations, the Central Maintenance installed three cooling tower machines, that are in the two classrooms and the front lobby. Each cooling tower is helping cool the area and has made the comfort of the facility more manageable. **District 1**

Installation of Lockdown Doors at Givens Recreation Center: The Givens Recreation recently installed new lockdown doors to help increase facility safety. The site will now be able to immediately lockdown the main entry doors from the center's offices. The lockdown doors were installed by outside contractor Johnson Controls LLC. The site staff will now be able to safely secure the premises in any extenuation circumstance that will require them to implement this safety protocol. **District 1**

Outdoor Classroom Sets at Delores Duffie Recreation Center: Delores Duffie recently purchased two outdoor classroom sets to help supplement their nature curriculum. The set includes wooden tables and chairs fashioned to look like tree logs and stumps and will be utilized by their growing toddler Leafy Learner Program held on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. The site will maximize usage of the outdoor equipment by supplementing it with their additional programs. The site has seen an increase in outdoor activities since receiving funding for their outdoor programs. Recently the site installed an outdoor nature play space, and the addition of this outdoor classroom will help expand programs and activities to the sites natural play spaces. **District 1**

Kitchen Remodel at Northwest Recreation Center Kitchen Remodel: The remodel of the kitchen at Northwest Recreation Center to bring it up to ADA standards is nearing completion. All that remains is the installation of the counters, sink, and dishwasher. Date of completion is not available at this time but is expected in the Spring. **District 7**

Winter Storm Mara Recovery:

Golf ATX has almost fully recovered from Winter Storm Mara. All debris has been removed from the golf course play areas and in some locations the organization is waiting for the brush contractor to haul off the debris. Items left to mitigate include the damaged netting at Lions Golf Course and the netting at Grey Rock Golf Course. GOLF ATX staff is actively seeking proposals for these repairs. Revenues for February were not impacted by the storm. **Districts 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10**



Golf ATX Crews Cleaning Up Storm Debris at Grey Rock and Jimmy Clay Golf Courses

Park System

PARD Forestry – Summary of leaner, hangars, and stumps
 Cumulative Total Hazardous Limbs Removed: 7,078
 Cumulative Total Hazardous trees removed: 457

Parks Debris Removal Operations Cumulative:

Cumulative Total: 187 Loads
 Vegetative/Woody: 9,625 Cubic Yards
 Contractor Vehicles (Trucks and Trailers): 11

Debris pile(s) haul off from various parks throughout the park system will continue through March and should be complete in early April. Winter Storm Mara resulted in over 200 parks recorded as having significant tree damage. **All Districts**

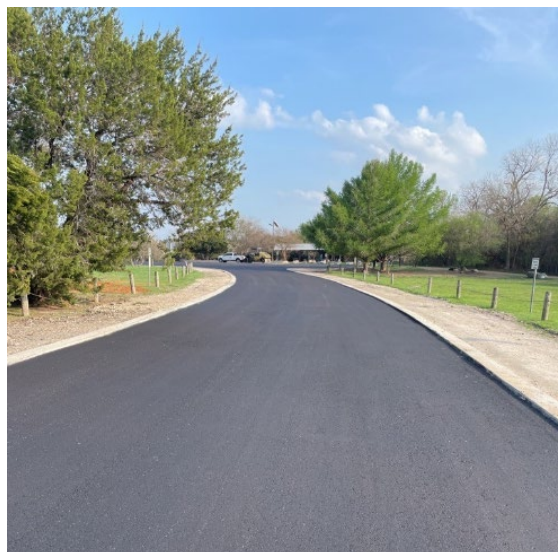
Bartholomew Park/Delwood Sport Complex Parking Lot Repairs: As part of the Department Asphalt IDIQ Contract, the department was able to prioritize parking lot improvements in time for Youth Baseball and Softball Opening Day at Delwood Sports Complex on March 25th. Asphalt repairs, overlay, and new parking stripes were completed on March 22nd. On March 29th, after the new asphalt has cured, a sealcoat will be applied to the entire parking lot to provide a uniform and finished look. The project cost approximately \$70,000 total and was funded by 2018 Bonds for Parking & Road Improvements. **District 4**



Fresh asphalt at the Delwood Sport Complex

Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park Parking and Road Asphalt Repairs: Work to repair and renovate the 0.5-mile entry road and parking lot was completed on March 10th. Along with new asphalt paving and striping, the scope of work included a new sub-base and new concrete ribbon curbs to improve asphalt longevity and remediate edge degradation. The work shut down the main entry road and the parking lot for 3-4 days in early March and alternate parking options were available for the public on S. 1st Street and Decker Prairie Drive during the brief closure period. Updates were posted on the project webpage and yard signs were posted on site to notify the public. The project was funded by 2018 Bonds and utilized the Department Asphalt Parking Lot/Roads IDIQ contract. **District 5**

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/mary-moore-searight-park-road-repairs>



Work completed on the Mary Moore Searight Metro Park parking lot renovation on March 10th

PROGRAM UPDATES:

District 1:

Dream Outside the Box: Dream Outside the Box at Oswaldo A.B. Cantu/Pan American Recreation Center serves as an external organization from the University of Texas, that provides educational and recreational curriculum through music, arts, and games for the Pan Am afterschool program. The auxiliary program meets every Wednesday from 4-5:30 p.m. at the recreation center. The program will run for the remainder of the school year. There are currently 15 participants 8 to 10 years of age who are participating in the program. The program is available only to participants registered in the Pan Am afterschool program.

Reading Aces (ACE): Reading ACEs continues to supplement Oswaldo A.B. Cantu/Pan American Recreation Center's afterschool curriculum by providing reading enrichment to program attendees. The group from the University of Texas comes every Wednesday for youth after school program for children 5 to 7 years of age. The educational curriculum will run throughout the end of the school year. The program currently supports an afterschool group of 16 participants and is available only to participants registered in the Pan Am afterschool program.

Girls Basketball Practice Sessions: The Police Athletic League (PAL) Boxing program at Pan Am Recreation Center recently began hosting girls' basketball practice on Saturdays. The program is held every other Saturday in the facility's gymnasium, with an effort to expand youth women's basketball programs and services within the recreation center. Practices are held from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each Saturday and is free for program participants 8 to 16 years of age. Their program currently has approximately 30 youth participants registered.

Pop Up Shop: Givens Recreation Center hosted their Pop-Up Shop event in the gymnasium and included 50 vendors on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. The event included community

members providing resources and services to event attendees free of charge. Over 250 participants were in attendance for the event.

It's My Park Day: On Saturday, March 4th, Turner Roberts Recreation Center hosted *It's My Park Day* in partnership with the Colony Loop Neighborhood Association. The event included over 40 volunteers who were onsite to provide park cleanup and mulching for parkland vegetation and shrubbery. The project was held from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

District 3:

Movie in the Park: Montopolis Recreation and Community Center has started its spring kick off of "Movie in the Park." On Friday March 10th, Montopolis showed a free screening of "Jurassic World." Community members were asked to take blankets, chairs, and a picnic to the event. Popcorn and refreshments were provided. 50 people attended the movie, "Jurassic World."

"Flavor of the World:" On Wednesday, March 8th, Montopolis Recreation and Community Center hosted its first ever "Flavor of the World" class. Flavors of the world will be five-week course where teens can learn to cook healthy foods from all around the world. Four people attended the event. The program is \$10 per class.

Dog Extravanza: Rodolfo "Rudy" Mendez Recreation Center hosted its 10th annual Dog Extravanza on March 11th, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The event was held in Metz Park and was free to the public and all canine friends. Activities included various vendors, giveaways, contests, and door prizes for all pooches in attendance. This year's special accommodation included a moment of recognition and memorial for pet owners who lost a family pet within the last year. 130 participants and 65 dogs attended the event.





Rodolfo "Rudy" Mendez Recreation Center Hosts Their 10th Annual Dog Extravaganza

Varsity Generation Events: Rodolfo "Rudy" Mendez Recreation Center hosted three sessions Bringing Seniors Together, Lucky BINGO and luncheon. Varsity Generation participants from the Varsity Generation were invited to attend the event at Mendez Recreation Center on March 16th, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The event included food, prizes, and BINGO giveaways to those in attendance. 54 people participated in the event.

Varsity Generation Program: Rodolfo "Rudy" Mendez Recreation Center continues to host their Varsity Generation Program that has now grown to over 24 registered attendees. Each month, the program participants partake in field trips and onsite activities. The arts and crafts session of the program is held on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

District 4:

Teen Link Program: The Teen Link Program at Gus Garcia Recreation Center offers participants between the ages of 13-17 a space to learn and explore themes consistent with life readiness through participation in active games, creative exercises, scheduled outings, and classroom discourse. The event is held Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. Programming includes a different theme each month. The arts and crafts club picks a new theme based on the month. The theme for the month of March is St. Patrick's Day. Currently, participation is between 18-23 teen participants daily.

Youth Out of School Time (YOOST) Programming – Totally Cool Totally Art (TCTA): TCTA began on November 1, 2022 and is offered at the Gus Garcia Recreation Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 PM. Participants discover and explore painting through different techniques and mediums. Overall, participant reception is positive. TCTA has been cultivating creative teens since 1996. TCTA is unique in that the classes are completely free to Austin's youth teen community. This program offers four sessions throughout the school year with different art programs for each session. TCTA classes typically consist of around 12-15 participants.

Community Kite Day: Gus Garcia Recreation Center held its special event Community Kite Day on Saturday March 18th, from 12-2 p.m. Participants were able to purchase a kite for \$1 and customize it on site with materials provided. There were eight vendors that attended as well to offer community members information on local resources. Over 100 people attended the event.

District 6:

Art in Cahoots: Pickfair Community Center hosted the Art in Cahoots Program on March 21st, at 10 a.m. This program, facilitated by staff from the Dougherty Arts Center, includes sensory, multi-disciplinary, process-based arts activities for children and caregivers to experience together. Number of attendees not available.

District 7:

Climb On – Northwest Recreation Center: Join us for indoor rock wall climbing. Participants will be able to practice climbing after learning the basics from our instructors. This program is currently underway and meets every Saturday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. with a total of 12 participants at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Kite Workshop: Northwest Recreation Center held its Kite Workshop on Saturday, March 18th, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Participants were able to make a kite and be ready for the annual Zilker Kite Festival. 25 participants created their kite and then fly them in our open field. **District 7**

District 8:

Zilker Kite Festival: The 2023 Zilker Kite Festival will occur on April 1st, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Zilker Park. The Zilker Kite Festival is an annual public special event that hosts around 15,000 people at the park. [Zilker Kite Festival](#)

District 9:

South by Southwest Spring Festival:

- March 17-19, 6-11 p.m., Waterloo Park.
 - Public Billboard concert series. Badge holders and partial public availability/sales.
- March 17-19, hours vary per day, Auditorium Shores.
 - SXSW has scaled back the public concert series seeking a more resident/family approach to the public events. [SXSW - free events at Auditorium Shores](#)

District 10:

Emma Long Metropolitan Park Phase I Improvements Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Ribbon cutting was held on Friday, March 27th with about 50 people at the event. The ceremony celebrated the completion of park improvements. <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/emma-long-metropolitan-park-improvements>

All Districts:

PARD Summer Camp Registration: In the second year of an adopted early registration process for individuals on Financial Assistance and/or receiving Inclusion Services, the Centralized Programs Division processed over 200 financial aid applications, awarded 439 scholarships, and approved 68 Inclusion participants. The decision to adopt an early registration process allows individuals in our community who need it most both the access and flexibility to register for camp without additional barriers.

All Sites Spring Break Camp: Spring Break camp took place March 13-17, at all recreation centers for ages 5-12 years. Participants did sports, arts, tech, field trips and cooking. The camps were well attended by the Austin community.

It's My Park Day Spring 2023 Update: On Saturday, March 11th, It's My Park Day occurred across Austin with 84 volunteer projects. With Department staff leading many volunteer efforts around Austin to prioritize high-need sites found within our [Nature Equity Map](#), equity was at the forefront. Together, teams collected 42,500 pounds of trash, and spread 663 cubic yards of mulch, which runs as long as 6.63 football fields. Additionally, over 3,300 volunteers contributed nearly \$300,000 to our parks through the Department's partnership with Austin Parks Foundation. **All Districts**



Group photo of volunteers at Kendra Page Neighborhood Park

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

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). During ongoing testing, the Foundation found additional parts and retrofitting were needed. Additionally, the difficulty in obtaining parts timely has further delayed their timeline. The Foundation provided a website with details on opening and activities related to the train at <https://www.zilkertrain.org/>.

In October 2022, the Foundation released a communication that they anticipated not having an operational train until fall of 2023, at the earliest. Since October 2022, the Foundation has reported to have:

- Engaged with Square One Consultants to help with the project management in finding a new train provider;
- Spoken with train operators in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Arkansas, Mississippi, Montana and California in search of a provider that could meet our needs; and
- Met with five train manufacturers and received proposals from two of them to build a new train as the previous train built by Railway Factory is not reliable and no reputable manufacturer will work on a train that they have not built.

On January 30th, the Foundation reported to have called and emailed all train donors/sponsors to provide them with an update, following the KUT story. On February 10th, the Foundation met with PARD to provide an update on the status of the project. The Foundation continues to pursue train installation options for the earliest activation possible.

Recreation Management System: The Department, with the assistance of the Communications and Technology Management Department (CTM), published a Request for Information (RFI) to survey current technology solutions in the Recreation Management Industry. PARD/CTM received three responses and conducted vendor question and answer sessions and vendor system demonstrations, along with meetings with current user organizations, between September and October 2021. Based on the information gathered, the Department will work with CTM to establish a scope of work (SOW) and conduct a formal solicitation for a future Recreation Management System. As CTM is the principal information technology department that focuses on the delivery and operations of vital IT infrastructure network and telecommunications services for the City, they will facilitate the competitive solicitation process. This includes establishing a CTM project manager and creating a timeline for the solicitation process. In October 2022, the Department began working with a CTM project manager to establish timeline and deliverables for the solicitation scope of work. The Department anticipates the solicitation process will take over a year to complete. The Department will continue to utilize RecTrac services throughout the solicitation process until a recommended vendor is established.

Watercraft Concession at 2418 Stratford Drive: The contract with the current vendor, Rowing Dock, expires April 22nd. A Scope of Work (SOW) was developed and presented at the September Parks Board Contracts and Concessions Committee meeting. The solicitation was published on November 9, 2022, and closed January 3rd, with four proposals submitted. As of March 9th, the proposals received are under review and evaluation with a recommendation for award anticipated by end of March.

Management and Operation of the Pharr Tennis Center: This agreement is for the management and operations of the renovated Burnett “Blondie” Pharr Tennis Center (Pharr). The soon to be renovated facility is anticipated to be completed in August 2023. The Parks Board Contracts and Concessions Committee was briefed at the October 21, 2022, meeting on the solicitation. The solicitation is pending release by Central Procurement. A contract with the successful proposer is anticipated to be executed by the August 2023 renovation completion.

Interlocal Agreement between City of Austin and Austin Community College: This agreement is an interlocal agreement that allows the Austin Community College to utilize specified areas of the Turner Roberts Recreation Center to offer consulting and training classes to the public at no charge to participants nor the City. The Interlocal Agreement was approved by Council on March 9th, with anticipated execution by end of March.

Zilker Café: The agreement with the previous vendor has been terminated. A new solicitation is being developed to operate and maintain the food and beverage concession on the north side of Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park. The solicitation is anticipated to be released in April 2023.

Lifeguard Trainings: The following lifeguard trainings were offered in March:

- Renewal Lifeguard Class at Bartholomew Pool March 18-19. **District 4**
- Full Lifeguard Class at Bartholomew Pool March 13-16. **District 4**
- Full Lifeguard Class at Garrison Pool March 15-18. **District 5**

Historic Preservation and Tourism Program Updates: The Department was honored at 2023 Texas Recreation and Park Society Institute and Expo February 28th - March 3rd, with two notable awards. The Department-produced documentary, [Parque Zaragoza: Comunidad, Cultura, y Resiliencia](#), was selected to receive the TRAPS 2023 Promotion & Marketing Excellence Award – Class I out of a pool of more than 140 submissions. The video highlights the remarkable history of a beloved park, **Parque Zaragoza**, that emerged from discriminatory city plans and policies, overt racism, and systemic inequities that pushed the Mexican American community into East Austin. Additionally, **Pan American Neighborhood Park** has been named at 2023 Lone Star Legacy Park. The opening of the park and recreation center in 1956 was an incredible victory for East Austin and provided a civic space focused on teaching English as a second language, U.S. citizenship classes, and acclimating many Latinos to life in Austin. After the Hillside Theater opened at Pan American Park in 1958, the space was cemented in the community as the scene of live music and fraternization. Hosting scores of acts ranging from local favorites to statewide headliners, performances still happen at the Hillside Theater to this day, making it the longest-running outdoor concert series in Austin. The Department will arrange a ceremony later in the year at Pan American Neighborhood Park to celebrate the Lone Star Legacy designation.



Still from Parque Zaragoza: Comunidad, Cultura, y Resiliencia

Historic Preservation Capital Budget Amendment: On March 23rd, the Department sought Council approval on an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget ([Ordinance No. 20220817-004](#)) to increase appropriations in the amount of \$1,422,539 for historic restoration and preservation projects identified in resolution [No. 20230209-006](#). This will supplement the \$6.5M previously appropriated in the FY2022-23 Capital Budget. Historic restoration and preservation projects to be funded include the Elisabet Ney Museum, Zilker Clubhouse, Barton Springs Bathhouse, Parque Zaragoza Bathhouse, and various interpretive wayfinding and small-scale preservation projects. **Multiple Districts**

FY 2024 Budget Development: The Department has submitted its FY 2024 Financial Forecast, and preparation of the Proposed Budget is underway. Below are the City of Austin Budget Calendar key dates:

CALENDAR	
March 10	Revenue/Expenditure Forecast due from Depts.
<i>April 14</i>	<i>Council Briefing: Forecast Presentation</i>
May 5	5-year CIP Plan due from Depts.
May 5	Proposed Budget due from Depts.
July 14	Proposed Budget Presentation to Council
July 26 – August 10	Council Budget Work Sessions
August 16 - 18	Tax Rate Hearing and Budget Readings