







Sir Swante Neighborhood Park Rezoning



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY
-  PENDING CASE
-  CREEK BUFFER

ZONING CASE#: C14-2025-0072
 LOCATION: 200 N IH 35 Svrd SB;
 201 Red River St
 SUBJECT AREA: 3.02 Acres
 MANAGER: Cynthia Hadri



June 18, 2025

Lauren Middleton-Pratt
City Of Austin
Planning Department
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive
Austin, TX 78752

Subject: Sir Swante Palm Neighborhood Park Zoning Application

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, we respectfully request the rezoning of Sir Swante Palm Neighborhood Park from Unzoned (UNZ) to Public (P). The subject property is approximately 3.02 acres and has been dedicated as parkland since 1929.

In May 2025, City Council adopted [Resolution No. 20250508-042](#), initiating the zoning process for the park to apply a base zoning district consistent with its current and long-standing use. Rezoning the property to Public (P) will formalize its designation as parkland and support the development of new park amenities and improvements envisioned through community engagement efforts dating back to 2016.

Construction of the updated park is anticipated to begin in 2026, with completion expected in 2028. Planned improvements include revitalization of the historic Shelter House, creation of multiple play areas, new plantings, shade structures, and other community-requested amenities.

Approval of the requested rezoning will help implement the community's vision for Sir Swante Palm Neighborhood Park as well as support the goals of the Palm District Plan and Downtown Austin Plan.

Sincerely,
Paul Ray Books, Planner Principal

Cc:
Jesus Aguirre, MBA, CPRE, Director
Liana Kallivoka, PhD, PE, LEED Fellow, Assistant Director
Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager
Randy Scott, Program Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 20250508-042

WHEREAS, Sir Swante Palm Neighborhood Park (“Palm Park”) dates back to the 1930s, making it one of the oldest and most historic parks in the city; and

WHEREAS, Palm Park is best known as the playground, community gathering place, and sports field for the adjacent Palm School; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, Austin Parks and Recreation and Waterloo Greenway Conservancy have engaged the community on the future of Palm Park, highlighting the importance of building upon its Mexican-American history and reinvigorating the park as a family-friendly space that celebrates nature, culture, and play; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter House located within Palm Park is one of eight early City park structures still standing built between 1930-1951; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter House is historically important to the community as a critical multi-purpose public space that operated as a community landmark, stage, lending library, restroom facility, and gathering place for families; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter House will be restored, protected, and made fully functional again through Waterloo Greenway’s improvements to Palm Park; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Palm Park design is underway, and groundbreaking is anticipated in 2026, with a park opening estimated in 2028; and

WHEREAS, steps to include historic landmark combining district for the Shelter House structure will eventually be pursued to comply with Austin Historic Preservation Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, prior to zoning the Shelter House structure the entire Palm Park property should first be zoned to reflect the current uses on this property; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Park property is among existing City-owned park property that is not currently zoned for parks and recreation services use; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

City Council initiates zoning for Palm Park to a base zoning that is appropriate based on its current use.

ADOPTED: May 8, 2025

ATTEST:



Erika Brady
City Clerk