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Dear park friends –

Through volunteerism, innovative programming, advocacy and financial support, Austin Parks Foundation (APF) continues to be a leader in helping Austin develop, improve and maintain our parks system.

APF’s dedicated staff has done an incredible job at expanding our outreach, while also strengthening our programs and services. Here’s a few highlights from 2016:

- APF gave over \$400,000 in community-initiated grants, including our first \$100,000 Impact Grant to St. John Park
- We broke ground on historic Republic Square and led the capital campaign to raise \$5.9 million for its redevelopment
- APF broke ground on the brand new Colony District Park
- We added 20 new park adopters to our growing list of advocates

Despite all of these successes, our parks continue to be woefully underfunded. And yet again, Austin ranks shamefully low -#46 - in ensuring our parks are maintained and accessible to all.

Because of this, and as 2017 marks the Foundation’s 25th anniversary, we created a new strategic plan to help guide our organization into the next 25 years. The plan will ensure we’re doing all we can to make our parks better for every Austinite.

We could not do this work without you, and as we look to 2017 and beyond, I encourage you to continue volunteering and supporting APF so that together we can keep these precious spaces green. Our parks need you.

With sincere gratitude,



Colin Wallis
CEO | Austin Parks Foundation



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“APF HAD THE EXPERTISE, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT BROUGHT MY NEIGHBORS AND I TOGETHER. THEY HELP US MAKE LIFE-CHANGING PARK IMPROVEMENTS POSSIBLE.”

– JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER
PARK ADOPTER | PATTERSON PARK

INVESTMENT

In 2016, APF distributed more grant funding than ever before with the introduction of our new three-tiered grants program including the \$100,000 Impact Grant, medium-sized Community Grants and smaller Neighborhood Grants. In total, our ACL Music Festival Grants Program made \$400,000 worth of community-initiated improvements possible for parks all over Austin. We are proud to be able to offer this service to our community of park adopters and volunteers, and are grateful to work so closely with the City of Austin’s Parks & Recreation Department to make these projects come to life.

2016 ACL MUSIC FESTIVAL GRANT FUNDING

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

- Austin Sunshine Camps - \$3,750**
Beautification and safety updates
- Austin Wildflower Meadows - \$4,950**
Wildflower seeds
- Barton Springs Pool - \$4,999**
Pool cleaning supplies
- Norwood Park - \$3,400**
Heritage tree care
- Odom School Park - \$1,990**
Soccer goals
- Robert E. Lee Tributary at Zilker Park - \$1,250**
Riparian restoration and bank stabilization
- Shoal Creek Greenbelt - \$3,500**
Benches, shade trees, trails and educational signage
- Walsh Boat Landing - \$1,530**
Heritage tree care

COMMUNITY GRANTS

- Barton Springs Pool - \$7,000**
Native aquatic plant re-introduction
- Blunn Preserve - \$17,815**
Invasive removal, erosion control and native planting

- Commons Ford Ranch Metro Park - \$17,000**
Final major phase of native prairie restoration
- Dick Nichols District Park - \$50,000**
Shade structure installation over swings and playscape
- Joslin Park - \$39,400**
Outdoor fitness equipment
- Mayfield Park and Preserve - \$35,700**
Restoration of the historic perimeter rock wall
- Odom School Park - \$40,800**
Shade structure for playscape
- Patterson Park - \$15,200**
Installation of Dance of the Cosmos sculpture
- Perry Park - \$18,561**
Phase 2 installation of Art Park project
- Pillow School Park - \$10,000**
Community garden
- West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt - \$16,000**
Completion of long-range planning

IMPACT GRANT

- St. John Park - \$100,000**
New gazebo, info kiosk, drinking fountains, sidewalks, picnic tables and a walking trail, as well as site redevelopments including decommissioning the pool

INVESTMENT

In addition to our grants program, we distributed nearly \$2.2 million for special, short-term projects, as well as long-term, strategic investments. By funding park improvements, maintenance and programming in parks all over the city, we are increasing access and improving the usability of some of our city’s most well-loved parks, as well as those that need help to become the urban sanctuaries they are meant to be.

2016 SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Austin Recreation Centers - \$5,000**
Childcare support at recreation centers

Austin Nature & Science Center - \$50,000
New climbing wall, planetarium and outpost fencing

Barton Springs Pool - \$30,000
Cleaning equipment

Camacho Center - \$50,000
New bike fleet and support for youth programming

Carver Museum - \$40,000
Broadway Bound program support
- City of Austin After School Programs - \$50,000**
New van for transportation to after school programs

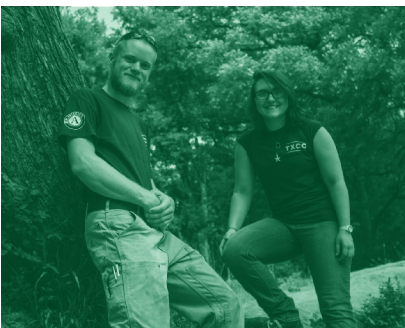
City of Austin Aquatics - \$50,000
Lifeguard hiring initiative and program support

Keep Austin Playing- \$25,000
Summer youth programming

Mexican American Cultural Center - \$150,000
Park and grounds development

Recreation Referral Program - \$50,000
In partnership with Dell and It’s Time Texas

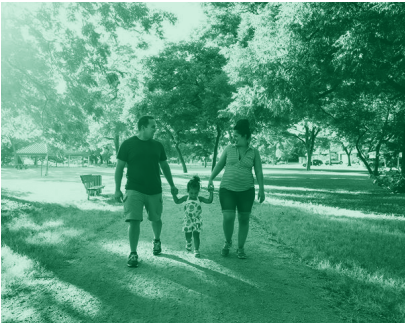
2016 LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS



BARTON CREEK GREENBELT

In partnership with the Texas Conservation Corps, APF has invested significant funds in caring for and maintaining one of Austin’s best loved trails. From clearing the trail of debris after storms to resolving drainage issues, TXCC and APF are committed to the ongoing maintenance needs of this gem.

INVESTMENT: \$100,000 | TIMELINE: ONGOING



EASTLINK TRAIL

Our investment includes funds for planning and implementation of a series of proposed improvements to connect 4.7 miles of trails in Central East Austin – from Bartholomew Park to Lady Bird Lake - repairing old paths and building new ones for pedestrians and cyclists.

INVESTMENT: \$250,000 | TIMELINE: COMING 2019



PARQUE ZARAGOZA

APF is proud to support the replacement of the playground at this East Austin park. Named a Lone Star Legacy Park, Parque Zaragoza will live up to its title and re-establish itself as a prominent community meeting space offering a great outdoor play experience for neighbors and visitors alike.

INVESTMENT: \$200,000 | TIMELINE: COMING SUMMER 2018



RECYCLING PILOT PROJECT

In 2016, APF set out to study the challenges facing the City of Austin’s Parks & Recreation Department and Austin Resource Recovery where recycling in parks is concerned. Now, we are funding a pilot project to increase recycling availability in strategic areas, and hope to expand this service across all parks in the coming years.

INVESTMENT: \$50,000 | TIMELINE: JUNE 2016



ZILKER HILLSIDE THEATER

Zilker Hillside Theater is home to one of Austin’s most beloved traditions - the Zilker Summer Musical - as well as many other performances throughout the year. In order to keep this haven for the arts thriving, APF invested in security fencing and lighting, as well as backstage bathrooms and general improvements to the venue.

INVESTMENT: \$50,000 | TIMELINE: JUNE 2017



ZILKER TREE CARE

As the city’s crown jewel, APF has taken on a long-term tree care project for Zilker Park. Our investment included tree aeration, fertilization and nutrient replacement, multiple mulching projects, and a new irrigation system.

INVESTMENT: \$160,000 | TIMELINE: ONGOING



ADOPT-A-PARK



APF promotes park ownership and leadership throughout Austin by connecting people to resources, partnerships and education to develop and improve their local parks. We do this through our Adopt-A-Park Program in partnership with the City of Austin, and our core volunteer work days.

With more than 300 parks in Austin, we are especially grateful to the 96 dedicated volunteer groups who enthusiastically support, steward and advocate for their local parks as official park adopters. These Adopt-A-Park leaders serve as the key stakeholders in their parks’ development, and as the stewards of each of these treasured neighborhood gathering spaces.

2016 ADOPTED PARKS

Adams Hemphill Park	Gaines Creek Park	Quail Creek Park
Alderbrook Park	Garrison District Park	Ramsey Park
Armadillo Park	Georgian Acres Neighborhood Park	Red Bud Isle
Balcones District Park	Great Hills Park	Reed Park
Bartholomew District Park	Hartford Park	Ron Rigsby Park
Barton Creek Greenbelt	Heritage Oaks Park	Roy G Guerrero Disc Golf Course
Barton Hills School Park	Highland Park	Shipe Park
Barton Springs	Houston School Park	Silk Oak Park
Bauerle Ranch at Slaughter Creek	JJ Seabrook Greenbelt	Sparky Park
Beverly S. Sheffield NW District Park	Joslin Park	Spyglass Trailhead at Barton Creek
Big Stacy Park	Kendra Page Park	Springwoods Park
Blunn Creek Preserve	Little Stacy Park	St. Elmo School Park
Boggy Creek Greenbelt	Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt	St. John Park
Brentwood Park	Little Zilker Park	Stillhouse Hollow Nature Preserve
Brownie Park	Mary Baylor Park	Swede Hill Park
Bull Creek District Park & Greenbelt	Mary Dawson Park	Tarrytown Park
Cherrywood Green	Mary Moore Searight Metro Park Off Leash	Veloway
Colony Park	Mayfield Park	Walnut Creek Greenbelt at Walnut Bluffs
Commons Ford Metro Park Prairie	Meadows at Trinity Crossing Park	Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park Trails
Cook Elementary School Park	Murchison Pool	Walsh Boat Landing
Copperfield Nature Trail	Nicholas Dawson Park	West Austin Park & Off Leash
Country Club Creek Trail at Guerrero Park	North Acres & Heritage Park	West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt
Covert Park at Mt. Bonnell	North Star Greenbelt	Williamson Creek Central Greenbelt
Cunningham School Park	Odom School Park	at Emerald Wood
Davis White NE District Park & Off Leash	Onion Creek Greenbelt Park	Williamson Creek Greenbelt East
Dick Nichols District Park	Patterson Park	Wooldrige Square Park
Duncan BMX Park	Perry Park	Wooten Park
Eastwoods Park	Ponciana Park	
Franklin Park	Poquito Creek Park	

VOLUNTEERS

In 2016, APF’s volunteers accomplished so much. From the record number of individual volunteers, to a significant increase in corporate and service groups joining us in the parks, our volunteer program saw amazing growth.

Not only did our volunteer program expand significantly, we were also able to continue our commitment to the long-term health of our urban tree canopy and the Future Forest Project. We focused many of our volunteer efforts on tree care, and spread 2,300+ cubic yards of mulch in order to care for thousands of trees all over the city.

All in all, APF’s generous volunteers put a total of \$649,644 worth of work back into our parks. That’s an investment equal to 18 full-time PARD maintenance staff working for an entire year to accomplish what our volunteers are able to accomplish over just a few project days.

8,800
VOLUNTEERS

2,391
YDS³ OF MULCH

293
PROJECTS



VOLUNTEERS: IT'S MY PARK DAY

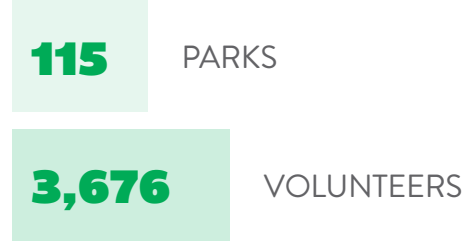
Volunteerism has always been at the heart of our work at Austin Parks Foundation. From corporate volunteer and service group projects to our large city-wide work days, volunteers are key to keeping our parks, trails and green spaces in great shape. We rely on the generosity of our community to help us maintain these cherished public spaces.

In 2016, we not only dramatically increased our number of volunteers, we also added an entirely new iteration with It's My Park Day - Fall! We saw the need for a day of service in the cooler temperatures of Fall, and listened to our most loyal volunteers, who knew the day would be a great success.

Overall, 2016 saw 5,000+ It's My Park Day volunteers donate more than 18,000 hours of their time to our parks. That translates to nearly \$383,855 worth of park maintenance work saved by the City of Austin's Parks & Recreation Department. Not only are APF volunteers investing their time and energy into Austin's parks, they're also saving their fellow Austinites money!



SPRING



FALL



TOTAL



ACTIVATION: MOVIES IN THE PARK



Henri Mazza is the kind of guy who brings fun wherever he goes. And for the last 15 years he's been bringing it to theaters and parks near you. As the V.P. of Special Events at Alamo Drafthouse, Mazza and his team work with Austin Parks Foundation to host Movies in the Park, a series of outdoor films that are free to the public. He calls it a dream job.

"In the very beginning, this project was more of a 'Hey! Let's do a movie outside—that will be cool!' kind of idea," said Mazza. "But then we realized it's a great way to encourage people to use and love their parks."

Movies in the Park began in 2002 as a partnership between APF and Alamo, and it was held exclusively at downtown's Republic Square Park near 4th and Guadalupe. Beginning in 2015, the partners began taking the movies to neighborhood parks across the city to allow people to enjoy free fun right in their own

backyards. The events have grown over the years and expanded in scope. In 2016 APF and Alamo added a fundraising element to one of the movie nights and raised more than \$2,500 for APF with their first-ever Halloween Spelltacular.

Mazza has worked for Alamo since the early days of the company. After graduating in 2000 with a film degree from the University of Texas, Mazza joined the staff at the original downtown theater on Colorado St.

He started as a waiter and soon began wearing multiple hats – helping with promotions, programming and special events such as sing-alongs, and even a reality dating show (which paid off considerably since he met his wife there). Today, Mazza focuses on managing large-scale events and roadshows, plus overseeing the team that produces their live-stream simulcasts.

"We've got a whole team of programmers now, and a lot of them are the more studious film geeks—true cinephiles," said Mazza. "I love film, but I've always been the guy who asked, 'What about having an '80s dance party in the theater?'"

The next Movies in the Park series may not include an '80s theme, but the continued partnership between APF and Alamo is a certainty. It's a natural fit.

"I like our joint mission of hosting movies that draw people to their neighborhood parks," said Mazza. "In the future we may try to make the events bigger, if it's the right park for the right type of event. With outdoor events in general you can do so much more than inside theaters...like setting up smoking cauldrons and a wading pool filled with 700 pounds of candy corn for Halloween photo booths. How fun is that?"

By Elizabeth McGuire

ACTIVATION: FITNESS IN THE PARK

“If everybody grew up with a meditation mindset and the ability to use it to reduce stress, the world would be a much better place.”

That conviction anchors and motivates An Dang, co-owner of The Little Yoga House and supporter of Austin Parks Foundation’s Fitness in the Park program. For the last several years Dang has been sharing the benefits of yoga with children and families, and she believes that teaching young kids how to control their emotions and relax their bodies is key to a healthier adulthood.

“Yoga teaches so many mindful skills that I wish every child—every individual—had the opportunity to learn,” Dang said.

Thanks to APF’s Fitness in the Park program, every child does have that opportunity. Dang and her business partner, Abby Nagler, began working with APF in 2014, with the goal of offering free, outdoor fitness to families and children.

Fitness in the Park is a great opportunity for families to do something engaging and healthy together. Unlike other weekend activities that have parents sitting on the sidelines, parents and kids participate right alongside each other. The family that downward dogs together, stays together!

“Yoga in the park is not your typical yoga class,” said Dang. “We’re going to be silly, we’re going to move, we’re going to make animal noises. It’s yoga in a much more playful way.”

Dang and her fellow teachers use interactive props such as singing bowls, breathing balls, feathers and small stuffed animals for kids to put on their bellies to help them focus on breathing. And, of course, Fitness in the Park is outdoors. Dang says this can completely transform the experience.

“It’s almost magical,” she said. “Just being out in nature and breathing fresh air. We work so much with our breath that it’s nice to breathe in the morning air. So you’re smelling nature and hearing nature sounds...and it heightens all your senses.”

Dang says working with APF is an extension of her company’s dedication to supporting local organizations.

“We all have similar interests and goals: to build the community that we share. Not every city has programs like this to help support parks and supplement what the city can do. We are so grateful for APF and proud to be a partner.”

Namaste, indeed.

By Elizabeth McGuire



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OUR 2016 REACH

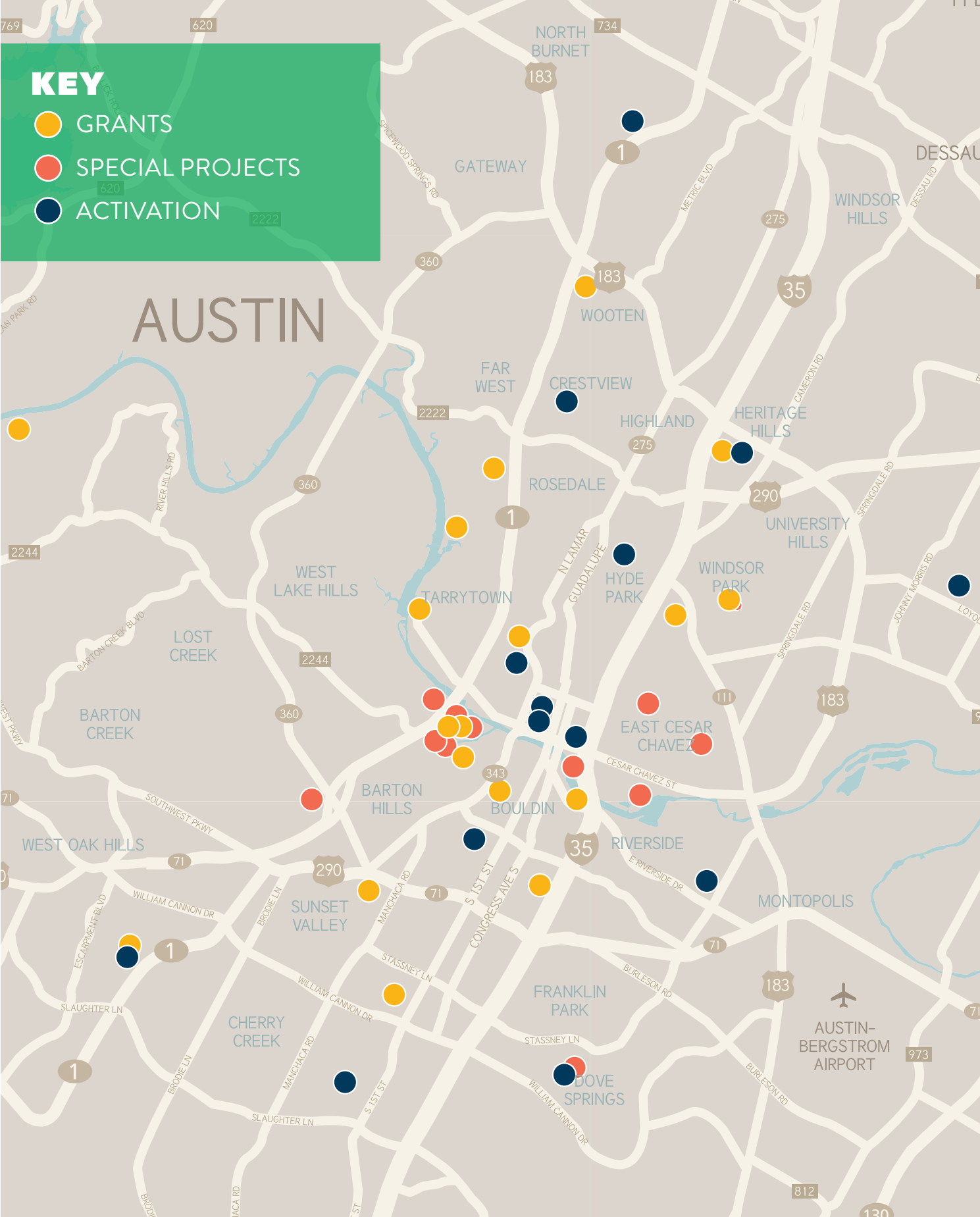




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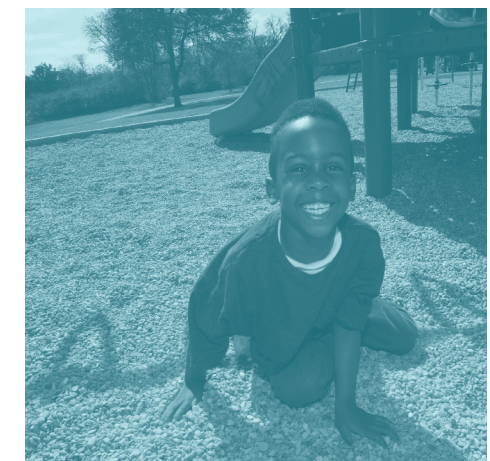
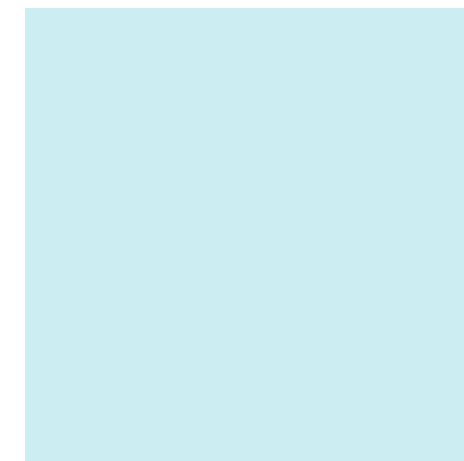
– SARA MARLER
BOARD CHAIR | AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION

2016 ushered in the beginning of some significant capital improvement projects, as we broke ground on two incredibly momentous parks - downtown’s historic Republic Square and the brand new Colony District Park in Northeast Austin.

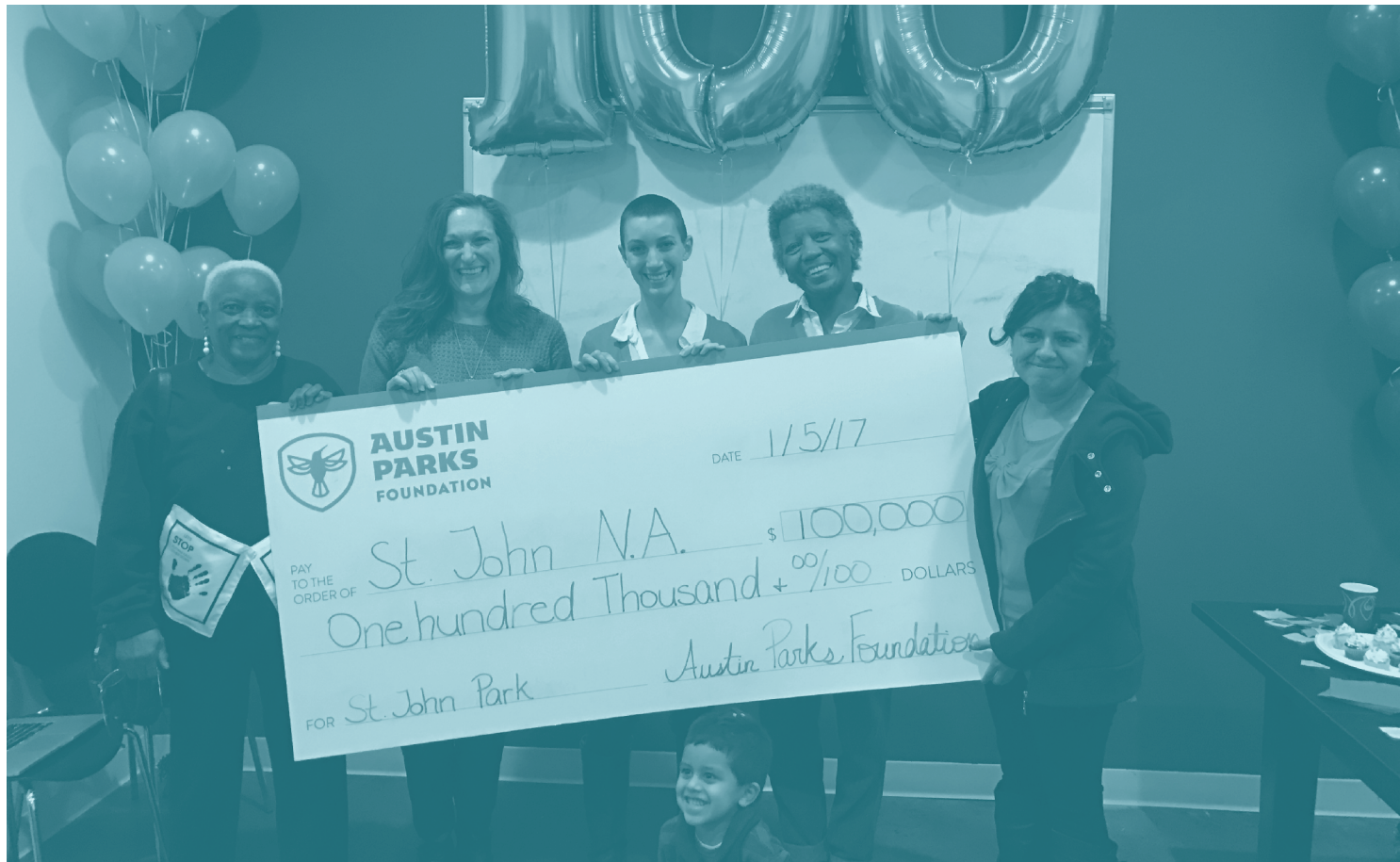
In addition to these construction projects, we also gave out our inaugural \$100,000 Impact Grant as part of our ACL Music Festival Grants Program. We were thrilled to award this gift to the St. John Neighborhood Association for the development of their neighborhood park, funding a new gazebo, sidewalks, information kiosk, drinking fountain, picnic tables and dog waste stations.

While large-scale construction projects were a big part of 2016, we also worked closely with the City of Austin’s Parks and Recreation Department to fund much-needed upgrades to some of the city’s most visited sites.

We funded infrastructure improvements at the Zilker Hillside Theater and a new climbing wall and planetarium at Austin Nature and Science Center. We helped bring a recycling pilot program to parks, trails and pools across the city, and we collaborated with PARD on innovative programming like Keep Austin Playing and the Recreation Referral Program, which focused on improving the health and well being of children and families across Austin. It truly was a successful year for Austin’s beloved green spaces.



ST. JOHN PARK



photos: Ricardo B. Brazziell

For the most part, Thelma Williams, also known as Grandma Wisdom, has lived in the St. John neighborhood since early childhood. She remembers when the land — a slice of which benefited from Austin Parks Foundation’s first \$100,000 Impact Grant this year — belonged to the St. John Regular Baptist Association, started in 1867 by four black Baptist ministers who met under a live oak tree in Wheatville, the freedmen’s town west of what is now the University of Texas campus.

In the 1950s, when the Interregional Highway, now Interstate 35, split St. John asunder, residential plots to the east were sold to sharecroppers for \$1,000 a pop. The western sector was developed as Highland Mall, now ACC Highland, and the Highland neighborhood.

The neighborhood has changed a lot since the 1950s. It is now mostly Hispanic, with a large immigrant population. And while Buttermilk Park spreads out in an arcing complex that includes Pickle Elementary School, a library, a Health and Human Services office and a recreation center named for neighborhood leader Virginia L. Brown, it is off-limits during class time.

“So there’s no place for the kids to go and play,” Williams says. “No meeting place, no place for family reunions. No place for neighbors to get to know each other.”

That is why she and neighbors are overjoyed that APF has awarded the park its first large-scale Impact Grant which, with the addition of city bond money, will mean \$300,000 for the project. The money will go to build a gazebo and sidewalk, picnic tables, a walking trail, drinking fountains, a community kiosk and a pet waste station, all to help make the rather scruffy patch of green, brown and gray into a playground and meeting place.

“There is still funding needed to build a playscape for children,” says Julie Weeks, the neighborhood association president who helped spearhead the St. John Park campaign. “But we continue to believe that success breeds success and that ‘Together we can do more!’ We invite others to partner with us in this effort.”

St. John Park is in Austin City Council District 4, which has the least acreage of public parkland in the city, as well as the highest percentage of children under the age of 10.

“Knowing this, when I first visited St. John Park, I felt my heart sink,” said Ladye Anne Wofford, Chief Mission Officer for APF. “It currently consists of an open lawn, a decommissioned pool and little else. With no amenities, the space lacks purpose and feels somewhat abandoned and unsafe.”

Wofford points out that Austin hosts great disparities in park quality and that neglected areas like St. John suffer as a result. Because the city’s Parks & Recreation Department is chronically underfunded, resources are scarce.

“While the St. John neighborhood may be short on resources, they are rich in history, skilled at building community and aren’t afraid of hard work,” she says. “It’s my hope that other communities will see the persistence and dedication of the St. John Neighborhood Association and be inspired to take action in their own parks.”

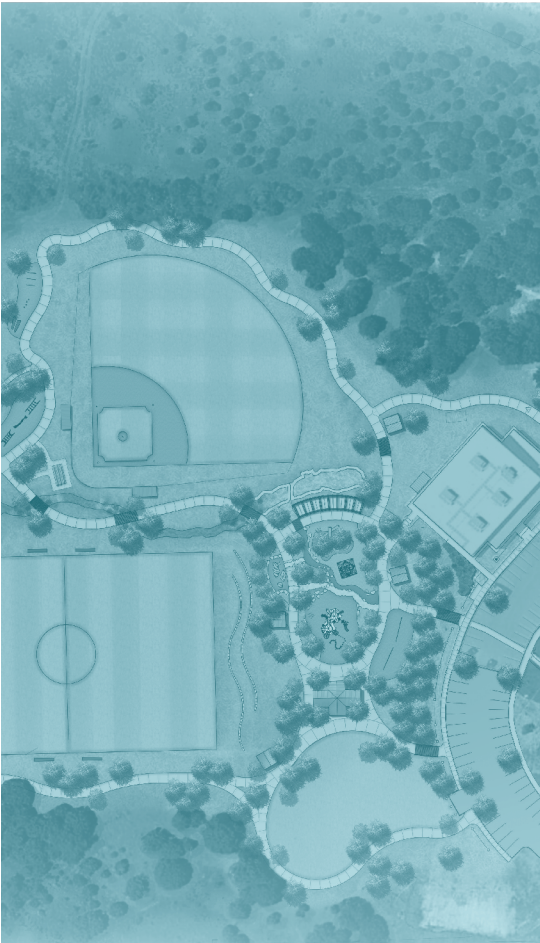
The St. John Neighborhood Association, the official grant applicant, helps organize National Night Out block parties, school celebrations, the St. John Unity Walk and Reagan High School festivals such as HopeFest.

“During our first St. John Unity Walk in 2006, Pastor Harold Hendricks, whose family had lived in St. John for many years, came up with our neighborhood motto,” Weeks says. “It is still quoted today: Together we can do more! Juntos podemos hacer mas!”

Austin Parks Foundation is sure this is true, and is proud to partner with such a dedicated group of park advocates.

By Michael Barnes - Story originally appeared in the Austin-American Statesman

COLONY PARK



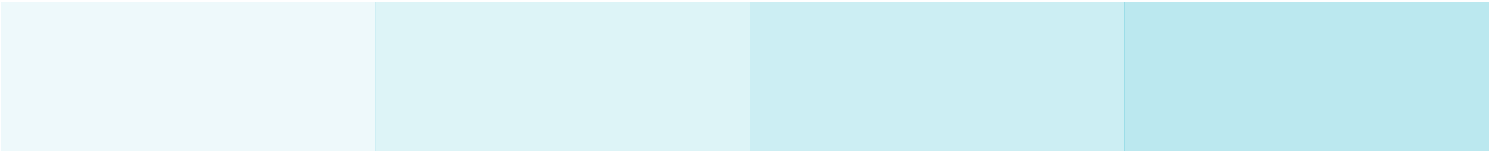
In 2016, Austin Parks Foundation, the City of Austin’s Parks & Recreation Department and St. David’s Foundation partnered to develop a premiere park space known as Colony District Park in Northeast Austin.

With a \$700,000 Healthy Living grant from St. David’s Foundation, APF broke ground on Phase 1 of the new park in 2016. The 93-acre site (in conjunction with an adjacent 208 acre plot of land) underwent a year-long process to create a Master Plan that integrates and reflects the needs and interests of the surrounding community, while also incorporating best practices for sustainable development. Colony District Park, adjacent to Turner Roberts Recreation Center, will be the heart of the neighborhood, uniting surrounding areas and creating outdoor recreation opportunities that promote physical activity and healthy living.

A central element of the plan is to transform this currently vacant and underutilized space to encourage recreation for all ages and abilities. When complete, the park will host multi-use trails, an all-inclusive children’s play environment that is integrated into the existing landscape, two sports fields, a pavilion, benches, drinking fountains and a playscape.

Each phase will be completed in stages, and Phase 1, including the walking trail, opened to the public in the Spring of 2017.

Through the incredible generosity of St. David’s Foundation and additional donors like Dell Technologies Match Play, we’re able to create a park that truly serves the diverse needs of the Colony Park neighborhood while also improving the community’s overall health and well being with a completely new park space.



REPUBLIC SQUARE

One of our most significant projects this year was the redevelopment of Republic Square. Decades in the making, the renovation of the historic downtown park was made possible because of an innovative public-private partnership between Austin Parks Foundation, the Downtown Austin Alliance and the City of Austin. Together, we hosted a groundbreaking celebration in June to recognize the generous donors and dignitaries (including Senator Kirk Watson, Congressman Lloyd Doggett and Mayor Steve Adler) who brought the nearly \$6 million renovation to fruition.

APF managed the design process and is responsible for park construction. Additionally, we led the capital campaign to close the funding gap (\$3.5 million) for the \$5.9 million goal. Once construction is complete, the Downtown Austin Alliance will oversee operations and management, and the Parks and Recreation Department will supervise the partnership and operations, ensuring the park serves the public at an unprecedented level.

Republic Square is home to the Auction Oaks, under which Austin’s original 306 lots were sold at auction in 1839. In the late 1800’s and early 1900’s, the park had strong associations with Austin’s Mexican-American community due to the concentration of Hispanic citizens in the surrounding neighborhood. In recent years, it has served as the first site of Austin’s Movies in the Park (put on by APF) and is home to the Sustainable Food Center’s Downtown Farmers’ Market.

The newly renovated square will be a place unlike any in Austin with daily programming and featured events, modern amenities, beautiful art and a café. APF is proud to play a leading role in shining a spotlight on Republic Square – honoring its important role in our city’s history, while elevating the space into a civic asset for all to enjoy. The park will reopen in Fall 2017.





**“AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION IS VITAL TO WHAT WE DO.
THEY’VE BEEN ONE OF THE BIGGEST FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS
OF THIS TREASURE FOR THE COMMUNITY.”**

– MICHAEL CANNATI
PARK ADOPTER | BARTON SPRINGS POOL



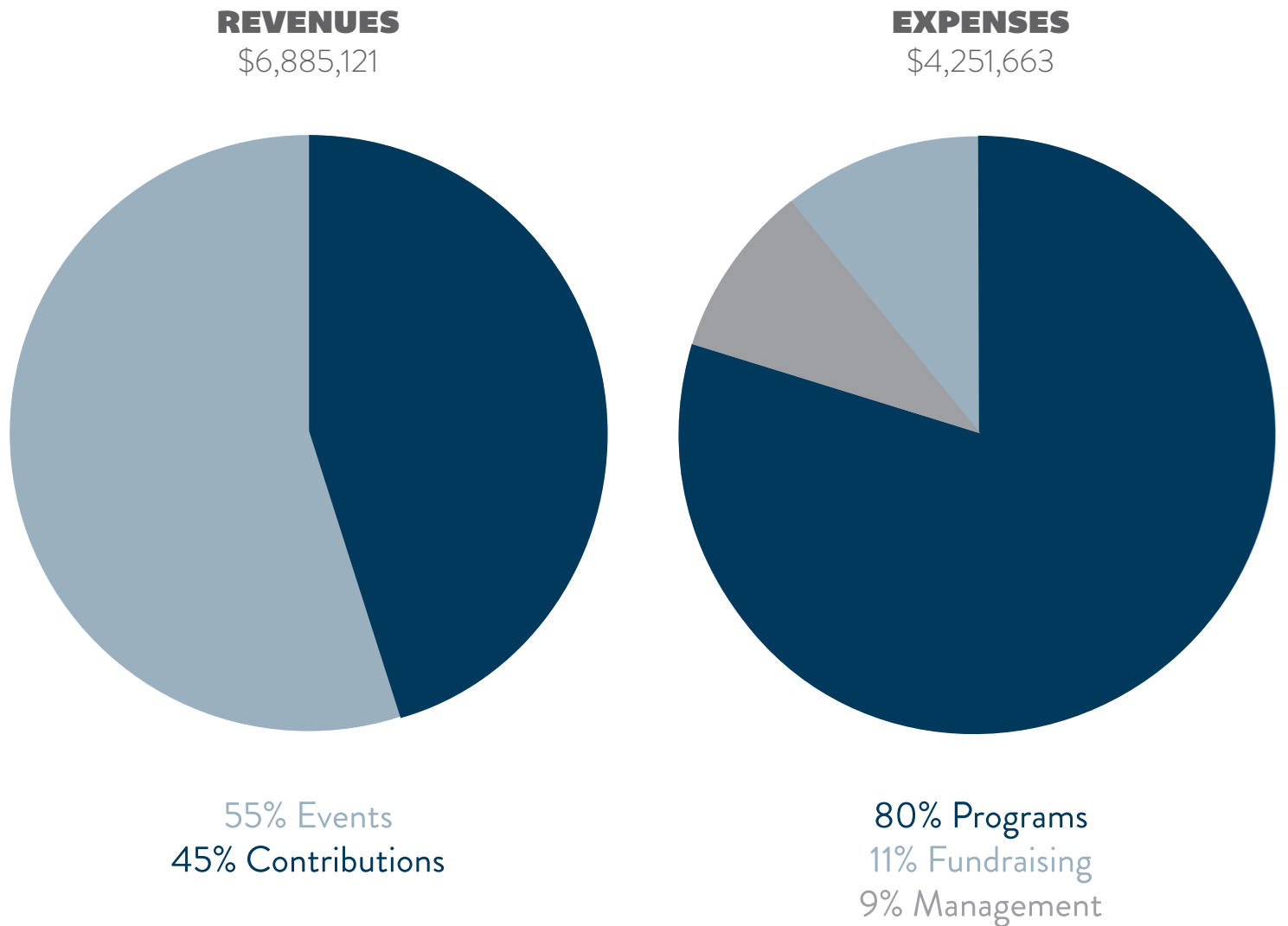
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Below are the 2016 audited financial statements for Austin Parks Foundation.
This audit was conducted by PMB Helin Donovan.

ASSETS	As of 12/31/16
Cash & Equivalents	\$4,195,737
Current Assets	\$3,229,196
Property & Equipment	\$52,830
Pledges Receivable, Republic Square Park	\$1,098,675
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,576,438
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$611,624
Grants Awarded	\$677,650
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$1,289,274
 NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$164,779
Board Designated Projects	\$3,164,207
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$3,958,178
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$7,287,164
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
	\$8,576,438



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



80 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN TO APF GOES DIRECTLY TO PARK PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

OUR GENEROUS DONORS

APF is able to financially support park projects and programming all over Austin because of the generous gifts made throughout the year by charitable donors and local businesses. With the funds we receive we are able to ensure our parks are greener, safer and better able to meet the ever-changing needs of the Austin community.

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