



Summary Report of Community Meeting #1

September 26, 2019

Austin Parks Foundation is partnering with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the community to design a Park Master Plan for Scenic Brook Pocket Park. An important priority is to gather community feedback and public input to shape the master planning process.

Prior to the first meeting, members of the Park Design Committee reached out to the surrounding community to spread the word about Community Meeting #1 by passing out flyers and emailing content.



Austin Parks Foundation, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the Scenic Brook and South Windmill Run Neighborhood Associations will be holding the first community input meeting for the park master plan. Overall park conditions will be discussed and the public can weigh in on the park amenities they would like to see.

Join us and help shape the future of this park!

COMMUNITY MEETING #1

Thursday, September 26 6-8 pm

Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill, Precinct 3
Meeting Room in Building A
8656 W. Hwy. 71 Austin, Texas, 78735





The first public meeting counted was held from 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Thursday, September 26th at the Oak Hill Travis County Community Center, with approximately 15 people in attendance. The agenda for the meeting included a presentation of a high level overview of the Park Master Planning process, and various activities to record community input and feedback. Surveys on iPads were available for attendees and the public as an opportunity to provide personal feedback, a “Map Your Location” activity helped attendees contextualize Scenic Brook Park in their neighborhood, large printouts and photos assisted in visualizing the park, and a ‘Design Your Park’ activity enabled attendees to draw out their preferences and comments about what they would like to see in the park.

Presentation: Master Planning Process

Katie Robillard of Austin Parks Foundation led a presentation detailing the definition of Master Planning and outlining the project timeline.





Activity: Map Your Location

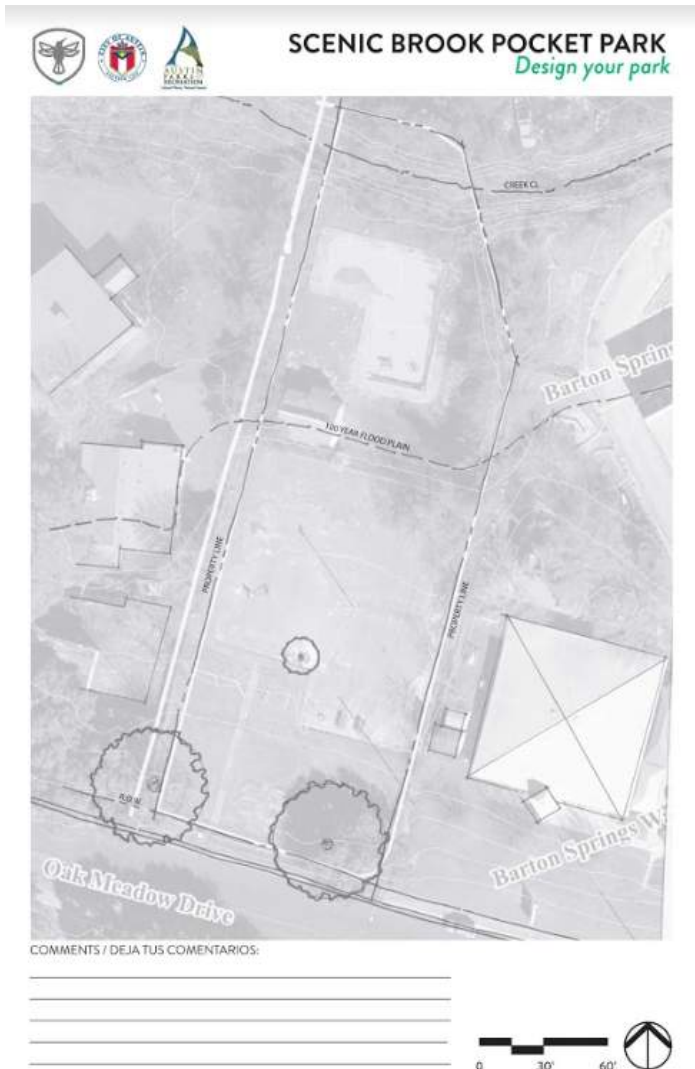
Meeting attendees were invited to mark their home residence on a printed map using colored stars to put Scenic Brook Park in context within their neighborhood.





Activity: Design Your Park

Sample Drawing



Attendees also expressed their hopes and concerns for the park through drawing out park features they wanted to see implemented. Attendees were also provided space to provide written comments and hopes for the park layout. All information provided in the activity was reviewed and recorded.

Complete listing of 'Design Your Park' Activity:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1fjirYjPQmvo8gdtK6w79C8US5CvfbaS5>



Results

Top priorities for the park design included a basketball court, traditional playscape, and community garden. The inclusion of shade at the park, splash pad, flexible open space, and seating / tables were also top priorities in this activity.

* Despite being a high request, a splash pad is not feasible due to the size of the park and ongoing maintenance requirements of such a feature.

Scenic Brook Pocket Park		Community Meeting #1	
Design My Park Activity			
Feature	Tally	Notes and Comments	ECM Notes
Basketball court	6		1/2 court = 2500 sf impervious cover
Traditional Playscape	6	two different play areas for younger and older kids with shade ; all-inclusive playscape with specialized equipment	only impervious curbing counts against impervious cover
Community Garden	6	one note for no community garden	
Shade	5	trees	
Splash Pad	5		counts against impervious cover
Open Space for Play and Sports	5		grass only multi use open space
Seating and Tables	5		
Walking path / trail	4		
Dog Park	3		
Pavilion	2		counts against impervious cover
Nature-based playscape	2		
Skating Feature(s)	2		
Tetherball / small sport feature	2		
Interpretive / educational signage	1	watershed education sinage, history of park wall	
Mosaic / mural	1	beauty / art and nature play for all ages	vertical wall = limited impervious cover
Outdoor Music / Sensory Activity	1		
Water Fountain	1		along trail= minimal impervious cover
Ampitheater and stage area	1	with electricity	grass only and minimize grading
Parking space	1	No extra parking if reduces amount of park features	



Activity: Scenic Brook Community Meeting #1 Survey

Throughout the duration of the meeting and for two weeks following, the public survey remained open to receive feedback about desired park amenities. The survey was uploaded to the project website for public access.

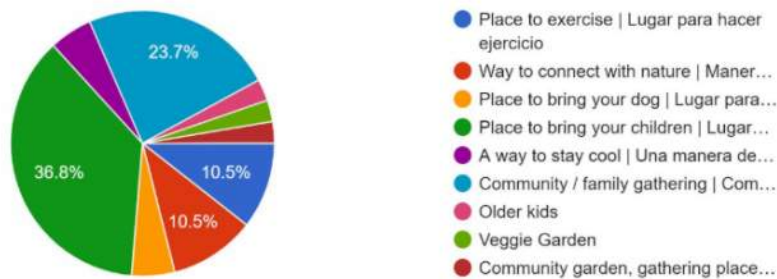
The complete results of the survey are recorded here:

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Samples of the content are below:

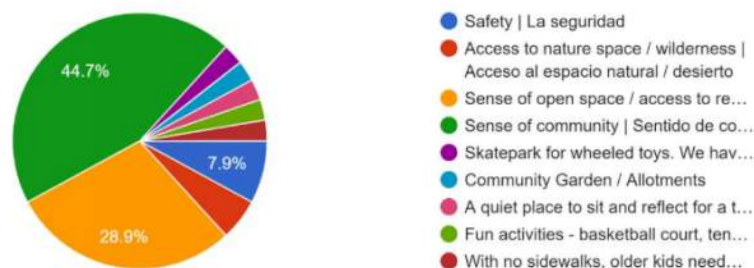
What is the primary reason you think you will use Scenic Brook Pocket Park for in the future? | ¿Cuál es la razón ...á Scenic Brook Pocket Park en el futuro?

38 responses



Which value is most important to you for the future park? | ¿Qué valor es más importante para ti para el futuro parque?

38 responses





Results

Most importantly, the online survey results indicate that the public envision Scenic Brook Pocket Park should ultimately reflect their community and be safe place to bring children. Sense of community was further stressed as an important value along with providing the community with access to open space.