

Community Comments - Stakeholder Mtg #3 - July 20, 2011		
Use		Comments on cards
Dog Park		Please combine the Norwood House and immediate gardens but keep the dog park in its entirety.
Dog Park		The current size of the dog park area is perfect. Dogs need to run/owners need to see them at all times. Large enough for social groups to develop.
Dog Park		Make Norwood House into a Welcome Center with info on "pet friendly" businesses. PARD amenities
Dog Park		The dog park is; a showcase of diversity and gateway to a pet-friendly, diverse city. We have low and high income diverse ethnic groups, families & diverse breeds of dogs. There is nothing like it in Austin. You can't move a 17 year old community & expect it to retain its vitality. We need the dog park in Travis Heights!
Boardwalk		All options connect to the Boardwalk which, as a Travis Heights homeowner (on Travis Heights Blvd.), I fear would bring way too much traffic to our neighborhood & to an already congested area (IH35 & Riverside). After the Riverview project (across I35 on riverside) is completed, we will have even more pressure on our neighborhood.
Boardwalk		A boardwalk connection will bring many people to the area who are interested in access to the Boardwalk, not necessarily to the Norwood Park, hence creating significant demand for parking.
Boardwalk		Connection to the Boardwalk will create too much congestion/pressure on Edgecliff Terrace and Travis Heights neighbors.
Boardwalk		Please consider putting the trailhead on the east side of Riverside (perhaps near the hostel) or by the Crab Shack, west of Norwood which is already commercial.
Pool		Don't need a pool (City can't even afford a lifeguard for little Stacy).
Water feature		Water feature OK.
Performance		I35 is Noisy! Not good locale for movies or weddings.
House/garden		Restore Norwood & immediate gardens/tea house/ greenhouse
Boardwalk		No Boardwalk connection
Dog Park		Keep Dog Park as is but beautify. Tie into Norwood house.
Pool		Don't need pool (can't even get lifeguards for little Stacy)
Water feature		You could consider a water feature & restrooms in Area C but definitely leave everything else for the dog park.
Light Rail		Can (see) use in future for light rail stop (not full station)

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Dog Park		No real effort to keep a useable off-leash dog park
		The visions reflect creative thinking, but they are not appropriate for this estate. Norwood is worthy of much more.
House/garden		The home itself, and the site, deserve to be restored. There are ways to do this that are economically feasible but probably require a new model - a public private partnership.
House/garden		The home must not be removed or demolished! Return it to the people.
House/garden		Save the house now before you talk the project to death and it is too late to save the house. The decision on plans for the park can come later.
Boardwalk		Good decision for connection to Boardwalk and amphitheatre on Option 3A.
Amphitheatre		Good decision for connection to Boardwalk and amphitheatre on Option 3A.
Commercial kiosks		Why vendor kiosks?
Dog Park		No dog park
Trees		Save the trees, perhaps include wild flower area for photography - bluebonnet pics
Option 3B		I like Option 3B with the house restored, but also like pavilion with architectural elements of the house.
Option 3B		Like pool/picnic area in 3B.
House/garden		Keep house, tea house and greenhouse
Pavilion		Like pavilion with town views and water views
Pool		Reflecting pond in pool area
Picnic area		Picnic area in tree orchard
Boardwalk		Path connecting to Boardwalk with amphitheatre
Dog Park		No dog park
House		Still love to keep house
Pavilion		Like pavilion idea and deck with views
Pool/pond		Like water reflecting pond feature in pool location with restrooms
Trees		Preserve pecans and oaks
Park		Like park setting in trees, tables, picnic area in orchard
Amphitheatre		Amphitheatre is a great idea on lake side
Option 3A		Like Option 3A access to Boardwalk.
Dog Park		No dog park
Info Center		Use house for information center or gallery
Pool		I am upset at the lovely effort of the professionals on these designs when swimming pools are closed in East Austin. This amount of money could keep one swimming pool open for some period of time.

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2A		Like kiosks
1B		Like balance of restoration & new rentable facility
2B		Like concept of outline of house balanced with new facility
2B		Like concept of creative water & UL pond balanced with educational component.
All		Keep reservable use closer to house footprint
1B		Probably best is 1B with kiosks - think weddings
1A		PARD and CasaBella have done a great job synthesizing input into 6 options. They have demonstrated the potential of the creative design and community partnership. Let us continue this. I vote for option 1A. I love the appreciation of history here, and the simplicity and low cost. Include Dog park (9900SF in Option 2A) and this will be close to a lovely affordable win-win solution.
		Historic preservation is important and the spirit of that grand old space would be a nice juxtaposition to the futuristic looking feel of much recent Austin architecture.
		This can be done while keeping alive a present and thriving space. The past means nothing without the living to animate it.
		Thank you for your efforts. We can fund and appreciate this win-win option for years to come.
Dog Park		Only 2 of 6 options have a dog park. The dog owners in this community need & want & would benefit from a dog park in this area. We have come to meetings to say that.
Dog Park		Only the two most expensive options have a dog park. An off-leash dog ark is not expensive and could/should be part of all options.
Dog Park		An off-leash dog park should be larger than the 7,500 or 9,900 SF options provided.
Dog Park		Please design other option with a larger dog park.
Dog Park		I am concerned that the 2 options with a dog park are also the most expensive. I would like to see a dog park incorporated into a less expensive plan such as 1A. That way the Posse and dog park can peacefully co-exist. I think it vital that a dog park remain at this location.
1B		Looks like the best starting point. Preserve the house and add on from there. Some elements from other option may fit. I will give more feedback via e-mail.
Trees		Thank you for preserving the heritage trees in all options. They are essential to the feel of the park.
Dog Park		I am very disappointed that the two options that have the off leash dog park have them so small. That is totally unacceptable to me. I am also concerned that only two of six plans have a dog park.
Dog Park		The only two plans to include a dog park have areas about the size of our current small dog area. This seems like a token mention of dogs, without any thought about what is appropriate or needed by dogs and their owners.

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House		Restore Norwood Estate as Phase #1 of any plan. This would take advantage of citizen commitments to funding & move project ahead.
Estate		It is a valuable asset - Norwood Estate & we have donor funds matching to implement restoration. Let's do it.
Estate		Prefer restoration with combo of other features.
Estate		Use community funds for restoration of house as Phase 1.
Estate		Then break additional features into additional phases.
Estate		Restore pool
Estate		Restore teahouse and gardens
Estate		Add community gardens
House		Keep exist house, re-hab for rental use (1A - 1B)
House		Take advantage of community offer to restore house from donations
House		Minimize any additions
House		Keep historic architectural feel to house & site
Dog Park		Relocate dog park
Site		Develop grounds to reflect historic state
Site		Add new facilities carefully & compatible with historic house.
Boardwalk		Connect to hike & bike trail
1A		The only options I feel the house & the estate deserve is Option 1A or 2A. Anything proposing to destroy it and build a new structure is an insult to all of us who know and love its history. Listen to and work with the Posse. Do it for Austin.
1A		Photo representing the restored house doesn't do justice to the original.
House		Does "restoration" include the possibility for duplicating the image without using the original materials?
1B		Additional facilities are too modern looking and not geared to produce income.
2A		I didn't see any reflection of the historical past.
2B		I liked the stepped auditorium, the wild flowers and the boardwalk.