



GOVALLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK POOL IMPROVEMENTS

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Public Meeting 3 Summary

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Introduction

Following the second public meeting in April, the project team held a Community Breakfast for Govalle Neighborhood Park Pool Improvements on July 9th, 2016 from 9:00-11:00 am. The event was advertised through notice via the Springdale-Airport Neighborhood Association, posting in the Austin Chronicle and other news sources, announcements through NextDoor and personal email invitations to attendees of the first and second public meetings. Approximately thirty community members attended a presentation and a walking tour on site.

To encourage families to attend the event, the project team also provided breakfast and shaved ice via vendor trucks and an inflatable “bounce” house for meeting participants and their children.

The meeting was run by the consultant team and the City of Austin Public Works Department, Parks & Recreation Department, PARD Public Information Office, PARD Aquatics Division and Art in Public Places. Attendees included members of:

- Springdale-Airport Neighborhood Association
- Sol Homeowner’s Association
- Govalle/Johnston Terrace Contact Team
- PODER
- Sierra Club

The event was also attended by the campaign for Susan Narvaiz for U.S. Congress as well as representatives from the Office of the Mayor and the Office of Council Member Sabino Renteria (District 3).



A new pool is coming to Govalle Park!
¡una nueva alberca está llegando al Parque Govalle!

Join us for a
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
for
GOVALLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD POOL

Únase a nosotros para un
DESAYUNO COMUNITARIO
para el
ALBERCA de PARQUE GOVALLE

See the proposed design and share your thoughts & stories • Revisé el diseño propuesto y comparte tus pensamientos e historias sobre el alberca

concept designs • meet the team • games • refreshments
diseños de concepto • conocer al equipo • juegos • bebidas y comida

9 JULY/JULIO 2016
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
GOVALLE PARK | PARQUE GOVALLE
kids of all ages welcome! los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos

Presentation

Asakura Robinson began the meeting with a presentation describing public input to date and how it influenced the preferred design concept before explaining the details of the current design proposal. Following the consultant team's presentation, Springdale-Airport Neighborhood Association President Pete Rivera Jr. shared thoughts and stories with the community in attendance. Attendees also shared feedback on the proposed design. The presentation was briefly interrupted several times by bicyclists attempting to ride on the sidewalk in front of the pool enclosure, illustrating some of the use conflicts the design team seeks to resolve with the project.

The presentation highlighted key points of community feedback and how they are reflected in the proposed plan:

1. The existing live oak and proposed shade structures in pool area provide shade and cooling for the recreation and activity pools.
2. Shade structure between bathhouse and equipment room provides shade for potential seating areas.
3. Outdoor showers for pool users are close to pool space and entry area.
4. Enclosure fencing is integrated with spacious seating walls.
5. More gardens are provided at entry area and outside of buildings.
6. Trees are proposed at the pool entrance and at the lawn area to provide some screening for pool area.
7. New sidewalk connects Bolm Road and existing parking lot with pool entrance.



Walking Tour

The design team hosted a brief walking tour to show the locations and sizes of new pool areas and buildings on site to help attendees orient to the scale and location of the proposed design. Throughout, bilingual infographics offered anecdotes for future activities that will occur in locations on the site.

The proposed entrance will align with the existing 30" live oak, which is a central focal point of the pool area. A proposed sidewalk will connect the new entrance, existing parking lot and Bolm Road. The new buildings including pump house and bath house are close to the pool area with improved fixture counts and facilities. The existing pool will be replaced by a larger footprint pool design with a separated new activity pool for kids. A shade structure between two pools will provide separation and shaded seating area for parents to watch their kids. A trellis between the two buildings will provide more shaded spaces for gathering. More shaded seating places are also proposed under existing trees.





Proposed entrance of pool areas near existing parking lot



Existing 30" oak tree and locations of the two new buildings

Preferred Concept



Site Plan

The pool area layout follows input from the first two public input meetings as well as work by the consultants and City staff. The layout centers around an existing 30" live oak and includes a 25m lap/recreation pool and an activity pool, both of which receive shade from nearby trees and a central shade structure over a dividing seat wall. The pool also includes a bathhouse and pumphouse, which also features two unisex restrooms outside the enclosure area for playground and park users during daylight hours when the pool is closed. Raingardens and shade and ornamental trees complement a simple architectural style with tile highlights and a future Art In Public Places installation. A path from Bolm road and improvements to the connection to the existing parking ensure full accessibility for the pool enclosure.

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Sections

The images above illustrate two sections crossing the site. The top section, through the pool area, shows the activity pool, which features a zero-entry and a deepest point at 2.5 feet, and the lap/recreation pool, which runs from 3.5 to 7 feet deep. A breezeway with seating separates the two buildings, which feature perforated ventilation openings along the upper portion of the walls to increase natural air flow and provide natural light and energy savings. Seat walls are provided around the existing oak at center of the site and along many of the enclosure edges. Two proposed rain gardens at the entry area are shown on the lower section, along with some of the many shade trees to be planted around the exterior site edges.



Continued Engagement



The project team coordinated with news sources to improve the visibility and recognition of the event. KXAN news attended the community breakfast and produced a short piece about the project featuring an interview with Pete Rivera Jr.

The KXAN video is available on their website here: <http://kxan.com/2016/07/09/austin-parks-and-recreation-talks-about-govalle-pool-improvements/>



All information and Public Input Reports are posted online, allowing people to stay updated on the progress of the project, even if they can not make it to the public meetings: <https://austintexas.gov/department/govalle-pool-improvements>

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