



# City of Austin

## Highland Neighborhood Park & Reznicek Fields Master Plan

Public Meeting #1  
November 17, 2015

# History

- The approximately 7.46 acres of land located at 401 W. St. Johns Avenue has been used for youth sports activities by the University Hills Optimist Club since 1970.
- This land is owned by the City of Austin and was to be utilized by the Watershed Protection Department for storm water collection and water quality enhancement.
- The Highland Neighborhood Association petitioned the city to use the land for a neighborhood park.
- City Council passed Resolution No. 20130926-077 to consider uses for the property and through a series of public meetings the City recommended that the property be utilized for both a water quality pond and a neighborhood park.
- In September 2014, City Council provided funding for maintenance, make-ready projects and the master planning of 401 W. St. Johns.

## Property Recommendations

As directed by the resolution, the Parks and Recreation Department and Watershed Protection Department considered options for the property through a series of (6) stakeholder meetings. With the support of the stakeholders and the Parks and Recreation Board the following recommendations were proposed to City Council on July 1, 2014:

1. PARD accept the transfer of a portion of Watershed Protection property located at 401 West St. John's to be maintained as parkland.
2. Maintain in perpetuity a storm water management pond of approximately 1 acre of the existing 7.464 acres.
3. Maintain the two 125 foot lighted fields currently located on the southeast corner of the property for tee-ball, coach pitch and kickball until the park master plan process dictates development.
4. Retain the northern side of the property as open space, removing fencing to allow for open park feel and allow soccer to continue.
5. Continue to explore partnership opportunities for youth sports delivery between Gus Garcia Recreation Center and University Hills Optimist.
6. Limit park development or deconstruction in the immediate future and allow the master plan process to guide future park development.
7. Include ball field space in the future master plan process to be located on the northern side of the property and utilize approximately 1.3 acres of space and temporary fencing as deemed feasible.
8. In recognition of his contributions, it is recommended to rename the two 125 feet lighted fields located on the southeast corner of the property as Reznicek Fields. Any relocation of the fields shall include the same name recognition.

# Master Plan Timeline

**September, 2015 to Present** – Collected Site Information and Created Site Analysis and Site Context Maps.  
Held Focus Group meetings with City Staff, Technical Advisory Committee,  
University Hills Optimist Club and Friends of Highland Neighborhood Park.

**November 17, 2015** – Public Meeting #1, Gather Input on Park Desires and Concerns.

**November, 2015 to February, 2016** – Analyze Data Gathered and Prepare Preliminary Master Plan Concepts.

**February 10, 2016** – Public Meeting #2 – Present Preliminary Master Plan Concepts and Receive Input.

**February, 2016 to March, 2016** – Prepare Draft Final Master Plan.

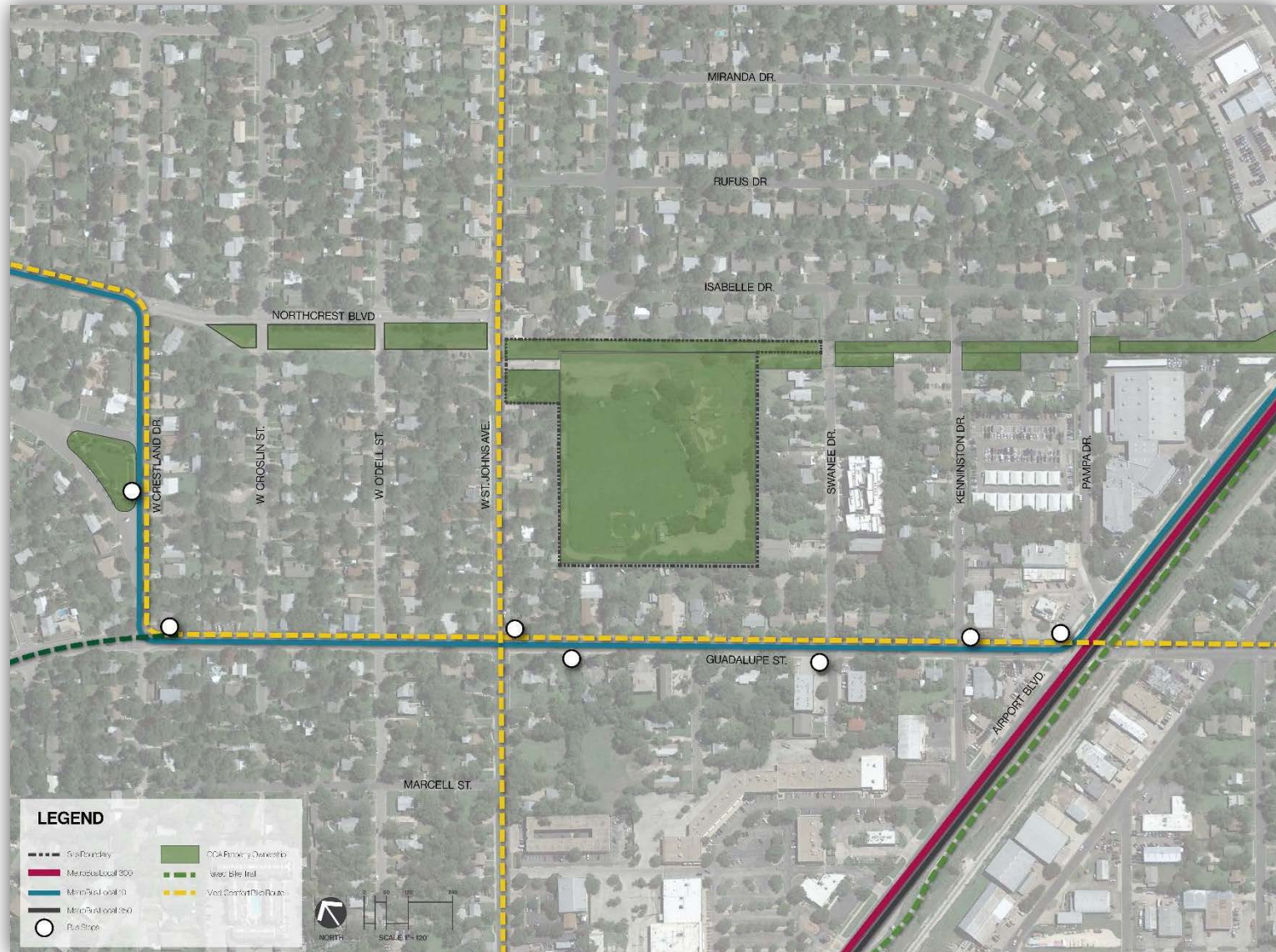
**March 23, 2016** – Public Meeting #3 – Present Draft Final Master Plan and Receive Input.

**March 2016 to May 2016** – Prepare Final Master Plan and Master Plan Report.

**June 2016** – Deliver Final Master Plan and Master Plan Report to City of Austin.



# Site Context





# Site Analysis





# Site Photos









# Station #2 – Site Prioritization



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1. ACTIVE USES



2. PASSIVE USES



3. SPORTS FIELDS



4. PARKING



5. OTHER USES



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# Station #3 – Amenity Prioritization



A. BASEBALL FIELD



B. KICKBALL FIELD



C. SOCCER FIELD



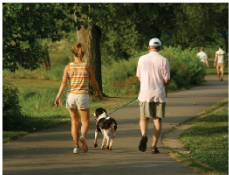
D. 2-5 YEAR PLAYGROUND



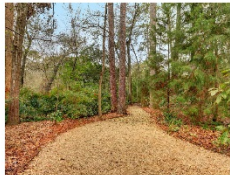
E. 5-12 YEAR PLAYGROUND



F. FITNESS EQUIPMENT



G. WALKING/RUNNING PATH



H. NATURE TRAIL



I. COMMUNITY GARDENS



J. TENNIS COURTS



K. BASKETBALL COURTS



L. MULTI-USE COURTS

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M. SAFETY LIGHTING



N. RESTROOM FACILITIES



O. CONCESSION FACILITIES



P. PAVILION



Q. INDOOR MEETING FACILITIES



R. PARKING



S. SPLASH PADS



T. OUTDOOR GATHERING



U. CREEK RESTORATION



V. OPEN LAWN



W. OTHER

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Tonight's Presentation, Survey and More Information are available at the Highland Neighborhood Park and Reznicek Fields Master Plan Web Page found on the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Web Site under the Projects Tab.

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/highland-neighborhood-park-and-reznicek-fields-master-plan>