AGENDA

Introduction

Project Background and Scope

The Monuments

Site Inventory and Analysis

Goals Discussion

Programming

Visual Preference Survey

Questions
The purpose of tonight’s Veterans Park meeting is to present:
  Background information
  Existing conditions
  Preliminary goals

And to gather stakeholder input to inform the design of the space.
TEAM EXPECTATIONS AND ROLES

City of Austin

Austin Parks & Recreation Department

Veterans Park Stakeholders

Design Workshop, Inc.
Prime Design Consultant

Consultant Team:
- Structures Engineering
- Encotech Engineering
- Urban Design Group

Fund
Manage, Direct
Inform, Consent, Input, Feedback
Facilitate, Design, Collaborate
Design, Collaborate
PROJECT BACKGROUND

The 2012 Bond initiative provides funding to design space for these memorials and future memorials at Veterans Park

Veterans Park is physically connected to the American Legion Post 76, although not administered as one site

The Post is not part of the City of Austin’s Park and Recreation Department

Site will contain three war memorials previously located at Waterloo Park that honor the:

- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- the Hostile Action in Beirut
SCOPE

Accommodate formal and informal veterans events and observances as well as casual use by the public

Plan for potential future memorials

Work with the City of Austin Commission on Veterans Affairs to plan for the needs of the local veterans community

Work with the adjacent American Legion Post 76 to create a seamless and strong relationship between the park and the existing circulation, retaining wall, flagpoles and structure

Maximize accessibility and connect to surrounding context

Utilize the existing concrete sidewalk on Veterans Drive and plan for connectivity to the nearby Capital Metro bus stop and the Roy and Ann Butler Hike and Bike Trail

Address the drainage catch basin area on site

Develop and prepare conceptual, schematic, design development and construction documents
THE MONUMENTS | Korean War

IMAGES FROM ORIGINAL LOCATION AT WATERLOO PARK
The Monuments | Vietnam War

Image from original location at Waterloo Park

Dedicated May 26, 1980
THE MONUMENTS | Hostile Action in Beirut

Dedicated May 28, 1984
Lady Bird Lake
Deep Eddy Pool
Austin Nature + Science Center
Zilker Park
Zilker Botanical Garden
Lady Bird Lake
Mopac Expressway
Veterans Dr.
Atlanta St.
Lake Austin Boulevard
Lady Bird Lake
Austin High School
Cesar Chavez - to downtown
Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail
Lake Austin Boulevard
Key Takeaways:
- Potential connections
- High noise levels
- Visibility to surroundings
- Drainage and slope

dense undergrowth, exposed limestone, steep slope, continuous tree canopy

existing retaining wall
existing easement
existing sidewalk
existing sewer line
existing drain inlet
SITE INVENTORY

- Retaining Walls
- Stairs to American Legion
- Flagpole Location
- Lawn Space
- Path Circulation
- Trees
Key Takeaways:
- Lack of shade and vegetation
- Low human comfort
- View of American Legion & Lady Bird Lake tree canopy
PROJECT GOALS

Memorials
In what way should the memorials be located?
How does the space around the memorials feel?

Experience
What is your experience like when you’re at the park?

Use
How should the park be used?
Where can you enter the park?
PROGRAMMING + USE

Active  Passive
Daytime  Nighttime
Everyday  Special Event
Informal  Formal
Individual  Group
Reflective  Stimulating
AESTHETIC STYLE

MODERN

COUNTRY / RUSTIC

CLASSIC AUSTIN

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC)

FORMAL

CURVILINEAR

OPEN

NATURAL

REFINED
MATERIALS

- Decomposed Granite
- Concrete
- Board Form Concrete
- Corten Steel
- Stainless Steel
- Irregular Stone
- Regular Stone
- Large Boulders
- Pavers
- Colored Concrete
- Wood or Synthetic Wood
- Gravel
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

Additional questions or comments?
Contact Rey Hernandez
or
visit the project website at
http://www.austintexas.gov/department/veterans-park-plan