ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 5, 2015
community engagement meeting #1

JANUARY 7, 2016
conceptual design meeting

FEBRUARY, 2016
community open house

OTHER ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
online survey, website, email, phone
PROJECT SCHEDULE

SPRING 2016
completion of design development phase
begin construction document phase

SPRING 2017
begin construction of garden

SPRING 2018
anticipated opening Alliance Children’s Garden
WHY WE'RE HERE
This place is to be a children’s garden that will represent the unique culture of Austin through contextual forms, imaginative play, playful elements, and strong aesthetics.

The goal will be the creation of a multigenerational play venue that is comfortable, inviting, imaginative, engaging and visually striking.
GARDEN MEMORY
“My sister and I would ‘hide’ under a weeping willow tree and dream for hours”

“I made friends here because many of the things required several kids working together to make them work”
"The smell of pine needles and cold sand makes my heart smile"
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“The bottom left picture seems so great! My kids love climbing, swinging, jumping and not necessarily on a playground structure. They would love (the picture)!"

“Wish List
- zip line
- slide built into hill
- logs and stumps for jumping”

- Margret (8 years old)
“Top left picture looks awesome, love the idea of structures to act as shade and something beautiful or interesting to look at.”

“Top right image could be something ‘iconic’ for the park. I could see myself telling other families to ‘enter through the South side of the park by the rock structure’ (as an example).”
3 GARDEN EXPERIENCES

PICNICS, EVENTS, FAMILY GATHERING

- comfortable open space
- playful picnic tables
- variety of gathering spaces
- flexible seating
- events
- passive family activity

UNEXPECTED, CHANGING EXPERIENCES
“I think swings that have different lengthed mallets attached to the top of each swing, and angled strings above the mallets, so that when the swings moved the mallets would strike different strings, which would essentially play different notes (or just different sounds). When Multiple people were swinging it would play different sounds depending on how many people, how high they were swinging, etc. This would not only be interactive and enjoyable for all ages, but kids could also see how the music or tones are being made. Also, pathways to walk on could also make sounds, the slides could have tones that vary depending on speed/pressure. Basically, the sound of playing could basically make music, which would be perfect for a music town.”

“My kids run to swings in any park!!”

“Love wide slides... wide enough for adults!!”
"This entire ‘Exploring’ theme is amazing!"

"Creates natural spots of shade!"
“My favorite part of going to the park as a really little kid!”

“My kiddo LOVES peek-a-boo.”
“Shadow pattern could include Austin nature instead of letters: native plants, water symbols, iconic Austin animals, monarch, etc. Maybe with native vine to increase shade.”

“Need shade at both play areas & areas where children aren’t (parents.)”
GARDEN CASE STUDIES
TEARDROP PARK
“If incorporated should mimic limestone walls in Barton Creek Greenbelt”

TONGVA PARK
“Like the mix of synthetic and natural materials like architecture play items”

HELEN DILLER PARK
“Too prescribed”
“Like the sense of boundary”
“Nice climbing web”
“Too much artificial landscape!”

LAFAYETTE PARK
“Love the sandy hills! Look better than synthetic ones”
“Like natural climbing elements”
“Needs shade”

THOMAS J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND
“Too much synthetic material”

BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK
“Like the greenery for the feel of enclosure and views, good sensory experience”
“Love the perception of danger and adventure…”
“Love tiered seating”

WOODLAND DISCOVERY PLAYGROUND
“Kids love tunnels and areas that are just their size”

MAGGIE DALEY PARK PLAY GARDEN
“Like the berm slides”
“Love the mini buildings”
5 GARDEN CONTEXT

I do many tasks for Urban Agriculture.
- I race in the park.
- I practice my handstand here.
- I walk dogs.

I practice my handstands here.
5 GARDEN CONTEXT

“We love the big oval paved sidewalk for riding bikes”

“We always bring out of town guests”

“I ride my bike on trails to get to Town Lake”

“I enjoy the view from Doug Sahm Hill”

“Picnics in the park”
### What best characterizes the City of Austin?
- 36.8% Austin is Creative.
- 28.9% Austin is Connected to Nature.

### What best characterizes Town Lake Park?
- 50% Austin’s Central Park
- 17.1% Family and Community Focused

### What is the greatest opportunity for the Alliance Children’s Garden in Butler Park?
- 36.8% Spaces that support family and community events
- 27.6% Activate adjacent under-utilized parts of the park

### What is the greatest challenge?
- 36.8% Connectivity and parking (not enough)
- 27.6% Designing for multiple user groups and ages

### What age groups should the garden’s design focus on?
- 56.6% 5-12
- 46.1% 2-5
- 38.2% All age groups

### What focus would you like to see in the design?
- 48.7% Creative Play
- 44.7% Sensory Development
- 43.4% Nature Contact

### What level of food service would you like to see?
- 40% No Food Service
- 40% Food Trailer
WHAT WE HEARD

SHADE IS ESSENTIAL

EXPERIENTIAL PLAY IS A MUST

MUST HAVE SWINGS

BERM SLIDES WOULD BE WELL LOVED

MATERIALS MUST REFLECT AUSTIN’S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

THIS SHOULD BE A CULTURAL PARK

BALANCE NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC MATERIALS

CREATE A VISUALLY STRIKING PARK