Public Involvement and Input
Engage public in development of the Vision Plan

• Developed Public Engagement Plan
• Database - 207 Contacts
• Regular Project Updates
• Public Meeting – November 2015
• Online Survey
• 3 Focus Groups – late 2015/early 2016
• On Site Surveys at Emma Long Park
November 2015 Public Meeting/Survey

• Park use – majority visit few times per year; 18% visit weekly

• Top uses:
  • Walk, hike, or run (68%)
  • Walk dogs (46%)
  • Relax, read, and enjoy being outdoors (35%)

• Overcrowding is leading to illegal parking and excess trash along City Park Rd, and problems for residents
  • Better parking layout and flow needed
  • Desire for bike lanes on City Park Rd
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• Respondents Top goals:
  • Improved infrastructure (water, electrical, etc.)
  • Upgrades to amenities (boat dock, restrooms, etc.)

• Desire for more:
  • Trails and walking paths
  • Trash cans
  • Shaded seating areas
  • Water fountains, restrooms and showers

• Camping:
  • Camping qualities desired: shade and trees, near the water, and a quiet secluded site
  • Desire for RV camping online reservations
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• Interest in:
  • Friends of the Park or annual passes
  • Trail maps and way finding signage
  • Nature focused programming

• Additional comments:
  • Boat traffic noise and interest in police/ lake patrol located in park and along City Park Rd.
  • Desire to keep park natural and not over developed or changed drastically
  • Sticker burrs are a problem in the grassy areas
On Site Surveys

- 78 English; 9 Spanish
- Most visit a few times per year
- Strong support for a camp store
- Strong support for central lawn amenities (playscape, volleyball, trees, shaded pavilion, walking paths)
- Mixed feelings on camping and RV locations
- Strong support for boat ramp improvements