# Highland Neighborhood Park & Reznicek Fields Master Plan Public Meeting #1 Survey Results



## **General Information Questions**







Other Parks Utilized: Brentwood, NW Hills, Walnut Creek, Ramsey, Spicewood Springs



# Station #1 – Existing Site Analysis & Site Context

#### **Additional Comments:**

- 1. Noise from park early morning games
- 2. No playground for kids
- 3. Parking & Nose
- 4. It's not really a park at all. Its in pretty bad shape
- 5. No problem
- 6. Too focused on ball sports
- 7. This does not meet the definition of a neighborhood park. It does not have enough green area and access
- 8. Amenities
- 9. Homeless population using park
- 10. Needs water features
- 11. Inadequately developed
- 12. That it be a place not just for families, but also for the elderly who can walk there
- 13. Dog Park
- 14. that it's a nice park
- 15. Equity
- 16. Would like to see a good balance between sports, tranquility and potential to host neighborhood events
- 17. importance of having fences that are taller than 4 feet and gates that can be locked to privide a cleaner, safer playing environment for our girls!
- 18. Noise pollution
- 19. Suggest no bathrooms because it will attract the homeless
- 20. bathrooms in park attractin transient population that is always walking along St. Johns Ave (from Lamar to I-35
- 21. Paving at the park



#### **Additional Comments:**

- 1. Playground
- 2. Outdoor space for adults as well as families with children
- 3. Splashpad
- 4. A Skate ramp for the youth
- 5. include other activities and preserve the natural beaty
- 6. community and surrounding kids being able to continue to play kickball
- 7. dog park
- 8. It will provide youth sports for Austin Youth
- 9. Safe place to attract families and children
- 10. A safe place to attract families and promote the local community

# Station #2 – Site Prioritization

Please indicate which area of the site is most appropriate for the uses listed below.



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TOTAL	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
Active Uses	17	39	29	48	4
Passive Uses	23	18	58	29	9
Sports Fields	8	65	23	38	5
Parking	77	7	8	7	38
Other Uses	15	13	18	13	72

# Station #3 – Amenity Priorities

The following images are examples of various amenities typically found in parks. Please list your top 10 amenities in order of priority.



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## **Comments regarding Highland Neighborhood Park & Reznicek Fields**

- 1. I would like a skate park more than anything above. Kung Fu practice place
- 2. I don't want a place for transients to hang, so no public bathrooms. The space is small, so please don't waste it with a large parking space. I'd really love a small 9-hole disc course, or even just a couple practice baskets 280 ft apart with trees near
- 3. I don't think a dog park should be a priority. I worry that it would take up open space that people can use
- 4. It needs to be fun! For kids and I want restrooms
- 5. Current Tractor Parking (?) can be renovated to serve youth sport activities. Construction is sound, though lines (?) probably need to be adjusted to be in keeping with other structures
- 6. U.H.O. is in a declining state because in 2011 the city made us cease/halt any and all improvements because of the watershed project
- 7. I really hope the planners listen to U.H.O.'s concerns about temporary fencing. With the number of volunteers, it is not feasible to have temporary fencing. The program is requesting stable fencing that could be locked during our season to prevent it being used as a dog run
- 8. The fields are in a declining state because the city told us to stop all improvements because of the watershed and retention pond. Also, we need some of the buildings for concessions and meeting spaces for the kickball organization. The city also dropped the ball on helping us keep the fields intact (?) on this last season, even after they promised to help keep up the fields
- 9. City and Parks & Rec to do a diligent job for maintenance and safety
- 10. More trees/shade. Great lighting for evening use. Get rid of all old structures
- 11. Permeable asphalt @ parking areas and runoff
- 12. Access from Swanee [drive] along Waller Creek is important. Foot bridges would be great
- 13. My kids would love a skate park or mini-skate park amenities
- 14. Why is there a building storing the U.H.O. tractor when they no longer take care of the property?
- 15. I significantly value a place where my son can run, climb and play with his friends and how great it will be to have this place in near walking distance to our home. Thanks you for helping us! I love climbing walls, splash pads, playground equipment that's safe for young kids and equipment that's challenging for older kids to keep their interest.
- 16. Lots of native plants and trees. Tree shaded picnic tables. Looking for a nice, quiet, comfortable park to relax and picnic.
- 17. This park should encourage less driving, more walking, biking, public transportation usage. Refillable water bottle stations through park. Brentwood park is great too.
- 18. The neighborhood has only school parks. A park that could be a neighborhood destination would be a great addition to the neighborhood's offerings
- 19. Please consider combining uses / spaces where appropriate. E.g. Nature Trails and Walking / Running Paths, or Open Lawns with shaded areas near the water quality pond.
- 20. Some more stuff I want: Zipline, rock wall. I feel like sports fields aren't very important
- 21. There is a serious shortage of fields in Austin for softball, baseball, kickball, etc. It would be great if both adults and kids could use the fields! Additionally, playgrounds for older kids are very rare in Austin, though if the kids can use the fields, then probably playgrounds for little kids would take priority.

- 22. I need the road in ballparks open to get to my house or I will be landlocked (contact info in original survey)
- 23. Opening up the access routes to Swanee [Drive] would be great. A place where adults couple play softball kiddie fields to small as pointed out.
- 24. Possible combination of T and W for farmers markets, school plays, etc
- 25. Parking in #1 in order to minimize paved roads
- 26. Minimize parking no more than PARD requirement on 2 fields. Temporary fencing
- 27. Thanks for giving neighbors a chance to comment. We who live next to the park hope that noisy activities will be towards the center of the park away from the homes. Very excited about a walking/jogging path and the creek restoration.
- 28. We don't have children now but plan to in the near future. Would love a playground!
- 29. Community swimming pool!!!!! There is not a community pool very near our neighborhood. The city run several in town, why not one more central? 45th street is the closest. SWIMMING POOLS
- 30. Off leash dog part. The survey is very ill formed, thus not all options filled in. I'm interested in a good dog park, nothing else.
- 31. This is the only park space in this neighborhood, and should FIRST be providing open usable spaces for the people who live there!!!
- 32. I'd like doggie bags, trash, recycling, and compost bin
- 33. I would love to have a place nearby to take my dog for walks on an unpaved trail and a place where I can run on a trail that is unpaved (concrete and asphalt are very hard on my joints).
- 34. Am very appreciative of the incredible amount of work that neighbors have put into getting and making this park!!!!
- 35. Please be transparent and update neighbors (especially those adjacent to park)
- 36. Thank you
- 37. I'm hoping for a park that can be used by adults without children -- that we have open space to use for reading on the lawn, adult picnic gatherings, etc. that won't be overrun by children.:)
- 38. My children love places to play that have trees and rocks!
- 39. Barbecue grills would be a nice option
- 40. this location would be a great place to gather with all the trees that are there.
- 41. A dog park area would be nice as well
- 42. Design it for people not cars. Parking can be handled on local streets. There is no need to waste onsite parkland with parking.
- 43. i think this is a great thing for the highland neighborhood.i would like to see a skate/bmx course some where in this plan.like many of are other parks in and around austin the youth really enjoy skate/bmx parks as a way to make friends and enjoy there day
- 44. An off-leash dog area would be nice!
- 45. The entrance from St. Johns makes the site look like a private facility and the site is generally unkempt and unattractive. I would love to see improved pedestrian access to the site and increased access to the public, not just folks associated with sports orgs.
- 46. A dog park would be great. Area 5 seems like a natural fit.
- 47. Completely accessible at all times. Open spaces and lots of green.
- 48. We have been going to these fields for over 15 years to play kickball with my kids. This park has been able to keep the cost down so we can afford to play. WIth you all taking the park away to redevelop it will cause many kids to not be able to have the summer sports in their community.

- 49. No dogs should be allowed off-leash unless there is a fully enclosed leash-free area. Parking should be kept to a minimum to maximize usable space and encourage walking/cycling to the park.
- 50. Its hot in Texas, PLEASE put a splash pad in!
- 51. We need a high fenced dog park
- 52. Thank you for your work on this. Most of my answers are not particularly well considered. My main interest is designing the park as a flexible play area for kids.
- 53. Swimming pool for lap swimming and kids
- 54. It could be a great park for the neighborhood. The biggest iss is safety. I will not go there after dark. I use it primarily for walking my dog. It would be great to have an off leash option on the park. People love to use the lawn for all types of sport activities.
- 55. Whatever goes in there, please maintain it better than you do the TA Brown park. Actually, please maintain TA Brown better, too.
- 56. Thanks for the input.
- 57. Just listen to Robert Deegan.
- 58. I would like to see a safe community park. Not more sports fields. To attract more families to our neighborhood we need to have somewhere safe and fun to walk to with our kids.
- 59. Some designated space for temporary art installations.
- 60. Good luck
- 61. Please de-emphasize sports fields to favor a mix of green open space, trees, and a playground.
- 62. i hope you do a good job because if you do this neighborhood will take good care of the park. please consider pets in use of the park
- 63. I've read so much about it's potential use for children and families which I support. Please don't forget the older people in the neighborhood. We need a safe place to walk to and sit in the sun or shelter from the sun and meet others in the neighborhood. Walking is a top exercise for elderly people. We are on limited incomes and can't afford gyms and classes.
- 64. Assuming that the sports fields will be relocated to the NW corner of the site, for cost savings it is recommended that tractor barn be renovated for use as concession. Modify roof to be in keeping with more modern design.
- 65. There are no dog parks nearby. We need a fenced dog park!!
- 66. I would like the park to have an off leash section for dogs.
- 67. I would really enjoy the inclusion of an off-leash dog park.
- 68. This survey is not good; does not allow for enough feedback because required to rank without being able to say priorities.
- 69. Dog park?
- 70. Could there be a dog park section?
- 71. I'm very excited about this project. While I understand that there are a lot of children in the neighborhood, and that we want to develop amenities that are family friendly....I think that designing a park to be kid-centric severely limits the use of the space, even for the children themselves.
- 72. Very excited for the new park!
- 73. I don't think there should be permanent fencing for the sports fields. I also don't think there should be a clubhouse, nor should there be 60 parking spaces.
- 74. Splash pad please!!!!
- 75. There was no mention of dog amenities or water fountains both of which are musts!
- 76. I think creek restoration and a walking trail along the creek would be great. If possible, it would be nice to have pedestrian and bicycle access from the south.

- 77. We are wanting a safe family friendly park. Please keep in mind that there are many transients in the area walking between Lamar and i35. We do not want this park to be a wash station.
- 78. We need a safe family friendly park that the community can gather in! Thanks.
- 79. I selected other as my top recreational choice. I would like Disc Golf baskets and room to practice throws.
- 80. I would hope this Park would continue it's use for the children as it has in the past 40 yrs. This park has carried a lot of families through the years from Baseball, Kickball and Soccer. It would be A Great loss for the Austin Community/ families if we lose this park for sports it provides for our youth. To me, as a former youth player and now as a parent it sads that it has come to this. It's like we are choosing over the Youth of today.
- 81. I think it's brings together the Neighbor good children for sports and its central
- 82. I think that the kickball fields need to have fences that are up for the entire season and can be locked to allow the kids to play in a pet-free area. If they have low fences or no locks, they will be used as a dog park. Children should not have to play where pets are defecating and urinating.