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# COMAL POCKET PARK

## Community Meeting

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Parks and Recreation Department  
Park Development  
September 27, 2018



# Comal Pocket Park Community Meeting

## Agenda



- Project History
- Conceptual Site Plan
- Amenities
- Next Steps
- Bocce Ball Presentation
- Feedback and Questions



# Comal Pocket Park Community Meeting

## Project History



- Community Meeting – March 25, 2017
  - Reviewed Proposed Conceptual Site Plan
  - Handed Out Park Survey
  - Online Survey
- Community Survey – April 2017
  - Compiled Survey Results
  - Revised Conceptual Site Plan
- Stakeholder Meeting – June 2017
  - Presented Revised Conceptual Site Plan
  - Reviewed Costs of Conceptual Site Plan

# Comal Pocket Park Community Meeting Project History



- Community Meeting – March 25, 2017
  - Original Proposed Conceptual Site Plan





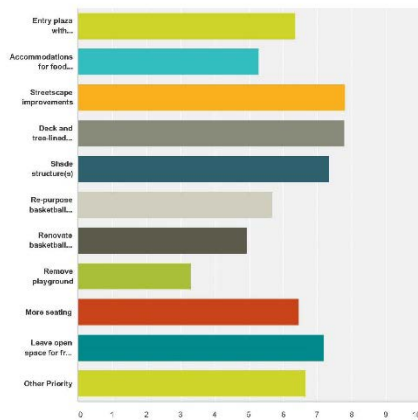
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- Community Survey – April 2017
  - Survey Results after Original Conceptual Site Plan

Comal Pocket Park Priorities

Q1 Please rank the following priorities from 1 to 11 (1 being what is most important to you, 11 being the least).

Answered: 69 Skipped: 1



Comal Pocket Park Priorities

Q2 If you ranked another ("other") priority as being most important, tell us what that item should be.

Answered: 50 Skipped: 20

#	Responses	Date
1	This sounds nice, but it would be nice if we could have some sort of space for mammals. HOPE farmer's market is losing the graffiti park on the west side - maybe they would be interested in hosting/administering something since they have a market nearby. Anyway - it could be a cool way of keeping some roots to the area if there ends up being even a low wall (to sit on) somewhere around the park.	4/16/2017 11:11 PM
2	Safety for everyone	4/16/2017 4:19 PM
3	more trees with big canopies	4/14/2017 3:47 PM
4	heritage tree - more greenspace - less concrete.	4/14/2017 3:45 PM
5	The arch at Comal Park has a lot of value to the community and should be preserved. I do not think the playground should be removed at all. It is hard for me to rank the items on the list because I do not agree with some and others I do not see as a priority, but something that may be a good idea.	4/14/2017 1:44 PM
6	Better lighting, add drinking fountains	4/14/2017 11:31 AM
7	Keep the Comal Park Archway!! This is a historic feature built in 2001-2002 as a neighborhood project funded by Austin Parks Foundation. It involved the participation of American Youthworks, East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team, neighborhood businesses, and community members (adults and youth). The project was awarded the Nancy Bowman Neighborhood Park Grant award in 2002.	4/14/2017 10:58 AM
8	public toilets	4/14/2017 9:42 AM
9	Maximum greenery. Satellite plaza nearby is great for community events - this should be green (please remove the basketball court)	4/14/2017 9:12 AM
10	make it green!	4/14/2017 12:30 AM
11	Get rid of the basketball court, no one uses it. ugly, impervious cover that ruins the usefulness of the rest of the park.	4/14/2017 12:28 AM
12	New playground equipment for kids	4/10/2017 11:22 AM
13	Public art	4/4/2017 3:40 PM
14	A garden for the children to teach them how to grow food & flowers.	4/4/2017 1:23 PM
15	The survey was not recording all of my responses, so in summary my main priorities are a place for my young children to play (playground, natural playscape, etc) and a large open multipurpose field area (for ultimate frisbee, soccer, birthday parties, etc) with some picnic tables close by. The only other parks within walking distance of our house are at schools so we cannot use them during the school day. It is very important to have this park for children to play (we have used the playground consistently during seasons when drug/prostitution/alcohol use was lower at comal park). Thank you!	4/1/2017 7:44 PM
16	N/A but NO hand-scaping/sculpture like situations, NO dog park, NO food vendors, NO event space. The park should be focused on serving families from Comal Courts and the Kid's camps that utilize the space.	3/30/2017 7:18 PM
17	FENCED DOG PARK	3/30/2017 4:37 PM

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Score
Entry plaza with activity/green space	12.66%	8.36%	8.93%	7.14%	19.71%	8.93%	19.64%	8.93%	8.93%	7.14%	1.79%	58	5.34
Accommodations for food vendors	5.56%	16.67%	1.85%	3.70%	9.26%	0.90%	14.81%	12.96%	7.41%	12.96%	14.81%	54	5.26
Streetscape improvements	9.09%	29.09%	18.18%	14.55%	19.91%	7.27%	7.27%	7.27%	3.64%	1.82%	0.00%	65	7.80
Deck and tree-lined walkway	8.77%	14.94%	14.94%	24.96%	12.28%	15.79%	1.79%	5.26%	1.79%	1.79%	0.00%	57	7.70
Shade structure(s)	16.69%	7.65%	15.96%	7.65%	15.99%	9.43%	13.21%	9.43%	6.06%	3.77%	1.89%	53	7.34
Re-purpose basketball court	12.73%	1.96%	7.84%	7.84%	9.80%	9.80%	9.80%	7.84%	11.76%	15.89%	7.84%	51	5.67





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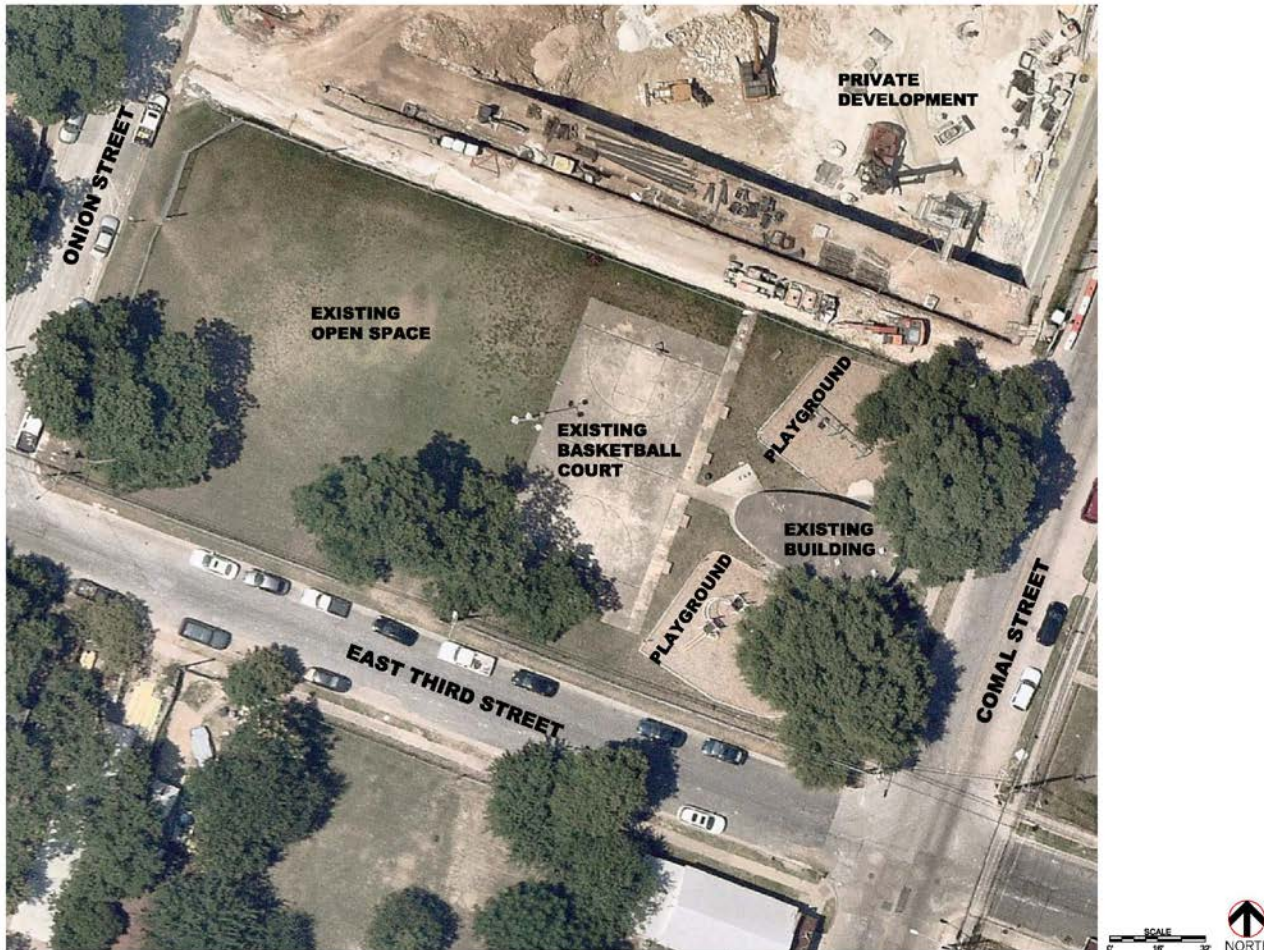
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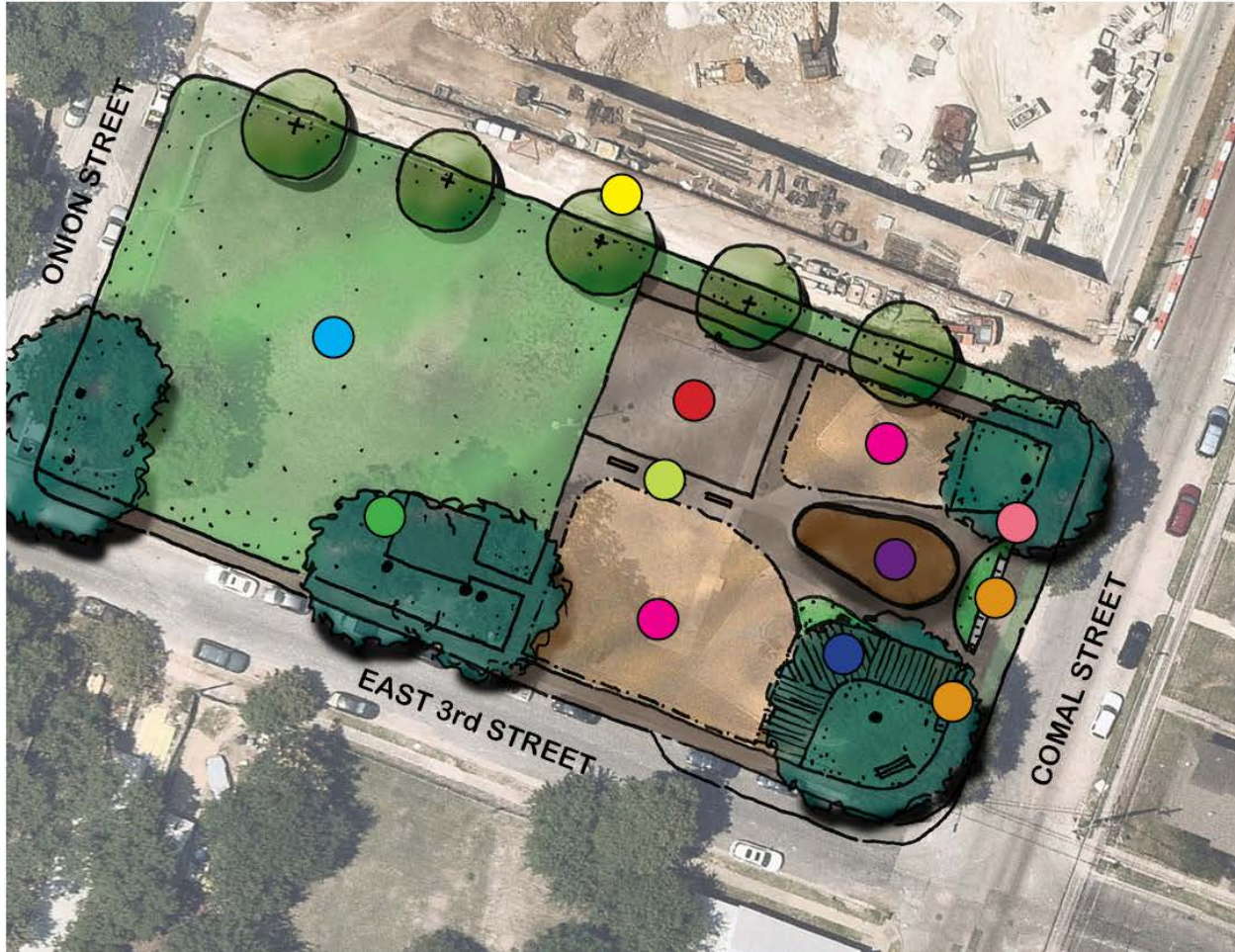


## ■ Existing Conditions





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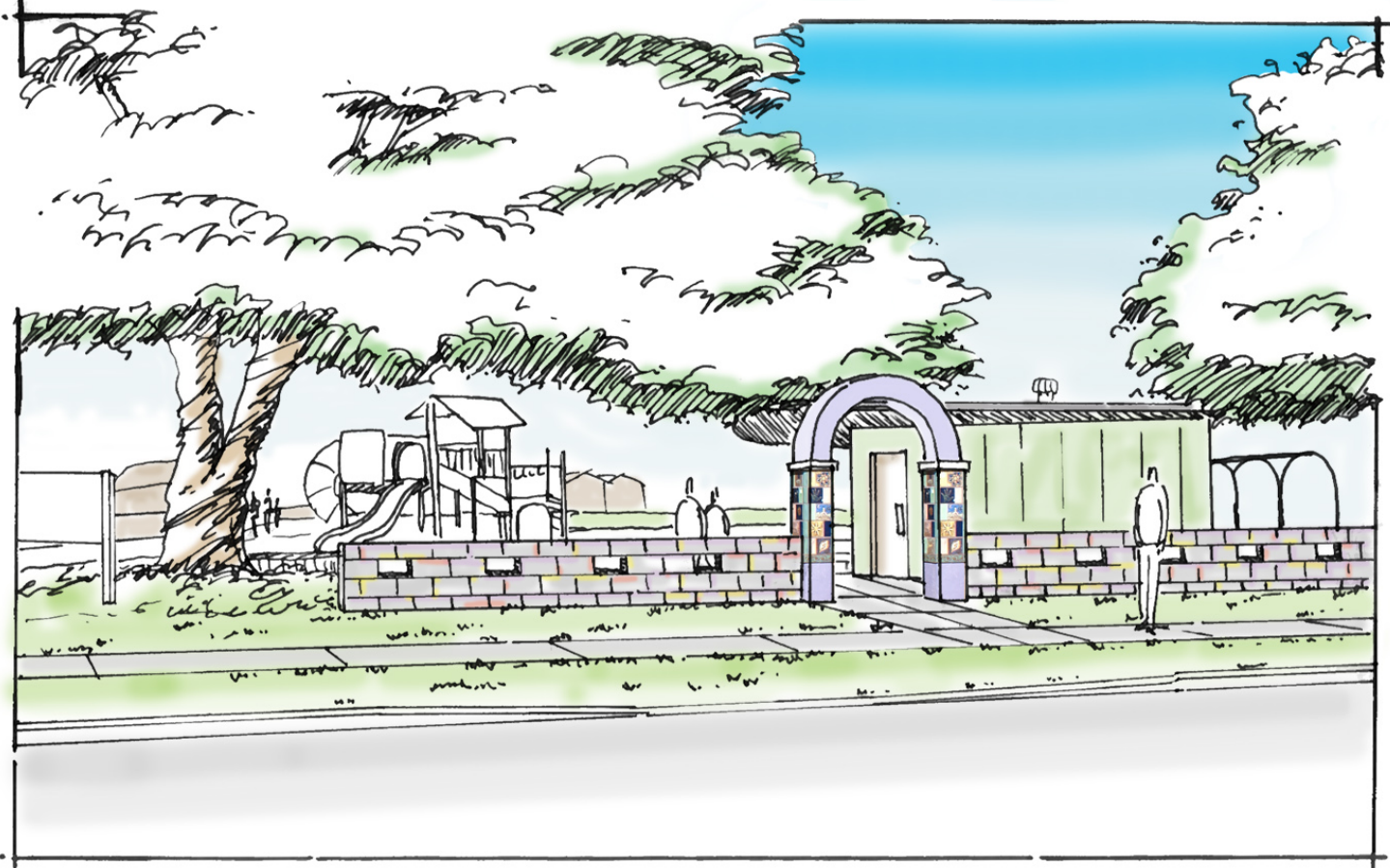
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- HALF-COURT BASKETBALL
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- EXISTING RESTROOM
- NEW ENTRANCE
- DECORATIVE WALL
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# Comal Pocket Park Community Meeting Conceptual Site Plan

## ■ Perspective of New Wall



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## Amenities



### ■ Other Amenities for the Park

- ❑ Bocce Ball Courts (2)
- ❑ Exercise Stations
- ❑ Art/ Sculpture
- ❑ Gaga Ball

### ■ Playground Features

- ❑ Shade
- ❑ Climbing Elements
- ❑ Slides
- ❑ Spinning Elements
- ❑ Balancing Elements



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## Next Steps



- After Community Meeting
  - Incorporate Comments from Meeting into Final Concept Plan
  - Proceed with Construction Documents
  - Submit for Permits
  - Start Construction
  
- Other Hurdles
  - Funding Source – Unknown at this time
  - Schedule for Drawing Permits





# Bocce Ball Presentation

## Questions?

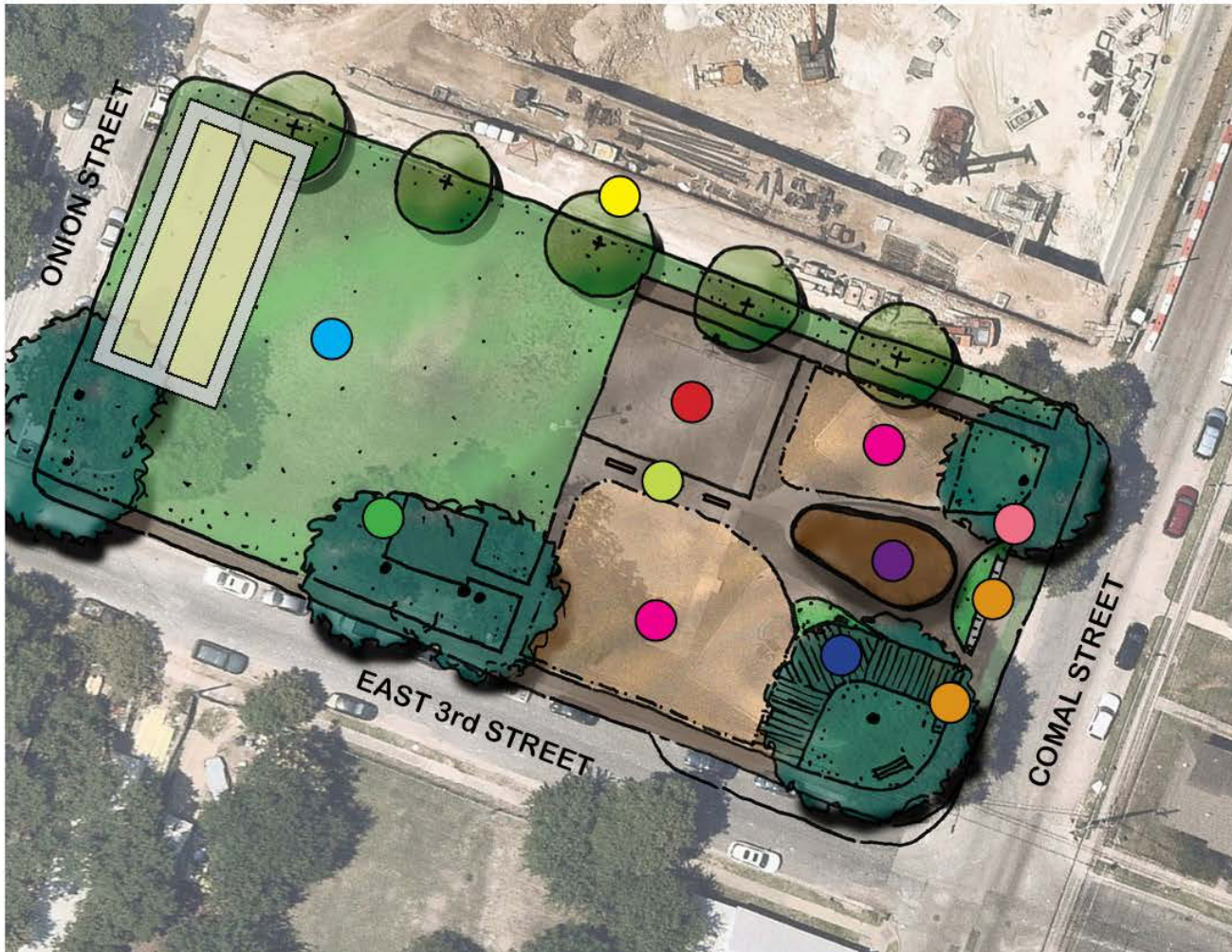
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# Comal Pocket Park Community Meeting Conceptual Site Plan w/ Bocce Ball



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