

Minutes of December 12 Zilker Polo Fields Sub-Group Meeting

Working Sub-Group Attendees: Steve Barnick, Mike Cannatti, Judith Craft, Mark Gentle, Gordon Kelley, and Lem Williams

City Staff Attendees: Jennifer Steverson, Kim McKnight

Initial Discussion: Attendees conducted a wide-ranging discussion of issues relating to the Polo Field, Stratford Parking/Landfill Area, remote parking opportunities, and strategies for reducing Zilker Park traffic, noting conflicting tradeoffs between retaining greenspace, protecting environment, meeting existing needs of park events and programs, reducing or controlling traffic and parking, limiting impervious cover, finding alternate parking solutions, impact on neighborhood, and overlap with work of other sub-groups. In addition, attendees also discussed the desire to see our sub-group recommendations merged or reconciled with the work of the other sub-group, as well as the potential benefits of assembling information and recommendations for use with the Zilker Park Master Planning efforts. After discussing possibility of merging the Polo Field sub-group into one of the other sub-groups, the PF sub-group decided to proceed with the assigned work for our sub-group to meet the sub-group goals discussed below.

Choose a Group Chair and Secretary: Mike Cannatti will serve as chair and Steve Barnick will serve as secretary, based on the understanding that sub-group members will communicate and work using electronic communications (e.g., email, google docs, Skype, etc.) to prepare “recommendations to establish a plan to permanently remove parking on the Polo Fields...”.

Establish goals for the sub-group: The initial goal is to assemble information and documentation to:

- A. Identify the current situation at the Polo Field parking area;
- B. Identify the goals, challenges and constraints with permanently removing parking on the Polo Fields;
- C. Identify different possible solutions for consideration, including:
 - a. Possible strategies to reduce parking demand;
 - b. Utilization of transportation demand strategies; and
 - c. Strategies used by other cities to address parking and traffic concerns at city parks and greenspace.
- D. Identify possible education strategies for changing public behavior and attitudes about parking at Zilker Park and/or using alternative transportation options
- E. Identify information and opportunities for consideration in Zilker Park Master Planning process

Establish meeting schedule: The Polo Field sub-group will meet on January 9, 2019 (2:30pm), with intervening electronic “meetings” before then.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40(ish).