

**Zilker Park Vision Plan
Community Meeting #2**

Meeting Chat Report

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17:58:10 From Deana Dossey to Hosts and panelists:

Howdy!

18:00:20 From Claire Hempel | Design Workshop to Hosts and panelists:

Hi Deana!

18:02:28 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

The Golden Gate as a background?

18:07:08 From Tanya (Spanish Interpreter) to PARD Justin Schneider(Direct Message):

Hi Justin

18:07:25 From Tanya (Spanish Interpreter) to PARD Justin Schneider(Direct Message):

Could you please send me to interpretation? Thank you

18:07:53 From PARD Justin Schneider to Tanya (Spanish Interpreter)(Direct Message):

Did it send you. I did it right after you were done.

18:08:23 From Tanya (Spanish Interpreter) to PARD Justin Schneider(Direct Message):

Now it worked thanks

18:08:26 From PARD Justin Schneider to Tanya (Spanish Interpreter)(Direct Message):

I tried again. Maybe I did it right this time.

18:08:29 From PARD Justin Schneider to Tanya (Spanish Interpreter)(Direct Message):

Great!

18:09:31 From Roy Waley to Hosts and panelists:

Any discussion that doesn't include the Café isn't a complete Vision Plan

18:11:59 From PARD Megan Eckard to Everyone:

Tonight, we will have sign interpreters for deaf and hard of hearing attendees. If you would like to use these services, please raise your hand or message Kasey Corpus and we will walk you through how to pin the sign interpreters.

18:14:02 From Tanya (Spanish Interpreter) to Everyone:

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Este será un evento multilingüe. Si están en sus computadoras, presionen el ícono del globo en la parte de abajo de su pantalla. Si están en sus teléfonos o tabletas, hagan clic en los tres puntitos, seleccionen interpretación de idiomas y su idioma preferido. ¡No olviden presionar listo!

This will be a multilingual event. If you are on your computer, you'll see a globe icon at the bottom of your screen. If you are on your tablet or phone, click the 3 dots, MORE, language interpretation and select your preferred language. Don't forget to press DONE!

18:15:05 From Felicity Maxwell to Hosts and panelists:

What is the code again?

18:15:12 From Angela Richter to Hosts and panelists:

Can you please put the menti access number in the chat.

18:15:34 From PARD Megan Eckard to Everyone:

Visit www.menti.com and enter "4912 0278". Click submit and get ready to respond to questions. When you are done responding, you will see a screen asking you to wait for the next question. You will also be able to view live results.

18:15:38 From Mike C to Hosts and panelists:

The species count was also in the Natural Resource survey report by Siglo! Thanks Jonathan!

18:15:43 From Yolanda Shaw to Hosts and panelists:

Can you please repeat the code again? Thank you.

18:16:06 From PARD Megan Eckard to Everyone:

Visit www.menti.com and enter "4912 0278".

18:16:57 From Yolanda Shaw to Hosts and panelists:

Can you please type the code in the chat?

18:17:19 From Sonny Sin | Design Workshop to Everyone:

The Code for Mentimeter is '5169 1171' and you can see the number at the top of the slide also

18:17:23 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Hosts and panelists:

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18:17:50 From PARD Kasey Corpus,
Community Engagement to Hosts and
panelists:

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18:17:59 From Karen Kreps to Hosts and
panelists:

[https://austintexas.gov/department/pard-conditional-use-permit-
applications](https://austintexas.gov/department/pard-conditional-use-permit-applications)

18:18:26 From Karen Kreps to Hosts and
panelists:

Please share the above.

18:19:18 From Charlie McCabe / Consultant
to Everyone:

The Zilker Cafe Conditional Use Permit webpage is at:
[https://austintexas.gov/department/pard-conditional-use-permit-
applications](https://austintexas.gov/department/pard-conditional-use-permit-applications)

18:19:51 From Carol Goodwin to Hosts and
panelists:

The code you put in the chat is different than the one on the slide,
which is 5169 1171

18:20:29 From PARD Justin Schneider to
Carol Goodwin and all panelists:

Apologies, Carol. The correct one is just under that one.

18:20:43 From Carol Goodwin to Hosts and
panelists:

Thanks!

18:21:23 From Christy Muse to Hosts and
panelists:

Thank you Charlie - I was really surprised to hear that alcohol was
a consideration at the Park.

18:21:33 From Garrett Halbert to Hosts
and panelists:

Save Our Springs Alliance Tabling

18:21:38 From Colleen Sundquist to Hosts
and panelists:

KVUE

18:21:47 From Yolanda Shaw to Hosts and
panelists:

I heard about it through the school I work at.

18:23:29 From Garret Nick to Hosts and
panelists:

i don't see kite fest on there

18:24:28 From Charlie McCabe / Consultant
to Garret Nick and all panelists:

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18:26:55 From Elizabeth McGreevy to Hosts and panelists:

Hi Garret, its included in special events and counted in visitorship

My son is a lifeguard at Barton Springs Pool. He said an alcohol permit would be a bad idea IF drinkers are allowed access to the pool. He told me 5 of the last 10 drownings were blamed on alcoholism.

18:26:59 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Hosts and panelists:

You can find a copy of the presentation on the project website: www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision

18:27:21 From Elizabeth McGreevy to Hosts and panelists:

on alcohol.

18:27:48 From PARD Justin Schneider to Everyone:

You can find a copy of the presentation on the project website: <https://austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision>.

18:28:53 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

Parking at the park should be free so all people of different economic situations can come to the park,

18:30:05 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you for the comment Elizabeth. The Zilker Café Conditional Use Permit is not attached to this project. If you would like to learn more about the CUP, including upcoming PARB and Planning Commission dates, you can visit www.austintexas.gov/department/pard-conditional-use-permit-applications.

18:32:47 From Dr. Pearl Dilworth-Cox to Hosts and panelists:

Having trouble voting

18:33:59 From PARD Justin Schneider to Dr. Pearl Dilworth-Cox and all panelists:

Dr. Pearl, I'm sorry this is frustrating for you. These same questions are available on the website in Survey #3: <https://austintexas.gov/zilkervision>.

18:34:12 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Hosts and panelists:

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18:35:45 From PARD Kasey Corpus,
Community Engagement to Everyone:

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18:36:38 From PARD Kasey Corpus,
Community Engagement to Everyone:

Thank you for the comment Elizabeth. The Zilker Café Conditional Use Permit is not attached to this project. If you would like to learn more about the CUP, including upcoming PARB and Planning Commission dates, you can visit www.austintexas.gov/department/pard-conditional-use-permit-applications.

18:36:54 From PARD Justin Schneider to
Hosts and panelists:

For recording purposes: Ingrid responded Other - closed due to commercial events

18:37:06 From Carol Goodwin to Hosts and
panelists:

Please note that the answer to that last question re: feeling welcome to the park could be quite different if there was more diversity among the respondents. The majority are white.

18:37:25 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and
panelists:

Interpretive resources no matter the language

18:38:15 From Baron Wilson to Hosts and
panelists:

Include Art In The Park , the Austin Art Center & Art City Austin in the living room of this community

18:38:22 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and
panelists:

Please make a distinction between education and improved visitor experience

18:39:11 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and
panelists:

Again, please make a distinction between EE and casual nature interaction

18:39:23 From PARD Justin Schneider to
Carol Goodwin and all panelists:

Thanks for the comment, Carol. Our outreach after this meeting will continue across the city to meet people where they are.

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18:39:52 From William Bunch to Hosts and panelists:

loud boomboxes no enforcement

18:41:51 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

ANSC first started as a gathering place for different science, nature, outdoor activity based youth clubs

18:44:02 From Carol Goodwin to Hosts and panelists:

Thank you. I think it's essential that all people feel welcome in city parks and appreciate that you asked the question.

18:46:35 From Charlie McCabe / Consultant to Everyone:

All of this information comes from the City of Austin's budget website - <http://budget.austintexas.gov>

18:48:02 From Karen Kreps to Hosts and panelists:

Barton Springs should receive the lion's share of the funding, as it generates most of the earned income.

18:48:08 From Karen Kreps to Hosts and panelists:

Pay the lifeguards more.

18:49:39 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

It should be pointed out that until about a decade ago, ANSC was a separate budget line in the city budget and its operation was subsidized separate from PARD general operations

18:49:40 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

Hmm... 48.5 % of income vs 19% of expenses for Barton Springs pool

18:50:28 From Billy Weaver to Hosts and panelists:

compared to the other similar parks you looked at, do they also rely on 25%+ coming from special events to account for their total parks budget?

18:50:35 From William Bunch to Hosts and panelists:

looks like big mismatch between costs and revenue at zbg

18:52:15 From PARD Justin Schneider to Billy Weaver and all panelists:

Billy, you have a good question. Do you mind putting it in the Q&A section? That helps our team make sure we respond to it for everyone to see.

18:52:30 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

Parking fees hurt diversity

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18:53:29 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

By relying on parking as a revenue generator, you are installing it as a driver in a business plan - not good

18:54:02 From Elizabeth McGreevy to Hosts and panelists:

Maintenance at Zilker is being improperly maintained in many places.

18:54:31 From William Bunch to Hosts and panelists:

excessive mowing

18:55:13 From Garret Nick to Hosts and panelists:

you have it set to closed

18:55:15 From Morgan Franklin to Hosts and panelists:

Voting is closed, so we can't vote.

18:55:16 From Garret Nick to Hosts and panelists:

already

18:55:19 From Mike C to Hosts and panelists:

I got bounced from the Menti survey, but like the overall direction of the park

18:55:22 From Julie Montgomery to Hosts and panelists:

How should people answer if they're unfamiliar with how the Vision Plan process is going?

18:55:57 From Chanel Davis to Hosts and panelists:

I think a lot more needs to be done to reach out to Austinites of color. Their thoughts and needs are not represented here.

18:56:13 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

Agree on the process at a high level

18:56:28 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:

Thanks for the comment, Mike. The survey will be available on www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision

18:56:41 From Mike C to Hosts and panelists:

Y'all didn't discuss the benchmark parks and what guidance they provide.

18:57:01 From Becky Taylor to Hosts and panelists:

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I want to see more opportunity to comment in the survey questions. I want to see much more focus on creative approaches to dramatically reduce traffic and parking in Zilker. It is suffering from much love....

18:57:03 From Amber Lewis to Hosts and panelists:

Strongly disagree with this as the City of Rollingwood would like to have input as a City, not a neighborhood, and we have yet to be properly engaged as such.

18:58:21 From PARD Kasey Corpus, Community Engagement to Everyone:

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18:58:21 From Becky Taylor to Hosts and panelists:

Please look at what city of Boston is doing to enable pedestrian focus on memorial drive along the Charles River. A great model.

18:58:57 From Sonny Sin | Design Workshop to Hosts and panelists:

I opened up the last question so if we want to finish the meeting with that, we can use it

18:59:42 From Richard DePalma to Hosts and panelists:

We are help informing the plan. There is no plan yet.

18:59:56 From Becky Taylor to Hosts and panelists:

What is the sense of staff and team on creatively approaching the pedestrian and non-vehicular access modes? Time to really lean into being truly green. Especially as it relates to our most visible green space.

19:00:06 From Richard DePalma to Hosts and panelists:

*We are helping to inform

19:00:33 From Amber Lewis to Hosts and panelists:

Has the transportation department been actively participating in this plan?

19:00:35 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

We should not charge people from out of town a higher fee to enter the pool or any activity in the park, they are our guest and we should make them feel welcome

19:00:56 From Becky Taylor to Hosts and panelists:

..great NYT series on how Paris has reduced co2 traffic emissions by 40%. I can provide a reference.

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19:01:10 From Larry Akers to Hosts and panelists:

I see funding is anticipated for Sunken Garden renovation. Is this to restore the walls and improve the area so that it can be accessed by pedestrians and used for small events? Is there a timeline? Has a funding source been identified? Could it possibly include preventive maintenance of the wall extension toward Barton Springs, and could the collapsed portion of the Hike and Bike Trail there be raised to the top of the wall?

19:01:42 From Elizabeth McGreevy to Hosts and panelists:

Is there any way to pause clearing and construction operations, particularly in existing woodlands, until the final Zilker plan is complete?

19:02:05 From Felicity Maxwell to Hosts and panelists:

As part of this process would it be possible to do a joint event with Capital Metro to discuss mobility improvements and what might be possible?

19:02:13 From Felicity Maxwell to Hosts and panelists:

*joint

19:02:44 From Larry Akers to Hosts and panelists:

Are your connectivity plans being considered in the preliminary design work for replacement of the Barton Springs Road bridge over Barton Creek?

19:02:52 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

There is no real scooter parking at the park now, that could encourage their use and not use up car parking spaces

19:03:02 From Morgan Franklin to Hosts and panelists:

It's really hard to hear Justin, FYI!

19:03:13 From Baron Wilson to Hosts and panelists:

Why isn't the Zilker Vision including a light rail Transit Hub as part of the CapMetro Project Connect ?

19:04:20 From Elizabeth McGreevy to Hosts and panelists:

How do we accommodate the people that arrive with 4-10 people in a car, pushing strollers, carrying bbq grills, kayaks, canoes, inner tubes, and ice chests? Scooters and bikes don't work in those cases. I think the best solution would be to rent adjacent parking office garages and provide a shuttle service on weekends.

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19:04:30 From Larry Akers to Hosts and panelists:

Now that COTA hosts a trail of holiday lights, can we please pursue moving Trail of Lights away from Zilker and Barton Springs Road?

19:12:01 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

That cp metro route needs to come from north of the river without going to a stop in downtown, come straight down Lamar over the river

19:14:04 From Mark Weiler to Hosts and panelists:

On Barton Springs rd how about a bike lane as a bridge next to the car bridge over the creek, easier than replacing the cr bridge to ad a bike lane

19:14:33 From Becky Taylor to Hosts and panelists:

I have specific references that feel relevant relating to pedestrian priority and other creative solutions. How do I get them to Clare and the team?

19:19:29 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

Can you share the name of your Interpretive Planner?

19:20:50 From Claire Hempel | Design Workshop to Hosts and panelists:

Hi Clark, we are working with Erin McClelland of MuseWork.

19:21:22 From William Bunch to Hosts and panelists:

new requested major facilities already requested should be disclosed now not later

19:23:53 From William Bunch to Hosts and panelists:

ttf wants bridge over mouth of Barton Creek

19:25:16 From Garret Nick to Hosts and panelists:

you should talk to the "pease corps" about their policy on letting people know they are violating rules and then step back. we have nearly naked teens patrolling the pool grounds and doing the same sort of "enforcement"

19:25:30 From Garret Nick to Hosts and panelists:

and it works pretty good

19:25:59 From William Bunch to Hosts and panelists:

BSc wants visitor center and ZBG wants parking lot. most people have no knowledge of these requests from park insiders. these and any others need to be on the table now

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19:26:54 From Kenneth Thompson to Hosts and panelists:

What level of diversity is a component of the planning process?

19:30:36 From Garret Nick to Hosts and panelists:

it seems the pool is the main and most unique draw to zilker park so why not develop some of the attractions at the other parks in town so everyone doesn't have to go to a single park to get to all of these things? consider moving an attraction or just building up roy gererraerera to have big events or whatever. there's only so much space for all these ideas but we can't move the springs.

19:32:18 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

Siken Gardens (Old Mill Spring" is protected habitat

19:34:06 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

Would be a great place for observation platform that could include references to past structures (Page Mill) and a site for story presentation

19:34:37 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

Paggi Mill not Page Mill

19:35:54 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

But Page Park is another place - the Zilker entry to the Violet Crown Trail

19:46:21 From Clark Hancock to Hosts and panelists:

It also depends on the the of programming and the desired experience quality

19:50:27 From PARD Ricardo Soliz to Hosts and panelists:

Justin, we do NOT have any information regarding the Zilker Barn

19:50:50 From Deana Dossey to Hosts and panelists:

thank you all for your work to continue to help Austin be a great place to live. Parks are Essential and access to natural areas are essential to the health of community. Your work is very important and glad to have you on the job.

19:51:03 From PARD Ricardo Soliz to Hosts and panelists:

Justin, on PARD's Website/. I am asking the development team.

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19:51:14 From Ben Livingston to Hosts and panelists:

How can park rangers and police start to enforce everything camping and littering violations

19:51:43 From PARD Justin Schneider to PARD Ricardo Soliz(Direct Message):

Yes. It was a John McKennis project, but I haven't heard anything since maybe 2018 or 2019. We need to figure out what happened with the webpage.

19:51:44 From Ben Livingston to Hosts and panelists:

Everything - rv camping

19:52:00 From Ben Livingston to Hosts and panelists:

And drinking

19:53:44 From PARD Megan Eckard to Deana Dossey and all panelists:

Thanks for your kind words, Deana.

19:53:47 From Richard DePalma to Hosts and panelists:

You can also email me on the parks board about outreach to diverse communities. My email is bc-Richard.depalma@austintexas.gov. I am currently the only minority on the parks and recreation board and feel the weight of that outreach.

19:53:57 From PARD Justin Schneider to Everyone:

Community Engagement questions and ways to make sure decision-making represents all of Austin, email me: Justin.schneider@austintexas.gov

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19:55:44 From PARD Justin Schneider to Everyone:

Email for information: ZilkerVision@austintexas.gov.

19:56:07 From Baron Wilson to Hosts and panelists:

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Thank you all for this meeting and keep up the good work.
Cheers.

19:56:13 From PARD Kasey Corpus,
Community Engagement to Everyone:

Keep up-to-date on the Zilker Park Vision Plan by joining our
email list: bit.ly/ZPVPNewsletter