



**PUBLIC WORKS**



**Council District 3**  
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**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
PARKS & RECREATION**

**Date of Public Input Meeting:** May 15, 2024

**Project Name:** Southside Lions Park

**Project Manager:** Sean Duncan

**Project Location:** 3100 Hiawatha St, San Antonio, TX

**78210 Presentation Location:** Southside Lions Park Senior

**Center Funding source:** 2022-2027 Bond Program

**Project Goal:** Construct general park improvements within available funding which may include a shaded playground, splash pad, and other recreational amenities

**Goal of Public Engagement:** To INFORM stakeholders of the planned improvements to the park, based on previous input.

**Target Audience:** The meeting information was posted on the SASpeakUp website; approximately 307 mailers\ meeting notices were sent and coordinated with City Council District 3 office.

**Project Timeline: (check)**

MILESTONE	COMPLETION
Design Phases	Winter 2024 – Spring 2025
Estimated Bid Phase	Fall 2024 - Winter 2025
Estimated Construction Timeline	Spring 2025 – Spring 2026

**Meeting Report**

**Sean Duncan- PW City of San Antonio**

- ❖ Stated Purpose of meeting, informed attendees that City Staff and consultant would be available after the meeting as well to further answer any questions.
- ❖ Introduced the Design Team
- ❖ Introduced Parks Representative- Tony Forshage

**Larry Clark- Bender Wells Clark Design**

- ❖ Provided a brief description of the site and overview of what elements are on the property now
- ❖ Provided an overview of possible improvements and description and budget in the Bond language (\$1,250,000)
- ❖ Provided an update of the elements to be constructed with the Bond funds based on previous comments
- ❖ Asked for comments and questions from the crowd (see comments below and on comment cards attached)



- ❖ Reviewed next steps for development of the project Attendee Comments
- ❖ Will new trees be planted near the new skatepark? Design team stated that some limited tree planting may be done depending on final budget.
- ❖ Tony Forshage explained the background petition and support for the Skate Park and how important it was to the development of the design.
- ❖ Representatives of Alamo Community Disc Club stated their support for the disc golf course and their willingness to work with Parks to get the course built primarily with volunteer labor.
- ❖ Will additional parking be added for the disc golf course? It was stated that the parking lots can be full on the weekends. Design Team stated that no additional parking is in the work proposed. If the new activities generate a need for more parking that may be something that can be addressed in a future Bond package.
- ❖ Add lighting in the park and around the lake for walkers to feel more secure. Some of the new solar lighting has been damaged and has not been repaired. More lighting is needed. Some limited lighting will be added at the skatepark area.
- ❖ Near the dam the slope is eroding and people are falling when they are trying to access the edge for fishing. This may be addressed with Park Maintenance staff. Possible addition of steps down to the edge was mentioned.
- ❖ Many of the existing trees have died or have fallen branches. Tony with Parks mentioned that due to the drought this is common problem throughout the City and staff cannot keep up with the removals needed.
- ❖ The large skate facility proposed for the park was very well received.
- ❖ A representative of the Highland Rockets who lease the fields at the park stated that they have a lot of maintenance and general improvement concerns. The Bond funded elements are not allocated to any of those at this time.
- ❖ General maintenance and mowing was a concern, especially around existing trees.
- ❖ A concern of the number of dogs being dumped in the park was expressed. Due to the size of the park and the limited ability of Parks Police to enforce the park hours this may continue to be a problem. Adding cameras in the park was suggested.
- ❖ Expansion of the dog park was supported.
- ❖ The existing bathrooms in the park have been vandalized.
- ❖ Adding more community outreach services perhaps at the Community Center and/or the Senior Center.

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