



PUBLIC WORKS



Council District 2

Jalen Mckee-Rodriguez



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PARKS & RECREATION**

Date of Public Input Meeting: February 27, 2024

Project Name: Lockwood-Dignowity Park

Project Manager: Sean Duncan

Project Location: 801 N Olive St.

Presentation Location: Ella Austin Community Center – Senior Room

Funding source: 2022-2027 Bond Program

Project Goal: Construct general park improvements within available funding in support of the Park's Master Plan, which may include development of a splash pad with shade enhancements.

Goal of Public Engagement: To INVOLVE stakeholders to define and prioritize amenities in the development of the park.

Target Audience: The meeting information was posted on the SASpeakUp website; approximately 2,300 mailers\ meeting notices were sent and coordinated with City Council District 2 office, as well as Ella Austin Community Center.

Project Timeline: (check)

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

Meeting Report (This summary is limited to the Park portion of the presentation)

Sean Duncan- Public Works Dept., City of San Antonio

- ❖ Welcomed everyone, Introduced the Design Team, City Staff, thanked District 2 Council Office, facility staff, and presented the Bond Language with Funding Amount.
- ❖ Explained the process of the joint meeting with the Ella Austin Community Center project.
- ❖ District 2 Councilman, Jalen Mckee-Rodriguez, greeted everyone, thanked them and spoke about the presentation, both projects, and that he will continue to seek out funding opportunities for the community's projects.
- ❖ Elaine Kearny (TBG) explained the previous survey results from SASpeakUp
- ❖ In the survey there were comments on lighting, shade, and tree planting with the most common comment on the survey being for more shade.
- ❖ TBG presented an overview of the existing site and an overview of the park and space planned for the water feature.



- ❖ TBG explained that the water feature would have a scheduled shut off so that it could not be run or used outside of specified hours of operation.
- ❖ The water feature was described and input on where the water feature equipment was gathered. Mention of the historic structure being converted to house the equipment as well as the option to build a new enclosed area, was presented. Noted that the historic building option may be more costly.
- ❖ Community comment on distribution of money and if funds from Tree money were being used. Team assured public that the Tree planting funds were separate from the Bond funds.
- ❖ TBG – Indicated that the water feature would be the primary focus of current funding, however if available funding was available other options could be incorporated.
- ❖ Options for adding shade at plaza, playground, dog park were presented
- ❖ Online survey attempted, connectivity in the space was problematic so a show of hands was taken in response to each question.
- ❖ 1st question: If you would like equipment in old structure?
- ❖ 2nd question: Who thinks we should use new enclosure?
- ❖ Mix of responses, some indifferent to location of structure
- ❖ Community question: What is the cost difference? Team explained more investigation would need to be done if it is determined that using the historic structure is the community's preference.
- ❖ 3rd: After the water feature, what was the next feature? Shade
- ❖ 4th: does anyone feel shade? Some responses
- ❖ Community comment asked if new enclosure was built would old building be torn down? Team assured respondent that building would remain.
- ❖ Show of hands for playground shade?
- ❖ Shade for plaza near water feature?
- ❖ Comment on climate change and length of sidewalks that need change, and shade would enable more people to use more of the park during more time. Shade could happen with arbors, vines, carport type structure, sustainability department using solar project money
- ❖ Question about how water would interact with the rocks? Rocks would be removed

Additions| Attendee Comments

The following were comments provided verbally:

- ❖ Could we have it all? Team explained, possibility for more shade and lighting, the big-ticket item would be giving up the water feature.
- ❖ Community member asked about what planning and event programming will be done. Team explained that they were design consultants and not involved in programming.
- ❖ Community member comment that if Park's is going to ever install picnic tables, they will need shade.
- ❖ Community member comment: The shade there now, does not work enough.
- ❖ Comment: Shade at the dog park is not adequate.
- ❖ Comment that a user made that they feel safe at all hours visiting the park because they feel it is well lit already.



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- ❖ Question asked about Gliders, when will they be back? It was explained that PWD is actively working with the manufacturer and local rep to make sure gliders are corrected and able to be warrantied. Are safe and are what taxpayers paid for.
- ❖ Question about previous bond and money marked for amphitheater. Parks and Rec. Representative explained that the donor did want an amphitheater but then in discussion was open to other improvements and that the TIRZ funding left it open to be used for general improvements.
- ❖ After the Ella Austin Community Center portion of the presentation: It was suggested to have a follow up meeting approximately 45 days from this meeting. (Primarily for the Ella Austin project) – For the park, it was determined that the public would like to see options of what could be built with available funding. This could be presented on boards as well as posted in survey form on the SASpeakUp project page.

The following were comments provided on comment cards:

- ❖ “I believe that the water feature is a critical feature that needs to be supported in this project. Shade does little in high humidity, lighting is a nice idea, but people don’t use the park after dark. A water feature will bring families and children to the neighborhood.”
- ❖ “The paver path from Hackberry up to the Plaza needs to be filled in. It is very difficult to walk on as is.”
- ❖ “Given the success a water feature has brought other neighborhoods/ establishments, I believe it would be an extremely positive addition to our community.”
- ❖ “What are the Park hours? Lighting depends on this. Where will outdoor events such as movies, staged musical programming, commemorative events etc.?” take place?
- ❖ “Amphitheater at Park”
- ❖ “No water feature, too many unhoused individuals would use it as their shower. Then we will have possibility of bacterial infections in children. Would like to see money used for shade and picnic tables and BBQ pits.”
- ❖ “Shade by children’s slide/ play area. “Free standing equipment enclosure” (for water feature) “and structured shade (playground)”
- ❖ “Add larger amphitheater.”
- ❖ “Heavy emphasis on shade trees, picnic tables, and BBQ pits, not a big fan of water feature”
- ❖ “Add a bigger amphitheater.”
- ❖ “Add larger amphitheater, and shade – playground.”

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