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Council District 7
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PARKS & RECREATION

Date of Public Input Meeting: August 9, 2022

Project Name: O.P. Schnabel Park

Project Manager: Desiree Salmon

Project Location: 9700 Rochelle Rd, San Antonio, TX 78240

Funding source: 2022-2027 Bond Program; FY2022 Budget for CIP Projects

Project Goal: Utilize earmarked funds in the 2022-2027 Bond to construct a new bicycle complex within O.P. Schnabel Park, within the portion of the park along Rochelle Drive.

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

Target Audience: The meeting information was posted on the SASpeakUp website; mailer outreach targeted to 2000 households and meeting notices were coordinated with City Council District 7 office.

Project Timeline:

MILESTONE	COMPLETION DATE
Research and Scoping	Spring 2022
Community Engagement	August 2022 through Summer 2024
Estimated Design Phase	Fall 2022 through Fall 2024
Estimated Construction Phase	Spring 2025 through Winter 2025

Meeting Report

Desiree Salmon – Public Works Department, City of San Antonio

- ❖ Stated purpose of the meeting
- ❖ Introduced the Design Team
- ❖ Introduced other staff and D-7 Representative

Joshua Jaeschke- Planning Department- City of San Antonio

- ❖ Gave brief overview of the Bandera Road Corridor Plan
- ❖ Gave information on how to give comments on the draft
- ❖ Informed attendees of the next public meeting on August 24, 2022 at City Church San Antonio, 9431 Bandera Road 78250 from 5:00 until 8:00pm

Larry Clark- Bender Wells Clark Design

- ❖ Provided a brief description of the site and overview of what elements are on the property now
- ❖ Gave a review of the Master Plan created in 2019
- ❖ Provided an overview of the improvements mentioned in the Master Plan and Bond language, including 2 separate items:
 1. \$1,675,000 for O.P. Schnabel Park to construct general park improvements within available funding which may include roadway improvements to expand access to park areas, bicycle park, and playground amenities.
 2. \$3,250,000 for Citywide Bicycle Recreational Facilities to develop and construct new bicycle facilities to include BMX and Mountain Bike recreational opportunities located at O.P. Schnabel Park, Eisenhower Park and Pearsall Park within available funding.
- ❖ Asked for input from participants on elements they would like to see
- ❖ Reviewed next steps for development of the project

Public list of comments

- ❖ Where will the entry be? *Answer:* The entry will remain where it is (to the driving range).
- ❖ Why is the bike park located in the south of the property near the houses? *Answer:* This was the location that was agreed upon when the Master Plan was done in 2019. The bike park should not generate a lot of noise or trash. □ The residents stated that they can hear the noise from the cricket pitch inside their homes when there are people playing □ The roadway to the bike park should not be near the residences.
- ❖ Try to encourage bike riders to access the new facility from the existing trails at O.P. Schnabel to the east of the new property.
- ❖ Build out a slower bike loop trail around the perimeter to keep the speed slow for young and not so experienced riders. □ Try to use terrain or planting to buffer the sound
- ❖ Mostly suburban families will be using the new facilities
- ❖ Build elements for the intermediate and expert riders before the money runs out (elements not found at Pearsall or McAllister Park)
- ❖ There are serious drainage issues on the site (takes down residents' fences and ponds at the entry to the property)
- ❖ Study what makes sense for access



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- ❖ Try to use the existing parking as much as possible (don't need to spend money on a bunch of new asphalt)
- ❖ Something needs to be done about the deer population (one rider mentioned potential conflicts with riders)
- ❖ Try to get the City drainage folks to clean up the greenbelt along the property line of residents
- ❖ There can be 3' to 5' of water running behind their property in a large rain (moves through very quickly)
- ❖ Concern about traffic impacting the neighborhoods since there are no sidewalks and there is limited access to this area of the park
- ❖ Right now, the existing parking lot is underutilized
- ❖ People are coming from all over to use the trails now
- ❖ Most of the mountain bikers can access the new areas from the existing green way trails
- ❖ Raise the bar on what elements are added- elevate skills levels. Focus on skills progression
- ❖ Make sure we address getting kids and families out on the property
- ❖ Consider connections to nearby schools and any school programs/ sports that might utilize the bicycle complex
- ❖ Make sure we spend the money on actual recreational bike facilities; there was a great effort to place bike facilities in the bond.
- ❖ Most mountain bikers clean up after themselves and are not noisy
- ❖ Residents are worried about the property being maintained since they do not believe it is getting maintained now, especially the drainage areas and fence line.
- ❖ The maintenance and drainage issues were not resolved when the City acquired the property and this needs to be addressed
- ❖ Minimize the amount of asphalt
- ❖ Don't need a picnic pavilion in the bicycle complex.
- ❖ Interior roadway as designed in the master plan is a bad idea – might get washed out by the drainage.

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