



City of Austin

Parks and Recreation Department
200 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704

**Summary of Board and Commission Actions to Date for
Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Facilities, Land and Programs**
Updated October 23, 2019

October 23, 2018 – Briefing to the Parks and Recreation Board on the Parks and Recreation Department Long Range Plan process.

August 13, 2019 – A motion by the Urban Transportation Commission to support the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan was approved on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

August 14, 2019 – Briefing to the Commission on Seniors; No action taken.

August 14, 2019 – Briefing to the Early Childhood Council; No action taken.

August 19, 2019 – Briefing to the Arts Commission; No action taken.

August 21, 2019 – A motion by the Downtown Commission to accept the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs as presented and look forward to more updates as they come out and approve the plan on a 10-0 vote with Commissioners Schissler and Henao-Robledo absent.

August 27, 2019 – Briefing to the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission; No action taken.

September 3, 2019 – Briefing to the African American Resource Advisory Commission; No action taken.

September 4, 2019 – Briefing to the E.S.B. Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board; No action taken.

September 9, 2019 – Briefing to the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission; No action taken.

September 9, 2019 – Briefing to the Pedestrian Advisory Council; Action taken on October 7, 2019.

September 9, 2019 – Briefing to the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board; No action taken.

September 10, 2019 – Briefing to the Community Development Commission; No action taken.

September 17, 2019 – Briefing to the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission; No action taken.

September 17, 2019 – Briefing to the Bicycle Advisory Council; No action taken.

September 18, 2019 – A motion by the Environmental Commission to support the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan was approved with additional recommendations on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioner Smith absent.

September 24, 2019 – A motion by the Parks and Recreation Board to support the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan was approved on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioners Morgan, Donovan and Taylor absent.

September 24, 2019 – A motion by the Planning Commission to support the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan was approved on a vote of 11-0 with Commissioners Flores and Shaw off the dais.

October 1, 2019 – Briefing to the Zoning and Platting Commission; No action taken.

October 7, 2019 – A motion by the Pedestrian Advisory Council to support the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan was approved with additional recommendations on a vote of 9-0.



**Urban Transportation Commission (UTC)
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
13 August 2019**

The Urban Transportation Commission convened in a meeting on August 13, 2019 at 721 Barton Springs Road (Town Lake Center Room 130) in Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kelly Blume	Samuel Franco	Allie Runas
Mario Champion	Daniel Hennessey	Cynthia Weatherby

Commission Members Absent:

Daniel Alvarado	Kelly Davis	Alex Reyna	Michael Wilfley
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City Staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith	Cheyenne Krause	Jason Redfern
Jim Dale	Kim McKnight	Jacob Culberson

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Mario Champion called the commission meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 9, 2019 MEETING**

The July minutes were approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Runas second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

3. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Carlos León

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Kim McKnight, Environmental Conservation Program Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

A motion to support the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan was approved on Commissioner Champion motion, Commissioner Weatherby second on a 6 - 0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

B. Pedicab and group cycle businesses: operational boundaries and use of electric pedal-assist motors – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Jacob Culberson, Mobility Services Division Manager, and Jason Redfern, Parking Enterprise Manager, Austin Transportation Department.

Commissioner Champion presented draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends City Council convert the electric-assist pedicab pilot program into a permanent program which applies to pedicab and group cycles, applicable to 100% of permitted rides for hire, and available within the entire city of Austin.

A motion to approve the recommendation was approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Runas second on a 6 - 0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

C. Recommendation regarding Speed Management Program draft framework – Discussion and Possible Action

Commissioner Champion presented draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that City Council fund Austin Transportation Department's Speed Management Program in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget with an operating budget which allows wide-spread and robustly implemented engineering solutions and community outreach/education programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UTC recommends that Speed Management programs include dedicated funds for both existing and future streets to achieve safe bike and pedestrian experiences.

A motion to approve the recommendation was approved on Commissioner Hennessey motion, Commissioner Champion second on a 6 - 0 vote with Commissioners Alvarado, Davis, Reyna, and Wilfley absent.

5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Downtown Commission** – On July 17 the commission approved a recommendation requesting that Austin Transportation review criteria for downtown right of way management to better mitigate the impact of street closures and construction staging on bike lanes.
- B. Joint Sustainability Committee** – No update.
- C. Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)** – On July 16 the BAC received a briefing regarding speed management and approved a recommendation regarding Duval St from San Jacinto Blvd to 53rd.
- D. Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)** – On August 5 the PAC approved recommendations regarding electric-assist pedicab regulation, redesigning railroad crossings for safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, and speed management.
- E. City Council Mobility Committee** – No update.
- F. Project Connect Advisory Network** – No update.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A.** Austin Green PUD application and TIA review (Franco; August or October)
- B.** E-bikes and E-scooters on Austin Trails Pilot Program (Champion, Weatherby; October)
- C.** Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2045 Transportation Plan (Davis, Wilfley; November)
- D.** Congress Ave Urban Design Initiative - Pedestrian Advisory Council recommendations (Champion and Hennessey; TBD)
- E.** Land Development Code (Davis; TBD)
- F.** Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Davis; TBD)

7. ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Champion adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. without objection.



DOWNTOWN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20190821-05

Date: August 21, 2019

Subject: Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs

Motioned By: Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol Seconded By: Commissioner August Harris

Recommendation

To accept the Parks and Recreation Department Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs as presented and look forward to more updates as they come out and approve the plan.

Vote 10-0

For: Chair Joel Sher, Vice Chair Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner Sam Sargent, Commissioner Meghan Skornia, Commission Chris Kanipe, Commissioner Andrew Harrison, Commissioner Megan Meisenbach, Commissioner August Harris, Commissioner David Gomez, Commissioner Christopher Lehman

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Jim Schissler and Commissioner Melissa Henao-Robledo

Attest: Mona Sanchez, Commission Liaison, Economic Development Department



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190918 007a

Date: September 18, 2019

Subject: Briefing, discussion, and possible action on a recommendation to Austin City Council on the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities, and Programs

Motion by: Katie Coyne

Seconded by: Peggy Maceo

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the purpose and goals of the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) draft Long Range Plan: to assess the state of the current park system, to define a vision for 2028, to guide future growth and development, and to provide citywide recommendations and priorities for parks; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes parks and trails play a key role in maintaining the environmental function of the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the implementation of the draft Long Range Plan's city-wide strategies: relief from urban life, park access, urban park spaces, alignment of programs, and efficiency of operations, have measurable impacts on the natural systems, quality of life, and climate resilience of the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the synergy between the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan and other initiatives, plans, and studies in the City is vital to ensure Austin is a resilient city in the long-term.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends support for the Parks and Recreation Department Long Range Plan with the following conditions:

Environmental Commission Conditions:

- Require new trails, including primitive trails in highly sensitive environmental areas be reviewed by the Environmental Commission.
- Require natural areas acquisition and development to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission.
- Require review from the Environmental Commission for any Parks or Natural Areas Master Plan.
- Include a recommendation to create standards for the integration of green infrastructure and climate adaptive features into parkland including green stormwater infrastructure, but also including features that promote diverse ecosystem functions such as mitigating urban heat island, sequestering carbon, providing enhanced habitat, and mitigating air pollution, among others.

- In recommendation B.2.2.3 – include language emphasizing the need to balance mitigating environmental degradation with recreational goals.
- Adapt recommendation A.3.4 to include balancing water access in some places with more functional management of eroding shorelines in other places including the implementation of living and hybrid shorelines as piloted by the Watershed Protection Department.
- Edit the draft “Score Card Tool” to include metrics on green infrastructure, climate resilience features, and other multi-functional goals as outlined in the plan’s recommendations.
- Conduct a rigorous study on the environmental carrying capacity of parks, open space, and trail systems and utilize that information to make decisions about environmental/user tradeoffs.
- Create standards regarding the appropriate application of increased lighting to mitigate safety concerns to minimize environmental impacts on sensitive ecologies; and ensure all lighting is Dark Skies compliant.
- Require temporary lighting to comply with Dark Skies standards or to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission.
- Clarify the use of displacement data in application – i.e. ensure the City is not advocating for a lower level of service or environmental quality in areas most at risk of displacement.
- Reduce single-occupancy vehicle parking lots on parkland and emphasize mass transit access at all parks and facilities.
- Prohibit styrofoam at all events at all parks and facilities.
- Emphasize nature-based playscapes and nature-based playgrounds for children and children with disabilities to interact with and learn about nature.
- Consider more infrastructure and program opportunities to highlight urban nature even in dense areas, including the development of satellite or permanent “urban nature centers” in downtown or east Austin.
- Ensure that environmental, cultural, and heritage programs are integrated in ways that promote a holistic story of Austin.
- In E.1.5, include the Watershed Protection Department as a key partner in recommendations regarding partnerships for implementing climate adaptive and green infrastructure features.
- Include a more substantial recommendation around how cross-departmental cost-sharing and project coordination (i.e. between Watershed and PARD for instance) could be better leveraged for increased efficiency.
- In E.4, explore opportunities to add more Full Time Employees to support coordination with PARD partners to ensure efficient collaborations for all parties.
- Upon completion of the “How we will measure and track progress (The Matrix)” section, the Environmental Commission may review and provide comments prior to plan adoption.

VOTE 9-0

For: Bedford, Creel, Thompson, Guerrero, Coyne, Ramberg, Neely, Maceo, and Gordon

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Smith

Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair

DRAFT

Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendation:

City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) Long Range Plan

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) is to advise the City of Austin on pedestrian planning, policy, design, funding, education, and enforcement regarding creating, maintaining, and operating pedestrian facilities;

WHEREAS, Austin's parks are equally crucial as civic and social spaces as they are for recreation;

WHEREAS, because many parks are poorly integrated into their surroundings and often surrounded by wide roads and physical barriers with park facilities frequently located far and out of sight from the closest streets, many Austinites do not currently live within pleasant and safe walking distance of a park and its facilities;

WHEREAS, large parks often excel as places to walk, become immersed in nature, and as places offering a range of space-consuming activities and small parks often function as more accessible and socially-oriented spaces and all communities should be within a short walk of both types of park;

WHEREAS, parks can serve as nearby community centers with amenities that help facilitate a car-lite or car-free lifestyle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the PAC recommends that the following proposals be integrated into the PAR 2019 Long Range Plan:

- Options for increasing use of current parks be given equal weight alongside creating new parks
- All parks and park entrances must be accessible through high-quality pedestrian infrastructure, including well-maintained, shaded, and lit sidewalks; frequently spaced crossing lights with reasonable, prioritized timing; and shortened crossing distance through street narrowing, road diets, and other traffic calming measures and speed management strategies to ensure a safe and comfortable park environment for all users
- Parks, including cemeteries and golf courses, be used to augment and enhance the connectivity of the existing pedestrian network
- Pedestrian comfort be prioritized in parks through features such as pedestrian-oriented wayfinding signage; trails that are curved, shaded, and well-defined by trees; drinking fountains
- Sittability, lingerability, and sociability be considered key qualities of any park through facilities such as the regular presence of covered picnic tables, benches with backs, and focal points such as gazebos and plazas
- Wherever possible, park facilities abut, or be located close to and within visual distance of, sidewalks/streets
- Increase the number of residents a short walk from parks, increase park safety through the "eyes on the street" effect, and maximize park access for low income households by encouraging existing, new, and affordable housing to be closely integrated into parks, including by allowing housing to directly border and building entrances open into parks

- The number of pocket parks that provide a range of things to do be greatly increased so that they are accessible by a five minute or less walk for all Austinites, and where appropriate space for new such parks be opened up through a range of creative approaches, including road diets, converting entire or parts of parking lots, rooftop installations, and supporting other City departments in converting streets into “Woonerven” (shared streets) that feature park elements
- PARD encourage and support communities in the creation of parklike amenities and shared spaces such as parklets and pocket patios on residential streets as an important element of the public realm
- Communities be invited to adopt and integrate local ideas, culture, and features into parks
- Regulations be relaxed to make it as easy as possible for communities to hold events and create programming in their local parks
- Parks be considered as sites for a wider range of community services than are often offered, such as tool lending libraries, bookable event rooms, gathering spaces/structures such as gazebos and outdoor movie screens, and storage spaces for commonly-needed community equipment such as folding chairs and tables and sporting equipment; making sure that such facilities be well integrated into parks

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends that metrics and year by year implementation goals be created for the above aims, especially increasing the percentage of parks that are considered “connected” to their surroundings by high-quality pedestrian infrastructure

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the Austin City Council consider how to forward the following recommendations in parallel with updating the PARD Long Range Plan:

- Maximize on-street parking by minimizing parking inside parks and removing Residential Parking Permits near parks
- The City of Austin create an inventory of potential creative ways to open up spaces - including hotels, vacant land and buildings, under-utilized parking lots, and parks - as sites of short term emergency housing for people currently without access to housing

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the PAC supports passage of the PARD Long Range Plan with the above conditions.

Date: October 7, 2019

Vote: 9 – 0

Attest:



Jay Crossley, PAC Chair

Commission	Comment	Edit Tracking	Relevant Section	LRP Team Response
Environmental	Require new trails, including primitive trails in highly sensitive environmental areas be reviewed by the Environmental Commission.	No edit needed		PARD currently engages Watershed Protection Department staff in a review of any trails in highly sensitive areas particularly in the Critical Water Quality Zone. In cases where a variance to code is required, PARD staff will present a proposed trail project before the Environmental Commission. PARD does not concur with a recommendation to have all new trails, including primitive trails, reviewed by the Environmental Commission. PARD finds the current process results in sufficient review.
Environmental	Require natural areas acquisition and development to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission.	No edit needed		Currently, Austin City Council approves all acquisitions of parkland. PARD follows all requirements in the Land Development Code for any park development. PARD does not concur with a recommendation to have all
Environmental	Require review from the Environmental Commission for any Parks or Natural Areas Master Plan.	No edit needed		PARD regularly briefs the Environmental Commission on master plans for district and metropolitan parks that propose developments within highly sensitive areas, including in the Critical Water Quality Zone. PARD supports continued review of master plans for district and metropolitan parks that feature highly sensitive areas.
Environmental	Include a recommendation to create standards for the integration of green infrastructure and climate adaptive features into parkland including green stormwater infrastructure, but also including features that promote diverse ecosystem functions such as mitigating urban heat island, sequestering carbon, providing enhanced habitat, and mitigating air pollution, among others.	No edit needed, addressed through previous staff review	Green infrastructure in parkland is included under A2 (p86-74) (2.3, 2.5, 2.6).	Green infrastructure in parkland is included under A2 (p86-74) (2.3, 2.5, 2.6). Strategies were added following staff review from Natural Resource Division of PARD and WPD. Strategy also added for O&M under E 1.5. Facilities related improvements for urban heat island, enhanced habitat, and green buildings are addressed under E 7.
Environmental	In recommendation B.2.2.3 – include language emphasizing the need to balance mitigating environmental degradation with recreational goals.	Edit Made	B 2 2.2 (p 99)	Added "Introduction of recreational uses should be planned carefully to limit any negative environmental impacts."
Environmental	Adapt recommendation A.3.4 to include balancing water access in some places with more functional management of eroding shorelines in other places including the implementation of living and hybrid shorelines as piloted by the Watershed Protection Department.	Edit Made	A.3.4	Edits made with comments from WPD during staff review. Emphases balancing access with environmental protection.
Environmental	Edit the draft "Score Card Tool" to include metrics on green infrastructure, climate resilience features, and other multi-functional goals as outlined in the plan's recommendations.	No edit needed		Score Cards and park condition assessments are complete in the first round as a pilot project. Future updates should consider adding metrics for green infrastructure and other metrics from the LRP. Metrics could be developed/added in concert with the GI strengths and gaps metrics currently being developed by the multi-department TAG (4.A.2.5). Alternatively, we could add metrics that correspond to section 4.A.2.3 (e.g. lbs.TSS removed by GSI within park) 4.A.4.1 (# of community gardens) 4.A.7.1 (park has land mgmt plan) 4.A.7.3.1 (park meets forestry goals) 4.A.7.3.2 (park pollinator habitat score), etc.
Environmental	Conduct a rigorous study on the environmental carrying capacity of parks, open space, and trail systems and utilize that information to make decisions about environmental/user tradeoffs.	Edit Made	7.2.2 (added, p 97)	PARD concurs that this type of study would be instructive and shall include in recommendations. (Nancy: Can we identify a place to add this?)
Environmental	Create standards regarding the appropriate application of increased lighting to mitigate safety concerns to minimize environmental impacts on sensitive ecologies; and ensure all lighting is Dark Skies compliant.	No edit needed, addressed through previous staff review	C 2.6	PARD concurs with this recommendation and will incorporate, but notes that all PARD permanent lighting installed in parks is Dark Skies compliant. (Nancy: Can we identify a place to add this?)
Environmental	Require temporary lighting to comply with Dark Skies standards or to be reviewed by the Environmental Commission.	Edit Made	C 2.6	NOTE: THIS WOULD IMPACT EVENTS AND CONSTRUCTION? WRT: i can't find any examples applying Dark Sky standards to temporary lighting. The LRP can't require, but we could recommend temporary lighting be dark sky compliant where feasible
Environmental	Clarify the use of displacement data in application – i.e. ensure the City is not advocating for a lower level of service or environmental quality in areas most at risk of displacement.	No edit needed	P 101	PARD has emphasized that mapping related to the Uprooted Study was intended to inform community engagement strategies and not level of investment in areas experiencing gentrification and displacement.

Commission	Comment	Edit Tracking	Relevant Section	LRP Team Response
Environmental	Reduce single-occupancy vehicle parking lots on parkland and emphasize mass transit access at all parks and facilities.	No edit needed, addressed through previous staff review	See B 10.1 and 10.2 on page 105-106	Previously updated with staff comments
Environmental	Prohibit styrofoam at all events at all parks and facilities.	No edit needed		Styrofoam has been prohibited by policy for a decade and is now prohibited per the citywide event ordinance.
Environmental	Emphasize nature-based playscapes and nature-based playgrounds for children and children with disabilities to interact with and learn about nature.	Edit Made	B.7.2	Updated B.7.2 to include: nature play can directly benefit children with sensory integration disorders, cognitive impairments and other learning disabilities.
Environmental	Consider more infrastructure and program opportunities to highlight urban nature even in dense areas, including the development of satellite or permanent “urban nature centers” in downtown or east Austin.	No edit needed	See existing language under A.1 and A.2 related to urban nature. And pop-up nature or art based activities under D 1.1	Recommendation incorporated in several areas related to pop-up programming, urban park programming and nature programming
Environmental	Ensure that environmental, cultural, and heritage programs are integrated in ways that promote a holistic story of Austin.	Edit Made		PARD concurs and will add language to support recommendation
Environmental	In E.1.5, include the Watershed Protection Department as a key partner in recommendations regarding partnerships for implementing climate adaptive and green infrastructure features.	Edit Made	See matrix in Chapter 5, have included WPD in multiple strategies as implementing partners	PARD concurs and will add language to support recommendation
Environmental	Include a more substantial recommendation around how cross-departmental cost-sharing and project coordination (i.e. between Watershed and PARD for instance) could be better leveraged for increased efficiency.	Edit Made		PARD concurs and will add language to support recommendation
Environmental	In E.4, explore opportunities to add more Full Time Es to support coordination with PARD partners to ensure efficient collaborations for all parties.	Edit Made	5.2 and 5.4	Support for FTE under communications and partnerships
Environmental	Upon completion of the “How we will measure and track progress (The Matrix)” section, the Environmental Commission may review and provide comments prior to plan adoption.	Edit Made	Section added to Chapter 5	Citywide strategy implementation tables added. PARD will include Environmental Commission in communications to boards and commission about updates to our Long Range Plan implementation.
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Options for increasing use of current parks be given equal weight alongside creating new parks	Edit Made	Clarified under A1.1	
Pedestrian Advisory Council	All parks and park entrances must be accessible through high-quality pedestrian infrastructure, including well-maintained, shaded, and lit sidewalks; frequently spaced crossing lights with reasonable, prioritized	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Parks, including cemeteries and golf courses, be used to augment and enhance the connectivity of the existing pedestrian network	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Pedestrian comfort be prioritized in parks through features such as pedestrian-oriented wayfinding signage; trails that are curved, shaded, and well-defined by trees; drinking fountains	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Sittability, lingerability, and sociability be considered key qualities of any park through facilities such as the regular presence of covered picnic tables, benches with backs, and focal points such as gazebos and plazas	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Wherever possible, park facilities abut, or be located close to and within visual distance of, sidewalks/streets	No edit needed		

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Pedestrian Advisory Council	Increase the number of residents a short walk from parks, increase park safety through the “eyes on the street” effect, and maximize park access for low income households by encouraging existing, new, and affordable housing to be closely integrated into parks, including by allowing housing to directly border and building entrances open into parks	No edit needed	CEPTED standards included in C 2.1	
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Maximize on-street parking by minimizing parking inside parks and removing Residential Parking Permits near parks	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	The City of Austin create an inventory of potential creative ways to open up spaces - including hotels, vacant land and buildings, under-utilized parking lots, and parks - as sites of short term emergency housing for people currently without access to housing	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	The number of pocket parks that provide a range of things to do be greatly increased so that they are accessible by a five minute or less walk for all Austinites, and where appropriate space for new such parks be opened up through a range of creative approaches, including road diets, converting entire or parts of parking lots, rooftop installations, and supporting other City departments in converting streets into “Woonerven” (shared streets) that feature park elements	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	PARD encourage and support communities in the creation of parklike amenities and shared spaces such as parklets and pocket patios on residential streets as an important element of the public realm	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Communities be invited to adopt and integrate local ideas, culture, and features into parks	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Regulations be relaxed to make it as easy as possible for communities to hold events and create programming in their local parks	No edit needed		
Pedestrian Advisory Council	Parks be considered as sites for a wider range of community services than are often offered, such as tool lending libraries, bookable event rooms, gathering spaces/structures such as gazebos and outdoor movie screens, and storage spaces for commonly-needed community equipment such as folding chairs and tables and sporting equipment; making sure that such facilities be well integrated into parks	Edit Made		Expanded section on pop-up uses in Parks
Pedestrian Advisory Council	recommends that metrics and year by year implementation goals be created for the above aims, especially increasing the percentage of parks that are considered “connected” to their surroundings by high-quality pedestrian infrastructure	Edit Made		Metrics referenced in Chap 5
Pedestrian Advisory Council	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the Austin City Council consider how to forward the following recommendations in parallel with updating the PARD Long Range Plan: --Maximize on-street parking by minimizing parking inside parks and removing Residential Parking Permits near parks --The City of Austin create an inventory of potential creative ways to open up spaces - including hotels, vacant land and buildings, under-utilized parking lots, and parks - as sites of short term emergency housing for people currently without access to housing	No edit needed		This recommendation is not directed as a change to the Long Range Plan, but rather a suggested policy direction to council. No change at this time.