

# Montopolis Pool Project

## Community Meeting #1 Zoom Chat

June 22, 2022

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00:15:51 PARD Community Engagement: Project webpage:  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/montopolis-pool-project>

00:16:23 Arlin Alvarez: Thanks for the direct link!

00:18:32 PARD Community Engagement: Question here is asking why the ranking and percentage is different: Percentage is amount of people who responded; the rank is by how many people ranked it higher.

00:22:03 PARD Community Engagement: Question about how survey was shared and possibilities for people who could not complete it online. Response: Shared through social media and email lists. Paper surveys available at recreation center and 3 in-person pop-ups at recreation center.

00:31:59 Stefan Wray: What is the square footage of the pool surface?

00:32:17 Stefan Wray: What is the length of the lap lanes?

00:32:38 PARD Community Engagement: Thanks for the questions, Stefan. Greg will respond to those questions when he shows concepts.

00:32:40 Stefan Wray: How many lap lanes?

00:34:02 PARD Community Engagement: Question about rain garden: How will it be managed to make sure concerns about safety will be considered.

00:34:16 Stefan Wray: Aha, I see 6 lap lanes, 75 feet long

00:36:42 PARD Community Engagement: Asking questions to understand what a rain garden is and how it compares to a "pollinator" garden.

00:41:57 PARD Community Engagement: Clarifying that picnic area is within fence of the pool area. It is.

00:42:11 PARD Community Engagement: And picnic area in the park outside pool area will remain.

00:42:50 PARD Community Engagement: Discussing cleansing showers (before you get in the pool). Recommended having them closer to entry.

00:43:25 PARD Community Engagement: Question about concerns of picnic area being so close to the pool.

00:45:35 Stefan Wray: Why can't the backwash from the pool go into the field during a drought?

00:46:54 PARD Community Engagement: Asking questions about natural areas around the pool. Greg is pointing out where the grass would be around the area for lawn space. Different scale than Deep Eddy or Barton Springs.

00:50:28 PARD Community Engagement: Both options have family restrooms in the same configuration but in different places.

00:51:05 PARD Community Engagement: Questions about access to restrooms when the pool is closed.

00:51:31 PARD Community Engagement: Project team has not solved question about accessibility to restrooms outside of pool hours.

00:53:07 PARD Community Engagement: Question about whether Option B will encroach on field where they play soccer.

00:53:43 PARD Community Engagement: Should not block play access. Additional questions and support for restroom access outside of pool hours.

00:55:49 PARD Community Engagement: Ongoing discussions around restroom access and whether it should be allowed in the future.

00:56:55 Arlin Alvarez: what other restrooms are in the area besides the pool?

00:58:21 PARD Community Engagement: The recreation center has restrooms that are accessible during its hours, which are longer than the pool hours. Concern around soccer league play when games go later than the rec center hours.

00:58:49 PARD Community Engagement: Discussion by a community member about having an indoor pool.

00:59:19 Natalia Lopez: Is this pool intended to be open only during the Summer? Or year round?

00:59:48 PARD Community Engagement: Budget does not allow for indoor pool possibility.

01:01:31 PARD Community Engagement: Discussion about possibility of making things accessible to outside of the pool.

01:02:33 PARD Community Engagement: Just a request to continue the presentation to get through it before we answer additional questions.

01:02:40 Anita Villalobos: what's probability of heated pool?

01:03:05 PARD Community Engagement: We will make sure we get to all of the questions shared here as well!

01:03:50 PARD Community Engagement: For the survey 2 that is being discussed:  
<https://www.publicinput.com/MontopolisPool2>; encuesta en espanol  
<https://www.publicinput.com/MontopolisPool2-esp>.

01:04:17 Anita Villalobos: what's the benefits of rain garden.. seems kind of a trend.. the one installed for the center was a disaster. .

01:05:34 PARD Community Engagement: The rain garden benefits that were discussed included a way to filter rain water and the things that can wash in that can be harmful. This provides preliminary filtration.

01:07:18 Anita Villalobos: I have a concern with the method survey was conducted. The APD has weekly food distribution events. it would have been nice to have surveys collected during those times.

01:08:03 Anita Villalobos: The green area could be expanded to accommodate groups.

01:12:01 Anita Villalobos: Heated Pool!!!

01:12:11 Natalia Lopez: Is this pool intended to be open only during the Summer? Or year round?

01:13:28 Anita Villalobos: if it becomes a heated pool it would be year round. put it out into the universe!!

01:14:02 PARD Community Engagement: Thank you for the questions and comments. We'll get to them!

01:15:02 PARD Community Engagement: You can enter your responses in the chat here.

01:15:24 Natalia Lopez: Belonging

01:15:57 Arlin Alvarez: Community

01:16:08 Arlin Alvarez: Excitement

01:16:43 Anita Villalobos: Raul Valdez for artist!!

01:16:58 Anita Villalobos: Raul Valdez!

01:17:41 Arlin Alvarez: Blended

01:26:41 PARD Community Engagement: The question was about whether people ever ask it to stay just the same.

01:26:48 Arlin Alvarez: No we want a improved pool and structure

01:27:58 PARD Community Engagement: Discussion about the process to get funding, lobbying to Mayor and Council to get this to the bond.

01:29:39 Anita Villalobos: yes heated pool!!!

01:29:54 PARD Community Engagement: Glad you can hear the comments! (I wasn't sure)

01:30:35 Anita Villalobos: our community deserves a heated pool!

01:31:45 Anita Villalobos: look for more money!

01:34:26 Anita Villalobos: Montopolis Community has been overlooked and neglected since it's existence. it time we get the funding and upgrades.

01:43:46 Natalia Lopez: Is this pool intended to be open only during the Summer? Or year round?

01:48:18 Anita Villalobos: We're asking for a heated year round pool. Anything is possible.

01:49:16 Natalia Lopez: I understand that, but I wanted to know the intention of PARD's project.

01:49:37 Natalia Lopez: Obviously a heated pool would be epic, but if we don't get it, is this only to be open in the Summer?

01:50:14 PARD Community Engagement: Natalia, that is correct. We typically call it "seasonally," since it straddles spring as well.

01:50:37 Natalia Lopez: Got it, thanks.

01:51:10 PARD Community Engagement: Question about ADA accessibility and what that means.

01:51:25 PARD Community Engagement: Response: All City of Austin facilities are required to be ADA accessible.

01:52:37 PARD Community Engagement: Is Civitan Pool closed permanently? Response: No. The plan is to continue to invest into Civitan facility so that it will be operated at least one season while Montopolis ool is closed for construction

01:54:18 Anita Villalobos: thank you for the meeting and taking our input.

01:55:04 PARD Community Engagement: Thank you for joining us tonight.

01:55:24 PARD Community Engagement: Email Patrick.Beyer@austintexas.gov for project questions.