

City of San Antonio
COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEES
Report on E-mailed Project Suggestions
PARKS COMMITTEE

Report Period: 12/14/2006 - 1/21/2007

Total Suggestions per Report Period: 28

Total Suggestions-to-Date: 28

Date Received: 1/21/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Reagan Beres

Project Description:

Construction of Concrete Skateparks.

Project Location:

Southside Lions, Nani Falcone, Cuellar and Martinez Parks

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/21/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Eric Bollin

Project Description:

I am proposing the city of San Antonio secure allocations for public skateparks and here are the reasons I am basing my suggestion on ...The public at large has a demand for public skateparks. We should act by building public in-ground concrete skatepark facilities to meet these growing needs.

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Date Received: 1/20/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Ryan Smith

Project Description:

I frequently skateboard at some of the world class concrete parks that have been built in the Austin area. All of these skateboard parks at Mable Davis, Lakeway and Smithville (and soon to be Round Rock and San Marcos which are under construction as I type this) are packed with skateboarders at any given time of day, every day. My suggestion for the city of San Antonio would be to 1) Install more concrete skateboard parks. Concrete is the most efficient, long lasting and maintenance free medium for skateboard parks; 2) Have these concrete skateboard parks built by reputable skatepark builders. A concrete skateboard park needs to be built by a skateboard park builder that employs skateboarders. This is a very critical issue. All of the parks in the Austin area (and the ones being built in San Marcos and Round Rock) have been built by reputable builders. One of the best is Grindline.com. They are world renown and have an extensive resume and portfolio on line. I would highly recommend them as a builder for any and all parks in the San Antonio area. 3) I would not recommend any sort of metal or wood or pre fabricated ramps. These typically are manufactured and/or sold through playground equipment companies. These type of ramps are prone to structure failure, damage from normal skateboard use and even theft. Being that San Antonio is one of the largest cities in Texas, it has the opportunity to have a world class skateboard park(s) installed and become host to the best skateboard park in the state!

Project Location:

Southside Lions, Nani Falcone, Cuellar and Martinez Parks

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/19/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Cary Jackson

Project Description:

Construction of a city-wide system of concrete skateparks.

Project Location:

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Date Received: 1/19/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Melanie Guzman

Project Description:

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Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/19/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Gilbert Carrasco III

Project Description:

Construction of Concrete Skateparks

Project Location:

Southside Lions, Nani Falcone, Cuellar and Martinez Parks

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *San Antonio Botanical Gardens Conservatory Repairs*

Submitted By: Candace Andrews

Project Description:

This proposal requests \$900,000 to make critically needed, long-deferred repairs to the Lucile Halsell Conservatory at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Long-requested for over a decade, these repairs include waterproofing of equipment rooms, structural stabilization, environmental controls, and replacement of broken glass. As the seventh largest city in the United States, our City should take pride in this architecturally significant icon and give it appropriate care. The San Antonio Botanical Society, the private support organization, will continue to leverage these public funds to maximize improvements.

Project Location:

555 Funston Place

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Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *UTSA Athletic Park*

Submitted By: Linda Montgomery

Project Description:

I would like the community bond committee to give serious consideration to working with UTSA and its plans for an Athletic Park for the community as part of the 2007-2012 bond project. I have grown up in San Antonio, have lived in almost every area of the city at one time or another and I would love to see the City and UTSA work together on this project. I would also think the most of the almost 70,000 alumni, most of whom still live in the area, would like to know that the city would see the win-win in our proposal. The synergy that would result from a combination city-university co op would be beneficial to the city on several levels: UTSA will provide the land and ongoing park maintenance, and will work with the City and Sports Foundation to market the park for large athletic competitions. The UTSA Athletic Park would include collegiate quality competition venues for baseball, softball, track, soccer, tennis and possibly football practice. The proposed UTSA Athletic Park facilities currently are not available anywhere within the community. A competitive athletic park like the one proposed by UTSA would have a significant economic impact within the San Antonio tourism industry. UTSA is prepared and able to raise private and corporate donations and sponsorships to complete and operate the Athletic Park. In addition to NCAA events, the UTSA Athletic Park would provide access to local youth tournaments, UIL, national and international competitions, Senior Olympics and other competitive athletic events.

Project Location:

UTSA Campus

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Date Received: 1/17/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Kim Cherryhomes

Project Description:

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Date Received: 1/17/2007 **Project Title:** *UTSA Athletic Park*

Submitted By: Steve DiPaola

Project Description:

I would like to suggest committee support for a \$10 million allocation of bond funds to establish the UTSA Athletic Park. UTSA will provide land and ongoing park maintenance, and will work with the City and San Antonio's Sports Foundation to market a competitive athletic park. The UTSA Athletic Park will include collegiate quality competition facilities for baseball, softball, track, soccer, and tennis. No equivalent facilities exist anywhere within the community. The proposed UTSA Athletic Park would make a significant economic impact within San Antonio's tourism industry. This would be facilitated by using the facilities for local youth tournaments, UIL, national and international competitions, Senior Olympics and other competitive athletic events. To help bolster the allocation of public funds toward establishing these facilities, UTSA is prepared to raise private and corporate donations and sponsorships to complete and operate the Athletic Park.

Project Location:

UTSA Campus

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Date Received: 1/16/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Elizabeth Brandenburg

Project Description:

Construction of Concrete Skateparks

Project Location:

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Date Received: 1/16/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Dannel Hernandez

Project Description:

Construction of concrete skate parks. As an avid skateboarder for close to twenty years, I fully support the effort of the City of San Antonio in pursuing more concrete public skateparks. As a father of four children, I take great pride and joy in being able to take my two sons skateboarding in a creative, supportive and dedicated facility that is both challenging and entertaining. Skateboarding has been a big part of my life and I commit to doing all that I can to assist our community in bringing such places to our great city. I have traveled the world as a military officer for 10 years and now that I am a civilian, establishing myself back in my hometown, I am excited to see that the city is considering these projects. My parents retired from the U.S. Army and settled in Crescent City, California. Approximately 15 miles north of this small town is another small town named Brookings, Oregon. This city is probably no bigger than many of our suburbs in San Antonio and yet it has one of the first and best built of the new concrete skateparks in this country. People have traveled the world to visit this park and many others that small towns spread across Oregon possess. A well built concrete skatepark could add to the diversity of the city, impact tourism and provide a healthy, creative outlet for youth and adults to enjoy. This city is thriving with growth potential to include the current NSA project, the Toyota plant and now discussions of a Microsoft Data Center. While a skatepark will not provide the same financial impact to the city as these facilities, it will add to the parks and recreation arena as far as tourists with families are concerned in finalizing a decision of making San Antonio a tourism destination of choice. Let this area of San Antonio grow alongside the business and residential boom that has occurred and continues to occur in our great city.

Project Location:

Southside Lions, Nani Falcone, Cuellar and Martinez Parks

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/16/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Jordan Wagner

Project Description:

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Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Timothy Kirby

Project Description:

Construction of Concrete Skateparks

Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Toss Stubbs

Project Description:

Construction of Concrete Skateparks

Project Location:

Southside Lions, Nani Falcone, Cuellar and Martinez Parks

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Jeff Bower

Project Description:

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Project Location:

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Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Greg Baird

Project Description:

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Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/13/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Dennis Carter

Project Description:

Construction of Concrete Skateparks

Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/13/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Christopher Wigginton

Project Description:

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Date Received: 1/13/2007 **Project Title:** *Public Skateparks*

Submitted By: Robbie De La Rosa

Project Description:

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Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/8/2007 **Project Title:** *UTSA Athletic Park*

Submitted By: Jason Marshall

Project Description:

With the growth of UTSA-1604 in recent years, moving from 18,000 students in the fall of 2000 to 28,400 students in the fall of 2006, it's obvious that UTSA is on a fast track in becoming one of the largest public institutions in the state of Texas, probably within the next 10-15 years. If you take one look at our campus, we are working extremely hard to catch up to this growth. Since dollars are easier to obtain in the advance of education and educational infrastructure we are seeing much advancement in the opportunities for students to attend UTSA. One area that has not seen much improvement since UTSA opened it's doors is in the area of athletics. Although, personnel changes has increased visibility and conference competitiveness at UTSA, much more could be anticipated on a regional and national scale with athletic facility improvements. UTSA is at a crossroads with an excellent opportunity to move to the next level of NCAA competition. Please join the effort to take UTSA and community athletic facilities to the next level.

Project Location:

Loop 1604, just west of the UTSA campus.

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Date Received: 1/8/2007 **Project Title:** *Woodlawn Lake Park*

Submitted By: Alejandro Soto

Project Description:

Use funds associated with the proposed pedestrian bridge for other uses such as restoring the wood floor in the gym; purchasing the old fish hatchery next to the casting pond and making it a part of the park; putting a walking trail along the casting pond and fish hatchery from South Josephine Tobin to Waverly to provide safety for students who use this route; adding more benches and picnic tables to the area of the Park currently without these items; and improving surface drainage in and through the park to prevent flooding and puddling in the park and surrounding streets.

Project Location:

1103 Cincinnati.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Date Received: 1/7/2007 **Project Title:** *UTSA Athletic Park*

Submitted By: Albert Carrisalez

Project Description:

Our community is in need of athletic and recreational fields and facilities to address needs of our youth. This project (Athletic Park) provides a partnership between UTSA, City, County, and private sector to pool resources to build a Park to provide access to local youth tournaments, competitions, and championships for various age groups for softball, baseball, track, soccer, tennis practice. Project would also attract visitors to San Antonio for UIL, NCAA, national and international competitions, Senior Olympics, Special Olympics, Pan Am Games, and other competitive athletic events. This project will improve connectivity between neighborhoods and various school districts throughout San Antonio, thus the benefits would extend beyond residents of City Council District 8. Project would work closely with City, County, and the SA Sports Foundation in addressing specific community athletic and recreational needs and marketing of the Park. Already UTSA, the City, and County partner to host the NCAA Basketball Final Four and other regional and national championships. This project further enhances partnership to benefit local economy. The SA Sports Foundation has identified numerous other large events that could be attracted to San Antonio if our community had adequate and accessible fields and facilities concentrated in a particular area. Located at UTSA this could bring thousands of additional youngsters to campus opening their eyes to the possibility of going to college. San Antonio's level of higher education attainment is one of the lowest in Texas, at 23%. Project could serve as a vehicle to encourage pursuit of higher education. Project would serve as an economic generator by attracting many visitors to the park. Project would leverage other governmental agency dollars including: UTSA resources to maintain all costs of proposed park, UT System in terms of their recent purchase of 125 acres of land, Bexar County resources including, but not limited to County's previous allocation of \$1.5 million for soccer fields, and also private and corporate resources.

Project Location:

UTSA Campus

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

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Date Received: 1/7/2007 **Project Title:** *Regional Sportsplex*

Submitted By: Gordon V. Hartman

Project Description:

225 Acre Regional Sportsplex and Special Needs Park. See attachment.

Project Location:

Longhorn Quarry

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Date Received: 1/5/2007 **Project Title:** *UTSA Athletic Park*

Submitted By: Brandon Parrott

Project Description:

I would like to recommend a bond allocation of \$5-10 million for the UTSA Competitive Athletic Park. The \$60 million total project would include collegiate quality competitive athletic facilities for baseball, softball, track, tennis and soccer. UTSA will provide land on or near its existing 1604 campus, and will work with the City and Sports Foundation to market the Competitive Athletic Park. The proposed UTSA Athletic Park facilities do not exist anywhere else in the community. A Competitive Athletic Complex like the one proposed by UTSA would provide a large economic impact to the San Antonio tourism industry. The UTSA Athletic Park would provide access to local youth tournaments, as well as attract visitors to San Antonio for UIL, national and international competitions, Senior Olympics and other competitive athletic events. Since the State Legislature cannot appropriate funds for university athletic facilities, UTSA must be creative in funding recreational and athletic facilities. In addition to public funds, UTSA is prepared to raise private and corporate donations and sponsorships to complete and operate the Athletic Park. This cooperative effort utilizing government, university, corporate and private funding is an excellent use of San Antonio taxpayer dollars.

Project Location:

UTSA Campus

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

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Date Received: 1/3/2007 **Project Title:** *Dog Park*

Submitted By: Paul Willstrop

Project Description:

Please include a dog park for the North side of town. There must be a small piece of land available for open space for pets. The city has purchased hundreds of acres over the aquifer. Certainly they can spare 10 or so acres.

Project Location:

No specific site suggested.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Date Received: 12/15/2006 **Project Title:** *Old Spanish Trail Auto Highway Bicycle Route*

Submitted By: Charlotte Kahl

Project Description:

Street striping of a bicycle lane along San Antonio corridor of the Old Spanish Trail auto highway or building of an off road hike and bike trail adjacent to the San Antonio Old Spanish Trail corridor. This bicycle route would complete the San Antonio link of the proposed 3000-mile Old Spanish Trail Hike and Bike Route from Florida to California. It also meets nearly all of the selection criteria for 2007 Bond Projects: connectivity, funding leveraging, street improvements, district proportionality, health and welfare, etc.

Project Location:

The Old Spanish Trail auto highway corridor through Bexar County comes into San Antonio from the east in District 2 along FM 78 to 410. West of 410 it follows Seguin Rd. past the Salado Creek Linear Park trailhead. It then follows IH-35 to turn south onto New Braunfels Ave. and then west onto Houston St. In District 1 the Old Spanish Trail progresses west on Houston St., north on N. Flores St. and out Fredericksburg Rd. to Balcones Heights. Beyond Balcones Heights in San Antonio Council Districts 7 and 8 the Old Spanish Trail proceeds north on Fredericksburg Rd. and IH-10 to Leon Springs where it continues west and then north in the City of San Antonio Extra Territorial Jurisdiction on Boerne Stage Rd. to the Kendall County Line. (Bicycle lanes are already striped on N. Flores St., could be added to VIA BRT project on Fredericksburg Rd. and have already been striped by Bexar County on Boerne Stage Rd.)

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

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Date Received: 12/14/2006 **Project Title:** *Strategic Investments in Parks*

Submitted By: Carri Baker Wells

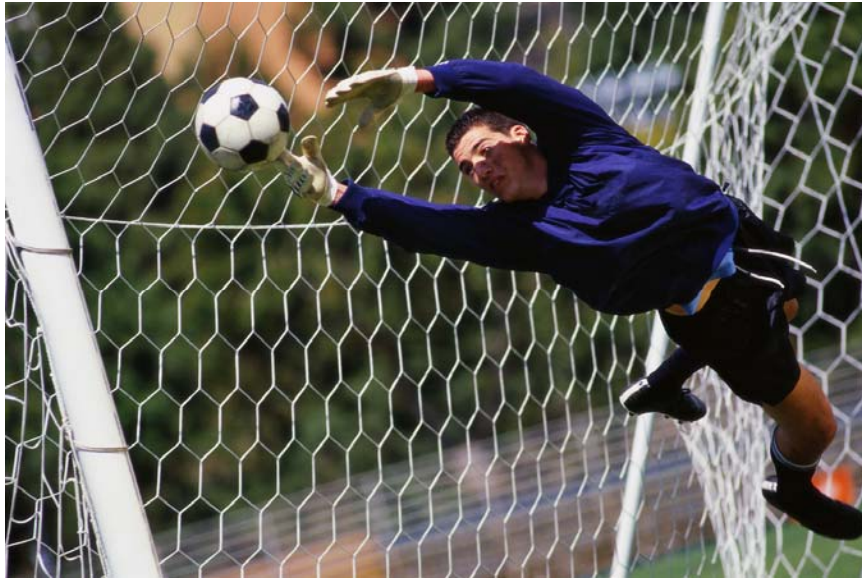
Project Description:

Many community organizations, including our City, strive to make health and fitness a priority amongst its citizens so they can hopefully avoid the burdens associated with obesity and poor health. Too often we are recognized as one of the fattest cities in America. I want to encourage the parks committee to make strategic investments in this area so that our community has access to more safe pedestrian and bike paths. The City and County already have a vehicle to promote awareness of these investments through the MPO. Thank you for your consideration.

Project Location:

N/A

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Not applicable to individual park projects



**225 ACRE
REGIONAL
SPORTSPLEX
&
SPECIAL NEEDS
PARK**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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REGIONAL SPORTSPLEX AND SPECIAL NEEDS PARK

THE NEED

Soccer-

San Antonio, with 55 public soccer fields in 23 different locations, currently ranks fourth behind Austin (with 227), Dallas (with 310) and Houston (with 358) in the total number of soccer fields available for public use. This is in spite of the fact that there are over 12,000 youth players registered in our city, plus another 6,000 in YMCA soccer programs. To make matters worse, as other Texas cities are building facilities and adding fields, San Antonio is losing fields!

Special Needs-

A major component of the park will include the development of a 5 acre special needs park dedicated to serving children and adults with physical disabilities. The park will consist of swings, games and pathways specially designed and built for those with physical and mental handicaps. This unique component of the park will assure that all citizens are given an equal chance to enjoy outdoor recreation.

THE PLAN

The plan calls for the creation of a 225 acre Regional Sportsplex and Special Needs Park to be managed and operated by a yet to be named non-profit organization. The new park (Phase I) will consist of a 5 acre Special Needs Park, 21 soccer fields (2 of the soccer fields will include hillside seating that will enable up to 4,000 spectators to attend), a 15,000 square foot Community Center, and a park setting of picnic tables and BBQ facilities around a 6 acre lake.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR/PUBLIC SECTOR PARTICIPATION

The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation will donate the 225 acres of land once all funding has been secured for the building of the planned improvements.

THE LOCATION

The 225 acres is located in the Longhorn Quarry. The proposed location is within the northern area of District 10 classified as underserved in park area and facilities by City Staff.

(Page 53, Park Bond Committee Presentation, Monday, March 18, 2006)

THE TIMELINE

Secure required public funding	May	2007
Completion of 180 day land purchase feasibility	June	2007
Begin Park Improvements (Phase I)	November	2007
Complete Park Improvements (Phase I)	June	2008

REGIONAL SPORTSPLEX AND SPECIAL NEEDS PARK



SITE CONCEPT

January 2007
 Concept Design Phase

**San Antonio
 Regional
 Sportsplex
 & Special
 Needs Park**

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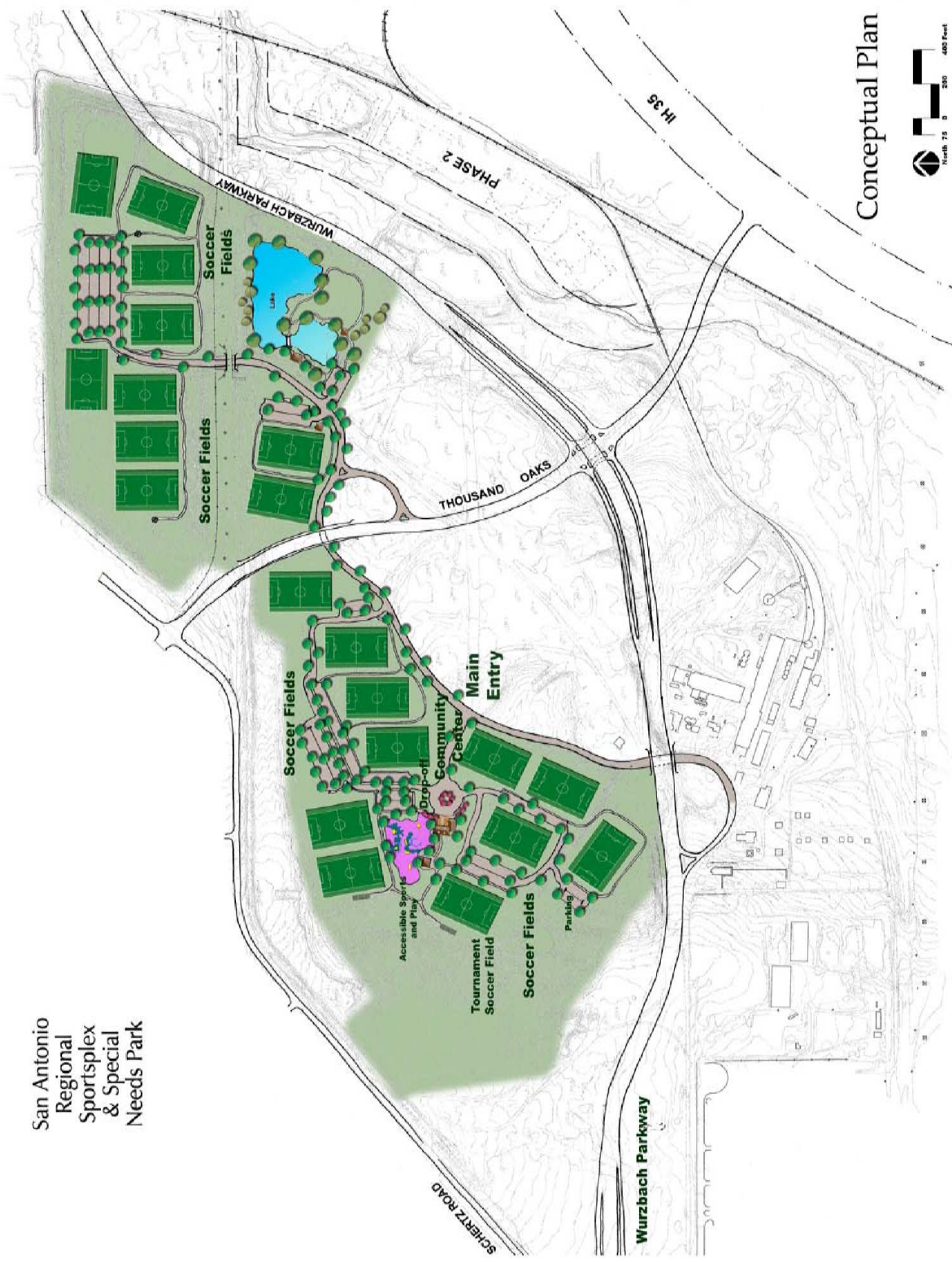
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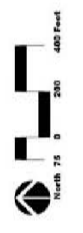
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Conceptual
 Site Plan
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**San Antonio
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 Sportsplex
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 Needs Park**

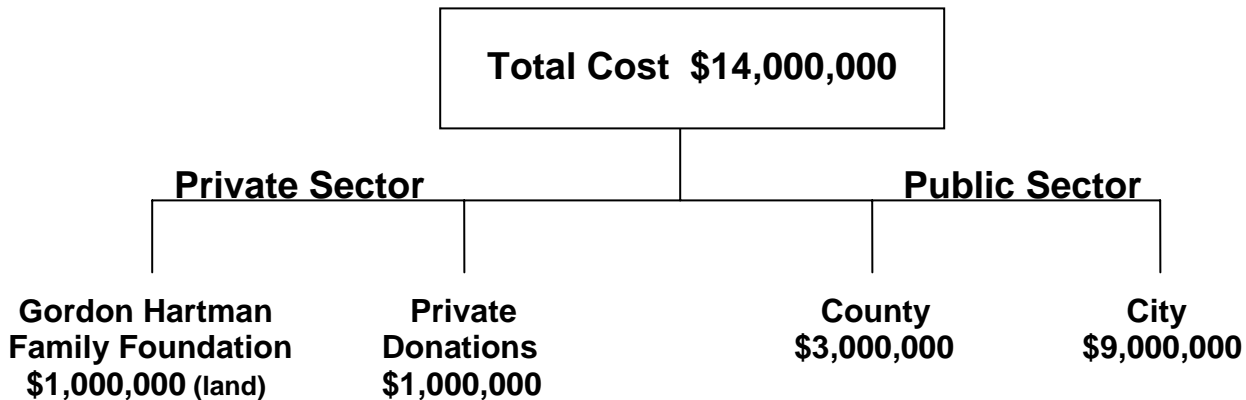


Conceptual Plan



The Budget

Land (Phase I & II)	\$1,000,000
9 Soccer Fields (no lights)	500,000
12 Soccer Fields (with lights)	1,700,000
11,000 linear feet x 8' walking/wheelchair path	500,000
Special Needs Park Equipment	600,000
Picnic Units (30)	80,000
Restroom Enclosures (5)	100,000
Pavilions (4)	120,000
Concession Stands (3)	175,000
Parking & Drives	1,225,000
15,000 sq. ft. Comm. Ctr./Operations/Concessions	1,500,000
Perimeter Fencing	200,000
Sitework	3,250,000
Monument Tower @ Entry	200,000
Landscaping (all areas)	600,000
8" Waterline & Fire Hydrants	300,000
Sanitary Sewer¹	100,000
Irrigation Loop²	450,000
Recycled Water Plant³	1,000,000
Soft Costs⁴	300,000
Impact Fees/CPS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL	\$14,000,000



¹ All sewers will be onsite septic

² From recycled water plant and loop around park

³ Will provide 144 acre-ft year (260,000 gallons/day)

⁴ Landscape Design, Civil Engineering, Architectural Fees, Drainage & Geologic Studies

How would the newly developed Regional Sportsplex and Special Needs Park compare to other parks in San Antonio?*

1. McAllister Park 450 Developed Acres

1. Olmos Basin 450 Developed Acres


2. Brackenridge Park 350 Developed Acres

3. Voelker Property 314 Developed Acres
Land Cost: \$46,000,000

4. Southside Lions 275 Developed Acres

5. Regional Sportsplex 225 Developed Acres
Land Cost: \$0

*Per COSA park inventory list dated May 5, 2006

 = Proposed

Children's Health Impact

Building quality recreational facilities for the children of San Antonio is not simply an issue of aesthetics. Research conducted at the UT Health Science Center and The Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research found that the prevalence of overweight children in our city is higher than national averages, even more so for Mexican American and African American children. These differences start showing up as early as age 5. A study published in the American Journal of Public Health in 2004 found that almost a quarter of Texas fourth graders were overweight, and the number of children was even higher for Hispanic boys and African American girls (almost one third). Obesity in childhood leads to diabetes and heart disease, illnesses that increase health costs and decrease overall quality of life.

Tourism Impact

The terrific tourism infrastructure of San Antonio and our wonderful weather would make us a prime destination for major soccer tournaments if we had adequate facilities. The interest in youth soccer is growing all of the U.S. Youth soccer in San Antonio attracts nearly 20,000 children aged 5-18 at various levels of play, from high-level play at Classics Elite to fun leagues with the YMCA and CYO. With adequate facilities, youth soccer tournaments can attract significant tourism dollars. Tournaments like the Dallas Cup or San Diego's Surf Cup attract hundreds of teams and their families and generate more than \$20 million in tourism each year. A recent regional championship tournament in Pflugerville contributed \$10 million to the Austin economy.