

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

Report Period: 12/18/2006 - 1/9/2007

Total Suggestions per Report Period: 6

Total Suggestions-to-Date: 8

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

Submitted By: Paul Willstrop

Address: Not Provided

Phone Number: Not Provided

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

Other:

E-mail address: pwillstrop@seitherandcherry.com

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

Submitted By: Brandon Parrott

Address: 17218 Eldon Rock San Antonio, TX 78247

Phone Number: 210-599-4735

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

Other:

N/A

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Project Title: *UTSA Competitive Athletic Park*

Submitted By: Albert Carrisalez

Address: Not Provided

Phone Number: 210-735-2602

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

Other:

N/A

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Date Received: 1/7/2007

Project Title: *Regional Sportsplex*

Submitted By: Gordon V. Hartman

Address: 1202 W. Bitters, Bldg. 1, Suite 1200 San Antonio, TX 7821 **Phone Number:** 210-493-2811

Project Description:

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

Project Location:

Longhorn Quarry

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Other:

N/A

Date Received: 1/8/2007

Project Title: *UTSA Athletic Park*

Submitted By: Jason Marshall

Address: Not Provided

Phone Number: Not Provided

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.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Other:

E-mail address: David.Marshall@utsa.edu

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

Submitted By: Alejandro Soto

Address: 2122 W. Mistletoe Ave. San Antonio, TX 78201

Phone Number: 210-733-5755

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.

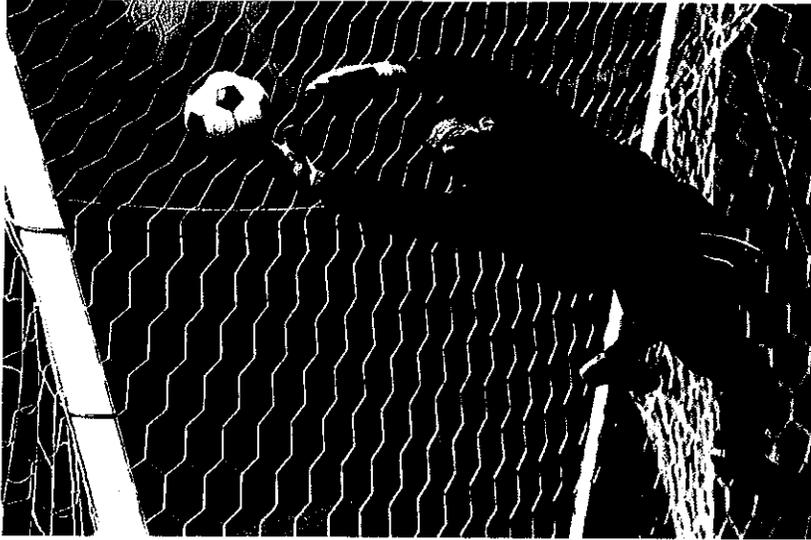
Project Location:

1103 Cincinnati.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Other:

N/A



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



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Gordon Hartman at 210-493-2811 or email at gh@hartmansa.com**

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.

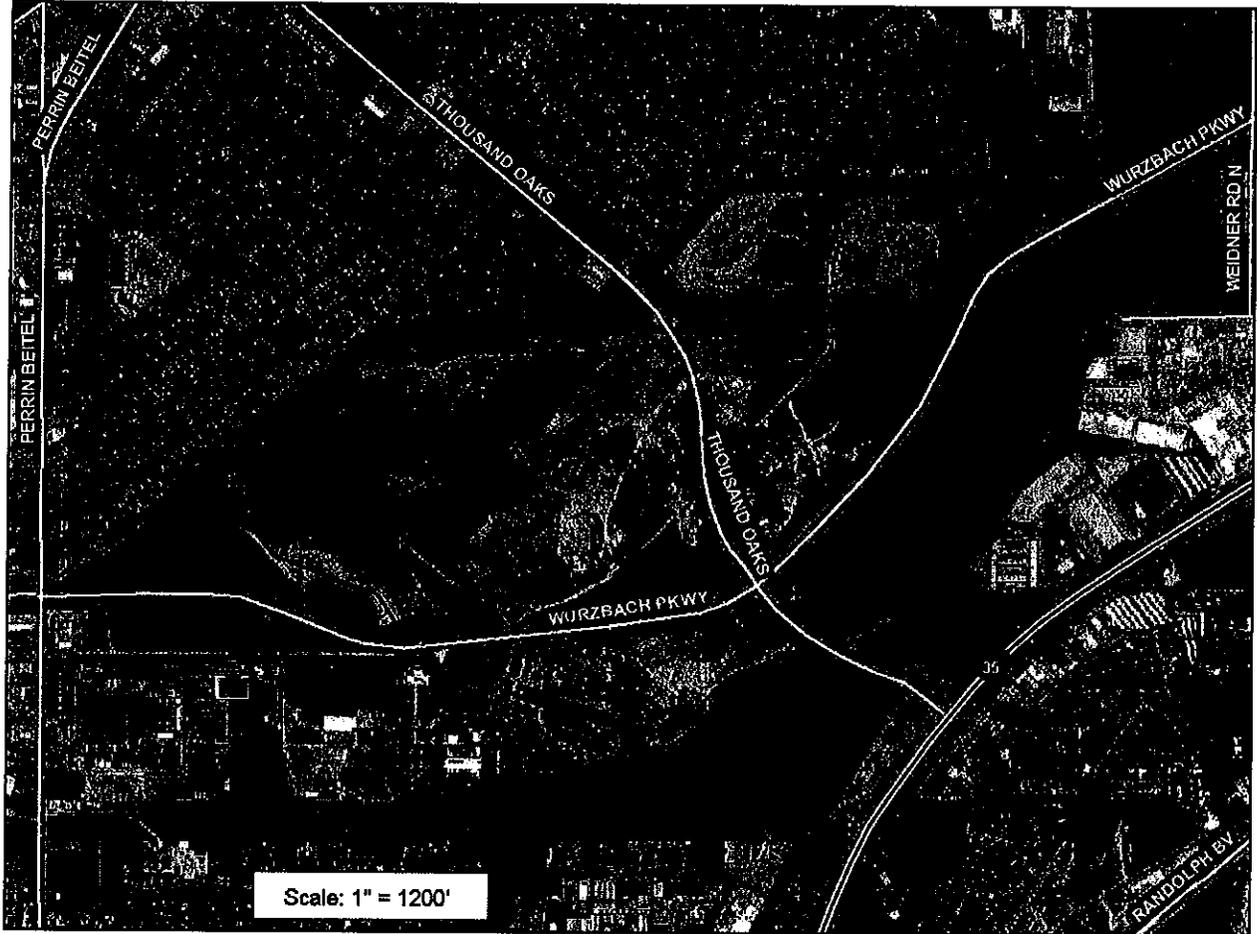
THE LOCATION

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

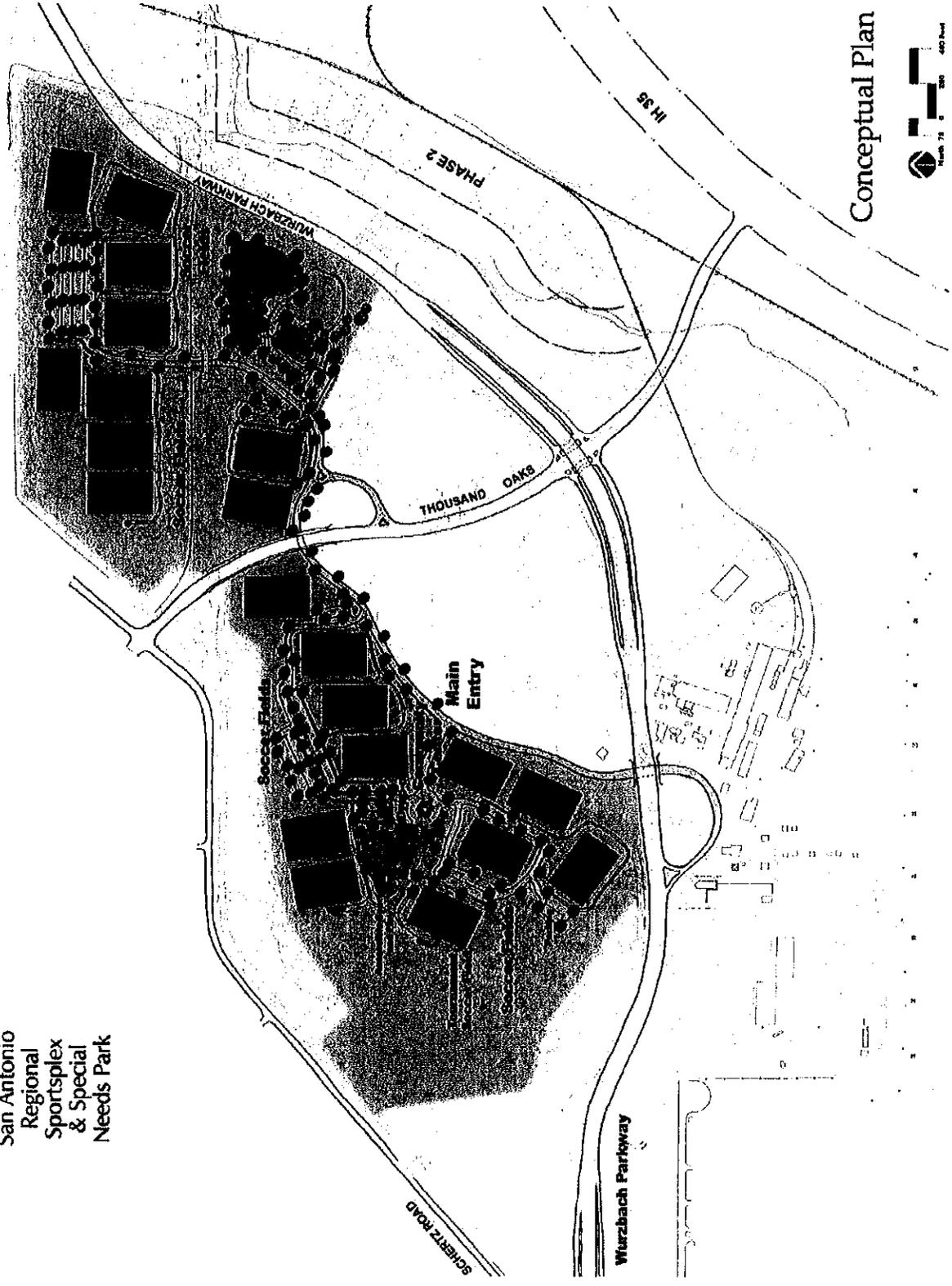
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The Gordon Hartman Family
FOUNDATION

SITE CONCEPT

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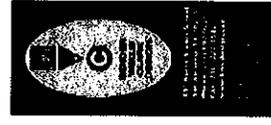
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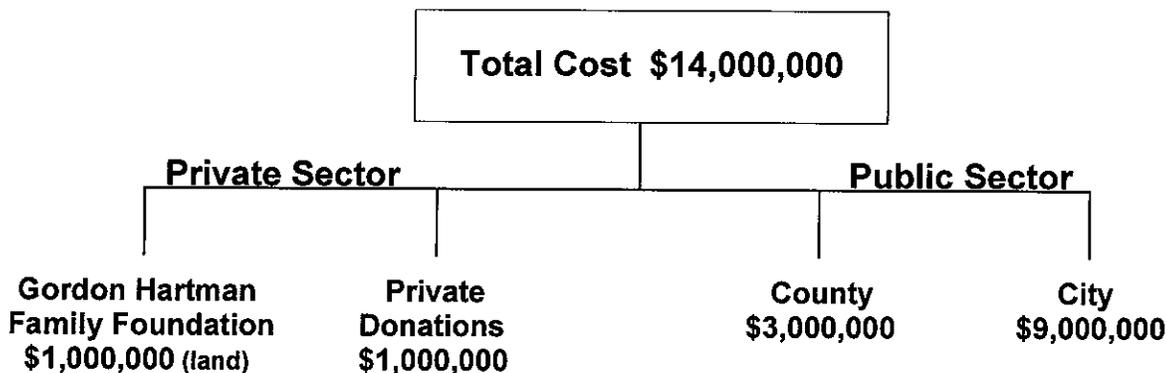


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The Budget

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	100,000
TOTAL	<u>\$14,000,000</u>



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.