

# *Brackenridge Park Master Plan Comments*

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*June 14, 2016 – Lions Field Adult and Senior Center*

## *Public Comments*

1. UIW is currently working with the Zoo for a parking structure funded by UIW for the primary use of UIW and the Zoo; Citizens may use it when not in used by UIW. Fee will be charged.
2. Group runners – do not close roads within the park, or existing parking lots. Group carries big water supplies and other items through the run and by closing the roads it will limit their operations.
3. Concerned about closing roads within the park will be a burden to carry supplies. Doesn't agree with turnarounds, closing parking lot across from Zoo train stop; agrees with closing Hildebrand entrance.
4. Agrees with additional parking garages and elimination of existing current parking for green lawn.
5. Do not close Red Oak, concerned about access during an emergency; do not close roads in the park.
6. Leave the park as is.
7. Recommends outdoor gym for adults/kids.
8. Don't remove existing parking lots for green lawn, no closing roads.
9. No closing of roads & parking lots within the park, concerned about fees involved in parking garages.
10. Parks should always be free to public, no parking fees or meters; do not agree with green lawn; in favor of removing invasive plants.
11. No closing roads & parking lots; eliminate left turn on Tuleta.
12. Do not agree with closing or roads/parking lots within the park; agrees with Catalpa-Pershing channel restoration; planting native species.
13. Does not like closing of roads & parking lots within the park, no parking garages outside the park; recommends adding lighting and public restrooms.
14. Concerned about the unutilized golf course land, not affordable and available to a small population, recommend closing the golf course and convert it to Park land.
15. Park space should be free and available to all.
16. All users are taxpayers, therefore they all pay for the park, nothing is free.
17. No private/public parking partnership, no private parking garages; feels citizens lost Hemisfair and don't want to repeat the situation with Brackenridge.
18. Don't agree with operations/maintenance to private entity, support City staff to maintain.

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## *Comment Cards*

1. Reduce traffic in park and make parking safe for bikers and pedestrians – park neighbors can't utilize the park on weekends due to a high volume of traffic; distracted drivers don't look out for people on bikes and children.
2. Make the trails and walkways user friendly for a stroll as well as a run in the dark.
3. Concerned about letting UIW begin developing from their main campus, perhaps the garages could be built in the St. Mary's parking lot for easy access to the train and zoo.
4. Large families should be able to unload and haul items without having to wait for a tram.
5. Leave river running between golf course and River Road Neighborhood as natural as it is now.
6. Remove invasive species.
7. Make Brackenridge a conservation showplace – removing invasive species (plants & animals) preserve native habit; restoring & integrating historic features.
8. Need sufficient power, electrical types for amphitheater.
9. What plan is in the making for Sunken Garden Theater interior?
10. Changing the interior structure of the theater? Will the parking around the garden get taken away? Will the roads be open on St. Mary's St?
11. Leave streets as they are now for easy access to zoo, train or Sunken Garden.
12. No closing off public roads, drive up access is a must, no paid parking or public /private parking garages.
13. Block the use of Brack Way & Tuleta as a shortcut, Hildebrand entrance should not be closed, no new parking garage near Tuleta/Broadway.
14. Don't close public streets/parking, no tram, like the restoration work to buildings and outdoor centers.
15. No further restriction of traffic within the park, limit turns to right turns from Tuleta to Hildebrand.
16. No private parking, closed streets or additional green space.
17. Do not make Stadium Dr. and Hildebrand the main entrance, should be left as is.
18. Like to have top notch dog park in Brackenridge that would attract dog lovers from around the city.
19. Dog Park – see dogs being walked in the mornings, afternoon and evenings, would like to see dog park included in the park plans.
20. Golf Course – convert the golf course into wilderness, it is horrible for the environment and a waste of space to 99% of the city's residence.

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21. Driving range / Golf Course – driving range uses a lot of space for a small number of people, remove the driving range and use the space for a greater number of people.
22. Golf Course must go, if the lease is up, do not renew.
23. Develop Avenue A as a hiking trail, re-route golf course maintenance to E. Craig & River Road entrance.
24. Recent redesign of golf course provides a non-intrusive path linking Avenue A and Avenue B, it should be signed and encouraged, it is a native path with considerate pedestrian traffic.
25. Shut down H.P.A.R.C., SA Parks and Recreation allowed HPARC to steal our park land and build their private hotels.
26. Do not trust Parks and Recreation to keep private developers from taking our park land, lost Hemisfair Park, will we lose Brackenridge as well?
27. Running loop & golf entrance – running surface, crushed gravel; Golf Course entrance-monument or better signage.
28. Take into account the uses of the park for all, not to the exclusion of the certain groups
29. Place lights at Christmas & decorations community wide, like a fantasy land setting.
30. Cost of people mover buses, how many? What will be the cost? Maintenance? Drivers? How is it more convenient?
31. Keep up the good work! Excited about the interest that is being taken.
32. Forget the tram! Forget the Pape Dawson hand-out!
33. Don't get rid of existing parking; don't close interior roads, build perimeter parking lots, not with UIW; remove invasive plants; restore Sunken Garden.
34. Dog Park – add a place for residents to interact in park too; great ideas on garages around perimeter, closing Hildebrand entrance, increased green spaces.
35. Agree on reconstructing Pershing Catalpa drain way to more natural waterway, removal on non-native invasive plant species.



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*June 21, 2016 – Doris Griffin Senior Center*

## *Public Comments*

1. Question asked on improving mobility features at Intersection Stadium Dr. and Hildebrand – Answer: Turn signal to allow efficient traffic mobility and eliminate vehicles backing up.
2. Reduce impervious cover and surface parking lots to create green lawn.
3. Concerned about trees at Golf Course, overly trimmed and elimination of vegetation along the River.
4. Golf Course excluded from the plan, feels it is poorly used and available to a few people; also recommends feedback obtained from the public meetings.
5. Not in favor of private development, further discussion on private garages, not in favor of this plan.
6. Believes the Golf Course is available to only a small number of people, include Golf Course into this plan, parking garages if free, no trams, no eliminating roads with the park.
7. Consider building an underground parking lot.
8. Bring back sky ride.
9. Hemisfair being private in the past and now is back to private.

## *Comment Cards*

1. “People mover” is not necessary, a garage would destroy current use, removing parking and vehicle access changes both use and target users.
2. Undergrowth must be removed for access and ventilation so citizens can enjoy the green space.
3. Feral cat cave – need permanent feeding stations.
4. Agree with maintaining the feral cats in the park, feeding stations are a tool to attract the cats to be trapped and spayed.
5. Do not limit parking for sports complex (baseball field).
6. Concerned with traffic around Alamo Stadium, if limiting entrances around park, traffic will become more congested.
7. Bring back the sky ride; don’t remove park parking.
8. Stop vehicular planned restrictions.
9. Clean the walking paths and control the homeless that reside in the park.
10. Don’t agree with restricting access, poor management of park and poor publicity.
11. Have a non return deposit on reserving picnic areas if trash isn’t picked up by user.



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*June 27, 2016 – Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Theater*

## *Public Comments*

1. No tram, will make it look like a theme Park.
2. Do not eliminate existing surface parking lots, no private parking garages, no eliminating vehicular access through the park.
3. Concerned about limiting access to the park, emergency situation if roads are closed.
4. Concerned about displacing people for a proposal that benefits private firms, would like to see all public input for the meetings.
5. Disagrees with parking garages, does not agree with parking garages inside park land, do not eliminate current parking.
6. No closing roads within the park, no grand lawn.
7. No closing roads within the park, concerned about parking lots.
8. No parking garage or trams, concerned about accessibility for older users, does not agree with eliminating vehicular access through the park.
9. Inquired about the process – a board committee who reviews people input? Will the public input be passed to the Council? Concerned about families not being to continue to have picnics, piñatas without access.
10. Believes grand lawn could be Sunken Garden, need more trees, project to assess trees, believes a lot of trees are dying.
11. Does not believe the people were asked what they wanted, feels are asked to vote on things that are pre-determined and public was not consulted. No limiting access, wants free access and mobility, would like to see the Golf Course be converted to park land.
12. Wants park to continue to be free, parking garages with parking fees, no grand lawn, would like more trees, restore Sunken Garden.
13. Inquired about the process and Believes Parks and Recreation should come to the people to create a plan, not the other way around, feels plan is not understandable.
14. Mother of 4 enjoys through the park with her children.
15. The plan was driven by developers not by the community, people were excluded from the plan and don't agree to vote on a plan put together by developers.
16. Does not agree with closing the roads and access.
17. Doesn't see any consideration for people with disability in the plan.

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18. Agrees with restoring the River banks, channel and would like removal of invasive plants, renovating for the good of the community , no closing vehicular access and closing streets, no closing access.
19. Concerned about process, would like to personally talk to the review committee, would like to be considered to develop plan.
20. No parking garages or tram, leave park alone.
21. Recalls pleasant memories when Joske's Pavilion was a pool with dressing rooms, would like to see that come back, doesn't trust the process.
22. Concerned about where the money will come from?
23. Sees no issues with the park, believes the park should serve to natives, to put money into the City needs, not to attract outsiders, serve our community and don't waste money.
24. Recognizes progress is good but not this kind of progress, not at the expense of traditions and history, is afraid this plan will not be affordable to the community.
25. Asked how comments were taken.
26. Inquired who is paying the consultant, how much money has been spent, requested who to call about contract information.
27. Requested copies of sign-in sheets.
28. Indicated his group is recording the meeting which will be available on their website.

## *Comment Cards*

1. Save money by using the funds set aside for consultants & contractors to eradicate unwanted vegetation and develop more multiuse trails and paths.
2. Don't approve having parking garages built, there shouldn't be extra fees in using a free park.
3. Concerned about making a grand lawn and building parking garages and possibly charging people, it may keep locals away from the park.
4. There needs to be visual reminders to refrain from feeding aquatic wildlife.
5. Preserve the historic natural Brackenridge Park, protect the habitat, no parking garage on park.
6. Research and respect its historic character, do not renovate beyond original concept.
7. More running trails, parking should be on the outside of the park & pedestrian friendly inside the park, no people-movers, restore drainage ditches and other ecological aspects of plan to connect with nature.
8. Do not close the park to vehicular traffic, do not build garages and people mover, fix/improve existing parking/road & streets.



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9. Preserve the wildlife, promote wild conservation, make park safer.
10. Leave St. Mary's St. open to fire trucks and police, can camping gear get taken on a people mover?  
Pleased with Sunken Garden renovation, remove the feral cat colonies.
11. Keep accessibility for elderly and low income that don't have the flexibility to walk from the surrounding neighborhoods.
12. No garage or trams, get rid of Golf Course, restore the San Antonio River and the historic buildings.
13. No parking structures or charge fees for usage.
14. Do not – restrict public's access, spend money on parking garages; take Golf Course back, plant more trees, repair the damage to the river.
15. Don't agree with the proposal of improvements to Brackenridge Park.
16. Remove the Golf Course, stop business encroachment to the park fringes.
17. Plan has many defects.



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*June 28, 2016 – Little Carver Civic Center*

## *Public Comments*

1. Be sure that access is maintained for mobility-impaired people (including ensuring that entrances still allow for the vehicles of mobility-impaired people), also requested that the Joske and Koehler pavilions remain.
2. Agrees with some of the new improvements including Catalpa-Pershing, bank stabilization, and improving water quality; does not agree with elimination of any roads in the park.
3. Access to the park should not be restricted and the golf course should be taken away (from its current operator), it is now unaffordable and the golf course (operator) has butchered trees and polluted the river.
4. There are many positive things in the plan, does not want to see parking garages, believes renovating Tuleta/Stadium Dr. entrance would worsen traffic issues at the Incarnate Word campuses.
5. Is worried that the park would be only available to paying users and does not want to see that happen.
6. Concerned about mobility issues, including those of disability, it is difficult to find parking; closing roads would take away from culture, and wants any future tram to be accessible.
7. Concerned about potential changes to the Sunken Garden Theater (and surrounding area) could negatively impact the Taste of New Orleans event.
8. Stated the Parkour SA Group uses many parks for training and the environment affects our progress as humans, does not want improvements to take away from current elements of the park that they use as Parkour courses.
9. 2/3 of the park is not talked about in the plan (golf course, Witte Museum, San Antonio Zoo and First Tee), stated the University of Texas holds reversionary rights to the park if it is privatized and that any project to renovate the Sunken Garden Theater will take taxpayer dollars but will then be privatized; park should not include fees.
10. Many people cannot afford rent on Broadway and are being displaced, Mulberry and Broadway are heavily traveled, connecting to new developments does not benefit current residents.
11. Does not want any changes to roads and parking, feels Pearl should not be used as an example, roads should be improved, access to restrooms and water fountains should be added, and easy access should be kept; concerned about maintaining access for those with mobility issues, likes the current Brackenridge Park Parking Garage.
12. Believes the plan is driven by private interests trying to get public lands, thinks the plan should be started over.
13. Has a long history with the park and its history of free use should not change for any park use.

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14. “Why fix what doesn’t need to be fixed?” Feels money should be spent on Cassiano Park and other parks rather than Brackenridge Park.
15. NowCastSA is recording the meeting and will post it on Youtube.

## *Comment Cards*

1. Lack of parking & congestion in the park can be alleviated by building garages on the perimeter to the park, should not eliminate the parking stations nor change or relocate the train station by the zoo.
2. Keep the park traditional, don’t close certain roads.
3. Disagree with proposal of road closures & parking garages to the park, renovations can be made to existing lots, focus on improving what is already there, removal of invasive plants & water.
4. Build an observation tower as tall as the Tower of the Americas for everyone to enjoy all the tree tops and green spaces.
5. Add a restaurant inside the park, this makes it a tourist attraction.
6. Not in favor of parking garages and people movers, closing access to the park through Tuleta Dr would be a mistake; in favor removing invasive plant species, more trees need to be planted as well.
7. Improve restrooms, disability – keeping it traditional with designs & provide wheelchair access for the disabled, adding restrooms with wheelchair access, train mover with more disabilities, ramp access.
8. Reduce asphalt, cars, cement, manmade objects.
9. Master Plan does not speak for or represent the real park users, renovate buildings & use pervious roads, do not restrict use or access.
10. No major changes.



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## *July 7, 2016 – Phil Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center*

### *Public Comments*

1. Questioned underutilized areas of the Park and why is there a Master Plan.
2. Agrees with issues highlighted by the Master Plan – restoring water features, channel and river banks; limited vehicular access and enhancing pedestrian flow.
3. Does not agree with allowing cars through the park, recommends taking away the Golf Course and using it for green lawn, unrealistic to place parking garages and closing roads.
4. Believes the locals feedback was not taken into consideration as private development occurred instead, does not agree with closing roads.
5. No closing roads and vehicular access, recommends utilizing proposed funds to upgrade the park such as repairing current roads; Hildebrand shouldn't be closed, no tram, leave park alone.
6. Do not move forward with the plan, recommends on current needs of the park, the plan is misguided and believes the City can do much better.
7. The plan is disconnected to what park users really need vs. what is proposed; recommends not restraining access to the park, and focus on the real needs of the park.
8. Does not agree with trams or parking garages, believes will be difficult for families with young children.
9. No to parking garages and people movers.
10. Concerned about no more cars allowed through the park.

### *Comment Cards*

1. Don't agree with parking ramps, tram, eliminating car traffic and grand lawn.
2. Retain plans to decrease impervious cover.
3. Create a cultural corridor to include Japanese Tea Garden, Sunken Garden & Tuesday Musical Club, parking is imperative to these areas.
4. Restore the theater as part of the plans.
5. Create a multifunctional space where bands can play or outdoor classes and meetings could be held, self-directed play area for early learning.
6. Rethink removal of vehicular traffic & parking.
7. Use funds to improve paths & roads; the small theater is common in many parks and used greatly by children with children programs, does the park plan on producing programs for some areas?
8. Concerned about curtailing the ability to drive through the park.

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9. The City could support and help stop animal abandonment, thanks to the help of volunteers the number of animal abandonment has decreased.
10. Too difficult to place items on a trolley, need to expand public restrooms at park.
11. Monitor the growth in numbers of non-native birds.
12. Like the way things are now, leave park alone.
13. Get rid of invasive species & cats; use pervious materials for parking, restore buildings, restore river; scrap the parking garage idea & Me People Movers.
14. Plan contradicts itself, ignores the real users.
15. Too grandiose, waste of money.
16. Scrap this entire plan – start over.





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*July 13, 2016 – Ramirez Community Center*

## *Public Comments*

1. Keep roads in the park, would like access to the park to be easy for elders, tram idea will not work.
2. No to recapturing green space at the expense of parking, assumed the parking garages would be used on a fee basis, asked if the vehicle access control was to be able to collect a fee/toll at the control point.
3. Asked if the people will be able to continue to have parties and picnic and will have to pay to visit the park; how often will the tram operate, park should stay in the hands of the people.
4. Agrees with expanding the green space and taking out parking, parking garages, but should be free.
5. Suggest testing road closure strategies on a temporary basis, agree with reducing impervious cover.
6. Feels more money be spent on protecting and nurturing the existing trees.
7. Brackenridge Park is a wonderful resource that needs to stay in the use of the people.
8. Concerned that citizens should always have complete and free access to the park, no parking garages and no trams, turn golf course into more parkland.
9. No to closing any roads in the park, parking garages will destroy views of the park.
10. Concerned that cutting off through traffic in the park will make it harder to get around town; concerned that there would not be good emergency access if the roads were closed.
11. No changes in the park, plan seems to benefit “developers”, suggest draft plan be scrapped and started over.
12. No parking or road changes, in favor of removing impervious cover in the park.
13. Staff and consultants are not really at the meetings to listen, people are used to driving in the park and parking in the park at any place they want.
14. Suggest a committee of residents be formed to guide the planning process through public interaction.
15. Suggest moving the master plan deadline to later in the year, planning process be stopped and started over again to create a “plan for the people”.
16. No road closure, no parking garages, no trams, keep current uses in the park.
17. Concerned about accessibility for “all generations”.
18. Brackenridge Park should be the people’s park, keep cars in the park, no parking garages.

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19. Next step in planning – what kind of follow-up will there be, does not want to pay in any way to use the park.
20. Concerned about easy access to park facilities as he has a handicap child, no to tram idea
21. Suggested the park needs more trees for shade, great lawn is not a San Antonio place; in favor of renovation of Sunken Garden Theater, river restoration, any physical & community accessibility to the park.
22. Stated the historic importance of George Brackenridge’s gift of land as a park for “the people”, and for assets like Japanese Tea Garden and Urrutia Estate (Mira Flores).
23. Asked who came up with the 5-strategies in discussion, would like data that supports the assumptions that the draft plan is based on; suggest the planning process start over.
24. Brackenridge Park is not lost yet.

## *Comment Cards*

1. Interested in knowing who will be designing this improvement.
2. Do not limit access to the park.
3. Keep drive through access & current parking spaces.
4. Leery of Master Plan to change the park, Brackenridge Park belongs to the residents of San Antonio.
5. City of San Antonio needs to follow the Open Meeting Act.
6. Recommend for the City to pause and to restructure the committee or task force for change to include differing opinions.
7. Start over – include the people, citizens of San Antonio.
8. Leave the park alone or make it more beautiful by planting more flowers and trees.
9. Keep it as a public facility, it is our park.
10. Create park entrances on St. Mary’s St, Tuleta, Broadway & Mulberry, Broadway & Witte Museum.
11. Park pools – similar to Landa Park, it can be done.
12. Start over, involve the people who use the park.
13. Suggest improving the old swimming area and open that to the public; don’t close entries.
14. Trash this plan, get Hemisfair back – shut down HPARC.



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## *Website Comments*

*May 18, 2016 – July 31, 2016*

1. Concerned about closing roads in the park that would inconvenience the weekend and Easter picnickers. States that plans shows a mix of City and private developed parking structures which will mean that people will have to pay to park; does not want this.
2. What is the cost? What is the funding? Will Tram be free? Will Tram accommodate hauling of picnic equipment to picnic site? Will there be restrooms scattered around the park? Will there be emergency access to all areas? What security measures will be in place? Will this proposal be put to a vote to San Antonio residents? How much was spent on the plan and where did the funding come from?
3. The plan looks great. Clean-up those “not-so-great-looking” areas and make it a more unified park.
4. Very impressed and excited about the presentation and the overall themes, would make a positive and dramatic impact to the park. Emphasize connects to Lion’s Field, DoSeum, Alamo Stadium, Trinity, UIW, Blue hole, Mahncke Park, and Botanical Gardens. Less vehicular traffic. Take out Roads. Add drop off zones for picnickers. Really like the revamped and safer Avenue B and the proposed improvements to the Catalpa-Pershing Channel. Remove sprawled out parking spaces and Great Lawn is a great idea. Get rid of sketchy Motels along Avenue B.
5. Will the garages be pay parking lots or free parking lots? How would you drive to proposed garages?
6. Would like more restrooms, more parking areas, a swimming pool and bring back the boat rides like the old days?
7. Park has been a “driving” park since horse and buggy days. Instead of removing roads, restrict vehicle access through a permitting process or give them access to unload and then head over to parking area. Not in favor of water-guzzling “lawn”. Redesign seems to eliminate the use of the park to Hispanics. Add staffing for the park.
8. Add more trees instead of more concrete.
9. Is there a map of the proposed changes?
10. We need more parking, but not at the expense of cutting off reasonable access to the park. Who will pay for the “park trolleys” and when and where will they run? Who will finance and maintain the garages? Does not recommend the “great lawn” as it was stated that this area would still be used for overflow parking which is exactly the time when the area is needed for expanded recreational use.
11. Overall, what a great plan. Who will fund the parking garages and has the number of spaces been determined based on the huge demand that is present from the local institutions? Will the city simply allow the local neighborhood, Mahncke Park, to be overrun, as it is on Tuesday nights when the Witte is free to the public?
12. One of the great attributes to the park is that there are a lot of areas that are used and accessible by automobiles. People do not want to haul their picnic equipment from a garage.

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13. I think it's great that the Master Plan is being updated. The park is seriously showing wear, it is really a case of being loved to death. I applaud the idea of moving the parking to the perimeter and closing the Hildebrand entrance. I also applaud getting UIW students to cease parking in the park. I resent not being able to enjoy the park on holidays like Easter. The park looks like a refugee camp and is completely uninviting. Seems ridiculous that this "tradition" ends up trashing the park.
14. Please do not cut off convenient access to our lovely park. No to cutting off vehicular traffic and parking areas that are already there.
15. Not in agreement with the extraordinarily costly, wasteful, and ultimately car-centric projects for the park. (Garages) Improve the corner of Mulberry Avenue and St. Mary's Street (sidewalks, B-Cycle, and crosswalk). Improve pedestrian condition along St. Mary's Street (bike lanes, crosswalks, improve existing sidewalks, and add path between Augies Smokehouse and the Japanese Tea Gardens). Improve pedestrian access to the Park through SAWS property and use SAWS parking (add paths, and improve street crossings). Improve pedestrian conditions to Martinez Softball Field (add walkway, crosswalk, curb cuts and create mobile food vending area near ball field). Improve pedestrian access to park from Trinity University (add pathways and b-cycle stations). Improve pedestrian access to park from UIW and UIW High School (crosswalks at Hildebrand and Devine Streets, add ramp under 281, crosswalk across Hildebrand by Donkey Barn, and improve VIA bus stops).
16. Seems like the park has already had updates within the last 5 years including trails, the train, parking garage and some other features. It is time to spend money and energy updating other areas of San Antonio where the rest of the citizens live.
17. I am disabled and I like to drive through the park. Please make more concessions towards the elderly and the infirm.
18. Bravo for improving pedestrian access within the park. Please do not forget the pedestrian approaches outside of the park.
19. Bravo for including the removal and control of invasive species in the park. Please consider the removal of the destructive animal species decimating native amphibian and reptile species.
20. The pedestrian overpass at Stadium Drive is a funnel point for pedestrian commutes in the mornings and the afternoons. Please do not interfere or block pedestrian traffic on Alpine Drive.
21. Support for getting the roads and the cars out of Brackenridge Park. Bus or tram system does more to promote equitable access. Removing invasive plants is important. The feral cat program must go. We need safe clean areas to explore aquatic biology. A fee system for trash disposal on picnic days may be needed.
22. Support for getting the roads and the cars out of Brackenridge Park. Bus or tram system does more to promote equitable access. Removing invasive plants is important. The feral cat program must go. We need safe clean areas to explore aquatic biology. A fee system for trash disposal on picnic days may be needed. (Duplicate)
23. Spending taxpayer's money to make the park less accessible to taxpayers.

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24. 98- year old mother's few remaining pleasures is to be driven through Brackenridge Park. We frequently see other elderly and handicapped people enjoying the same activity; please consider the needs of the elderly and handicapped in your planning.
25. Do not completely eliminate the existing parking area, instead, drastically reduce its "footprint" by erecting a multi-story garage and expanding the green area as much as possible around it. Please keep an open mind on this as the existing master plan is drastic in the "unplanned" as far as funding goes and repugnant to many current park and zoo users.
26. Do not change Brackenridge Park! Families need to bring in things for their parties and children need to go to First Tee and be picked up by parents.
27. I am writing to inquire about the Tony "Skipper" Martinez softball field. This field was renamed after my father and his family is concerned if the field will remain. We hope that your decisions will be considerate of those who have interest in this park.
28. What is the intention in this Master Plan with Lambert Beach Softball field? It is one of the few COSA centrally located fields available with lights for use. If there is no parking available, players and coaches will not be able to bring their softball equipment and bat bags with them on mass transit
29. To keep the park clean especially at Easter, people should be charged a user fee and issue trash bags.
30. I am totally opposed to the plans to remove parking and vehicular access to the picnic areas of the park. We do not need a vast expanse of green. Historic usage should be a prime construction. Don't break a system that has worked for years.
31. The Park Master Plan in its current form addresses environmental issues, historical issues, and operational issues that NEED to be addressed. I am 100% in support of reducing surface parking and current impervious cover and returning the park to a more natural state. I am in favor of reducing vehicular traffic through the park. The grand lawn is a great idea! Also believe the master plans vision to make the park more seamless is of importance. This is not only a great idea but necessary to continue with the vision of making San Antonio a more walk able and accessible community. Please connect this to the Museum Reach Trails!
32. Love the ideas for Lambert Beach, water activities would be a huge plus. To allay concerns regarding unloading supplies/ADA access to picnic areas, perhaps add picnic areas near parking garages/park perimeter with nearby ADA parking spots. The "great lawn" idea is great though. Like the ideas to close Tuleta and Stadium. Sunken Garden renovations and redoing the area around Avenue B are also fantastic. Perhaps bring back the old stables? Increase signage/utilization of the pathway that runs over US-281 behind Alamo Stadium. Enhance the crossing cross Mulberry connecting Lion's Field to the Park, perhaps also enhancing Mulberry Avenue as a pedestrian corridor form the Monte Vista/Trinity University area and the park. Over a great plan.
33. Have wonderful memories regarding this park and I am hesitant regarding any change to this park; however if change must come I would ask one feature be considered – would ask that a restore to the park former attraction the sky rides be considered.

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34. Please do not bring paid parking to Brackenridge Park, how about fund the park by doing paid events 90 days out of the year? That way people with money can enjoy the park in a manner that they like, while not pushing out people that can't afford paid parking.
35. Don't destroy the Park! How will overnighters haul their stuff on the trolley? How will emergency vehicles get in with no roads? Bad planning, leave well enough alone!
36. I am very upset to see in today's paper that the City just blew \$250,000 on a "plan" to fix something that isn't broken but it sure will be broken if this plan is put in place. The following are the top 3 bogus "issues" concocted to make someone money: The park is perceived as a collection of parts rather than as a whole – *because that is its history Otto Koehler Park was deeded to the City separately in 1915 and this allowed the connecting of Brackenridge Park with Sunken Gardens at a time referred to as the Rock Quarry, creating a contiguous park.* Pedestrian connections to surrounding neighborhoods, traffic arteries, and other areas are weak – *the Master Plan suggesting that the Park is intended to primarily service nearby neighborhoods. I live two blocks from Woodlawn Lake but I have to cross Cincinnati without a stop light or pedestrian crossing.* Only a third of the park is available for unscheduled free use – *I would want to know where and when I will pay a fee. The key to "unscheduled use" is the ability to be spontaneous and just pull into a parking space at Brack and visit the zoo or ride the train or have lunch at a picnic table along the river.* Inconsistent strategies are found in slide presenting the following issues: Traffic and parking dominate the natural landscape; Lack of parking and constricted roadway access for major attractions and events is a growing issue; I will say the day that this City makes it a priority to ensure that our springs (San Antonio aka Blue Hotel, and San Pedro) will be the day when the quality of water in the San Antonio River is fit for recreational use. By the way tearing up a few 25 ft roadways at Brack will have minimal effect on water quality so long as the University of the Incarnate Word allows overland runoff from its very large asphalt paved parking lot at its sports complex.
37. I am a native of San Antonio and I went to Brackenridge Park as a child. I've been back in SA since 1993 and frequently take my grandchildren there now. My walk through a bit of the park en route to the zoo is always a wonderful treat. Please do not make the proposed changes!
38. Did the planners interview recipients and users of the park? I am alarmed at the suggestion of trams to transport people into Brackenridge Park. Our park is not a Sea World or Fiesta Texas theme park but a living 'museum' that always has been accessible by various roads. I hope the planners will heed the many concerns of citizens at the various meetings especially about not wanting parking garages or trams and for keeping the park accessible.
39. I attended the first public meeting on the Master Plan and have followed reporting on the plan and process (EN, Rivard Reporting, etc). I'm in agreement with much of the criticism of the Plan. My appeal is – Please don't gentrify Brackenridge Park to death! I think the most recent park renovation did an excellent job. Specific suggestions: 1. Redo the Catalpa Pershing Canal. 2. Transform at least half of the Brackenridge gold course into an integrally linked extension of the park. 3. Converting the zoo parking into a Great Lawn – would be a wonderful addition; why not repeat the Witte parking model and build a multistory parking lot for the Zoo (and Great Lawn concerts) across from the Zoo entrance or up Tuleta Dr.? I would like to see the golf driving range added to the park and included in redevelopment. Don't completely agree with the notation expressed at the public meeting that "We lost Hemisfair Park, let's not lose Brack Park." An enlarged, redeveloped, improved park should be an anchor for further residential and commercial development in that area.

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40. Who will pay for tram and parking and what is user cost? How much will “all” park users pay to access the park? Why are we shifting a public park into private domain? Why are we allowing the master plan progress theme destroy common public recreation opportunities. I agree that some days the park is so congested that child safety and security are a concern. Solicit ideas/inputs to accomplish the master plan with user buy in. This park provides a service to our city residents to allow their children/families to enjoy the outdoors and nature without large costs.