

ABIGAIL ARIAS PARK

CITY OF ANGLETON

Date: Monday, January 13th, 2025
Time: 12:00 PM

BURDITT PROJECT NO.: 1514.003
Location: Angleton City Hall

Parks and Recreation Board Workshop

Meeting Minutes

Present:

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1. INTRODUCTIONS:

- a. Megan Mainer- Director of Parks and Recreation
 - Discussion of possible elements on Abigail Arias Park.
 - Looking for approval for the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant. Will know on the 23rd that day of the meeting. Additional \$750,000.
 - Agenda summary. This project was part of the master and strategic plan of 2019. Park equity for the southside of the city.
 - We are ready to get into the design of the project.
 - Introduce Burditt Team for presentation.

2. Burditt Presentation:

- a. Project team introductions.
- b. Project Understanding:
 - To capture the spirit of Abigail.
 - Provide an overall site concept for approval with required elements and priority elements, along with cost estimates for decisions.
 - Provide 3D renderings of concepts for marketing video.
 - Review grant funding opportunities.
 - Align priority elements with budget for phase one development.

3. Existing site conditions

- a. Ensure to pay respect to the cemetery across the street, avoid conflicting program elements near the cemetery that may create a nuisance to visitors.

- b. Consider possible connection opportunities to the community as well as future connections to surrounding lands.
- c. Prioritize security and visibility.

4. Project Schedule

- a. Phase 1 Schematic design
 - Currently in the process of conducting Interviews and Surveys
 - Overall conceptual site plans to be developed by January to early-February.
 - 3D renderings for marketing by mid-February.
- b. Phase 2 Design Development. May 2025.
- c. Phase 3 Construction Documents. October 2025.
- d. Phase 4 Bidding and Construction. January 2026

5. Programming

- a. Overview of current online community survey.
 - Top 5 desired amenities – playgrounds, splashpad, swings, trails, & bike paths, with skate area running a high in 6th place.
 - Splash Pad age range 3yr to 9yr.
 - Variety of water features desired, including buckets and slides. This shows the desire for a larger type of Splash Pad.
 - Playground themes – Nature, Llamas, Fun, wildcats, and Family among other similar themes.
- b. Review of Preliminary Program diagram submitted to TPWD grant.

6. Vision

- a. Angleton Park standards to be followed.
- b. Splashpad
 - Overview of splashpad from large and grand scale to a more passive and naturalistic approach to a misting poles system.
 - Total square footage costs will depend on the chosen circulation system. But the site features and the large play pieces will be more of a cost compared to low flow water of the mist system. The middle ground cost would be the naturalistic and passive systems.
 - Consideration to a recycling system should be given to reduce costs of a recirculating system and water waste. Above ground or underground storage may be used to capture runoff and use as supplemental irrigation.
 - Discussion of a monetary situation that could occur with the memberships of the rec center vs something that is free at a community park.
 - Angleton currently maxes out at the rec center for the splashpad.
 - Some additional revenue can be captured through the park via rentable spaces.
 - Keep parking requirements in consideration when providing large capacity splash pads.
- c. Playground
 - Considerations on overall playground style – natural, healing or playful from the use of lots of color and large thematic pieces to more naturalistic and slide elements.
 - Board would like to get Arias family looking at some of these images and hear from them on that.
 - Pour in place for the playground is a must since the Arias family wants an all-inclusive playground.
- d. Shade Structures
 - Considerations to shade structure styles – Traditional, clean/modern, or colorful/playful to work with the park standards.
 - Consider partial shade over the splashpad elements.
 - Rentable cabanas around the splash pads would allow for additional revenue opportunities.
- e. Pathways

- Review of different types of skate options if there's to be a skate element on the site.
 - Preference on a separate skate area was stated to ensure safety along paths.
 - Making sure that Angleton provides a place for the skate community to have a place to go.
- f. Art
- Discussion of different types of art installation elements.
 - Use of color and telling a story throughout the site.
 - A perforated railing system is desirable to tell a story.
- g. Health and Wellness
- Creating spaces that facilitate quiet space and a place to reflect.
 - Creating a safe place.
 - Creating community gathering opportunities.
- h. Sustainable and Resilient Landscapes
- Goals to preserve and improve existing.
 - Provide quality of life enhancement opportunities.
 - Provide habitat spaces

7. Priorities

- a. Open discussion on the site amenity priorities in the case of budgeting decisions.
 - Consensus was found in the Splashpad being the top priority with other amenities following closely.
 - Evenly tied at second were playground, a healing space and art.
- b. Consideration for a skate park element for tourism is out of the picture because there won't be enough space to provide a large enough skate park.
- c. Maybe skate park gets designed but won't be built in 2026 and instead being phased in later once funding is provided.

Image Board Preferences:



