

# PORT LAVACA PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP EVENT RECAP

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# MEETING INTRODUCTION

The City of Port Lavaca is updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. During this process a Public Workshop was held to obtain vital community feedback and direction for the development of its content.

The event was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at the Bauer Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in a come-and-go format. Approximately 50 community members attended and contributed to meaningful, collaborative discussion at the feedback stations available for community input. With lively conversation and active participation in the stations, this feedback will shape the future Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The goals of the Workshop were to:

- Familiarize the community with park master planning basics
- Inform the community about the current Parks and Recreation System
- Understand the public's perspectives on the current System
- Collect feedback to begin determining the community's vision for the Parks and Recreation System

Stations were set up throughout the Community Center and ranged from informational to interactive for residents of all ages. Members of the LJA Planning Team also were available throughout the event to answer questions from and spark discussion among community members. Highlights of each station are provided in this Recap!

**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PORT LAVACA PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**TRANSFORMA EL FUTURO DE LOS PARQUES Y ESPACIOS VERDES EN PORT LAVACA**

Your voice matters—and we want to hear from YOU!  
Drop in anytime between 6 - 8 pm and share your ideas for:

- PARKS & TRAILS
- OPEN SPACES
- EVENTS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

¡Tu voz importa—y queremos escucharte!  
Pasa en cualquier momento entre las 6 - 8 pm y comparte tus ideas para:

- PARQUES Y CAMINOS
- ESPACIOS ABIERTOS
- EVENTOS Y PROGRAMAS RECREATIVOS

**This is your chance to help guide the future of recreation in Port Lavaca!**  
It only takes 30 minutes or less to participate—just stop by, share your feedback and vision.

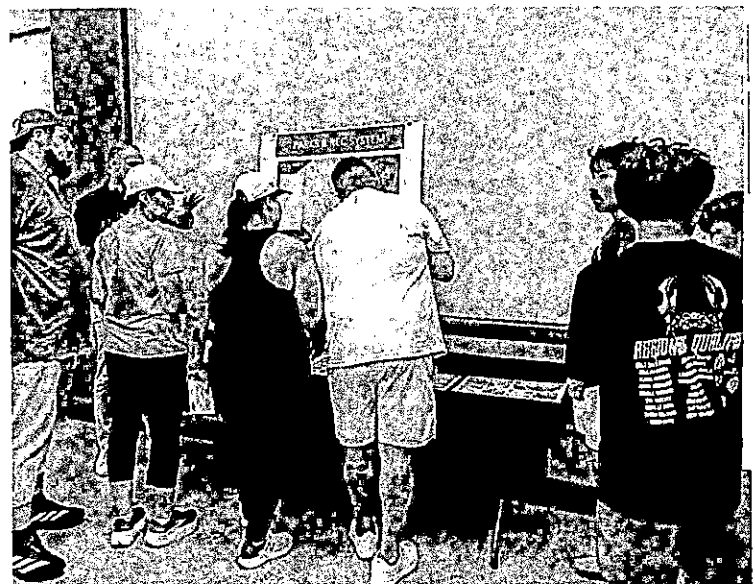
- Be part of the plan
- Come & go—quick, casual, and community-driven

**Tú puedes ayudar a dar forma al futuro de la recreación en Port Lavaca!**  
Participa a tu ritmo: toma 30 minutos o menos—solo pasa, comparte tus ideas.

- Sé parte del plan
- Ven y sal cuando quieras—rápido, casual y enfocado en la comunidad

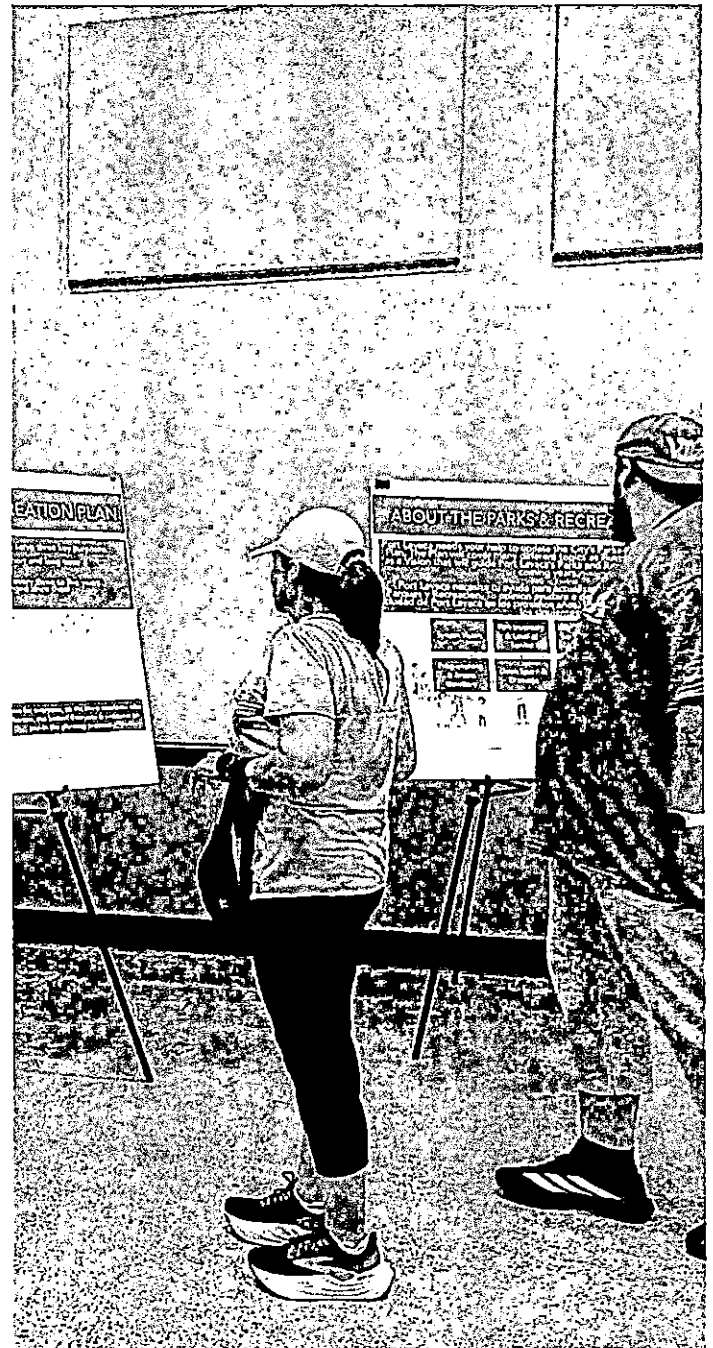
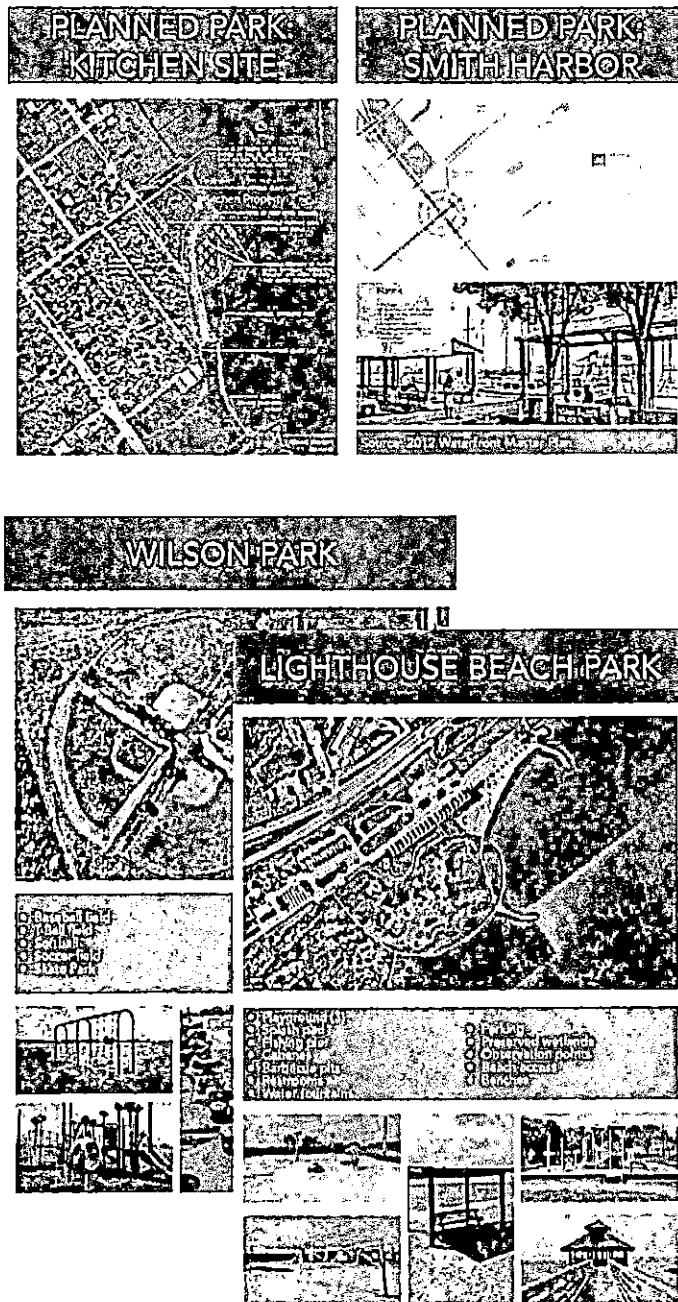
**LOCATION:**  
Bauer Community Center  
2300 TX-35, Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
**6-8pm MAY 20, 2025**

La reunión será bilingüe, todos son bienvenidos



# ABOUT THE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

This station contained two informational boards that defined the Five W's of the project: what the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is and its purpose; who is involved; when it should be updated; why it is being updated; and illustrated areas where the Plan would be implemented through maps of Port Lavaca's current and future parks.



# GENERATIONAL NEEDS

## TEENAGERS

This station asked what could be added or enhanced for the Parks and Recreation System to better serve Port Lavaca's teenagers. Top responses included:

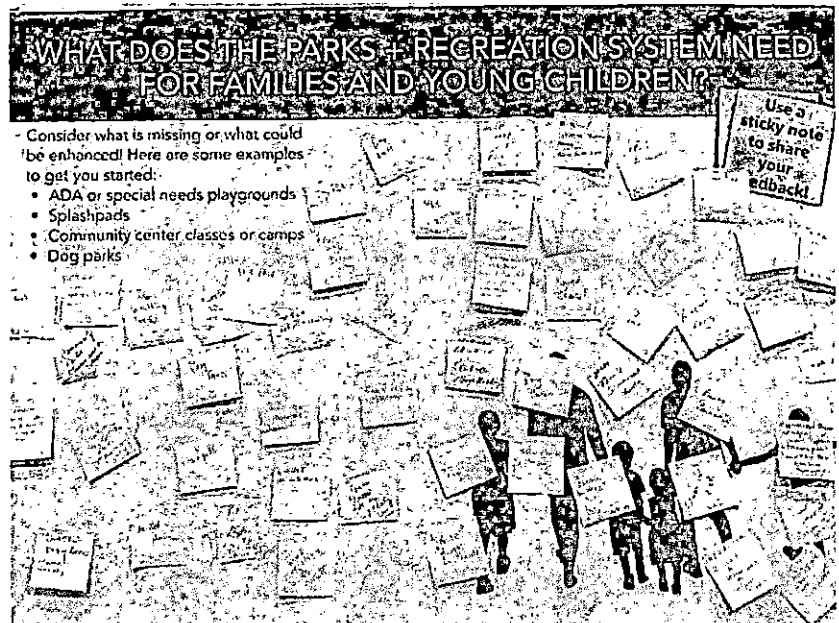
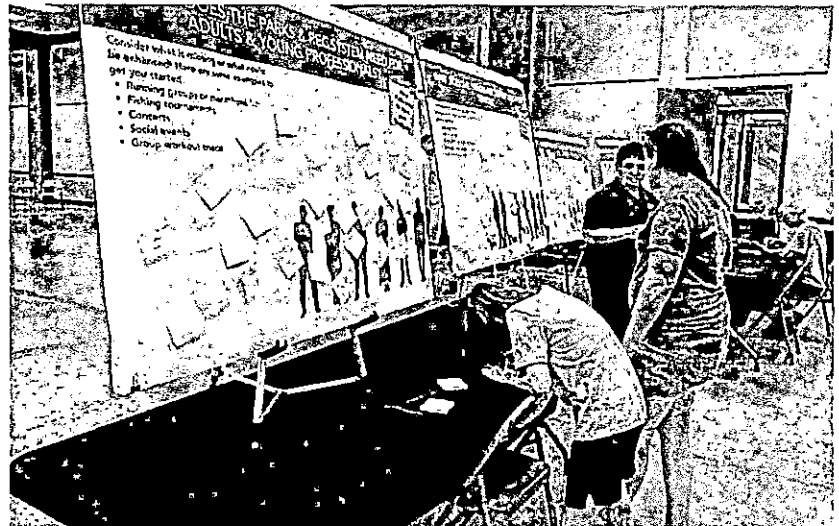
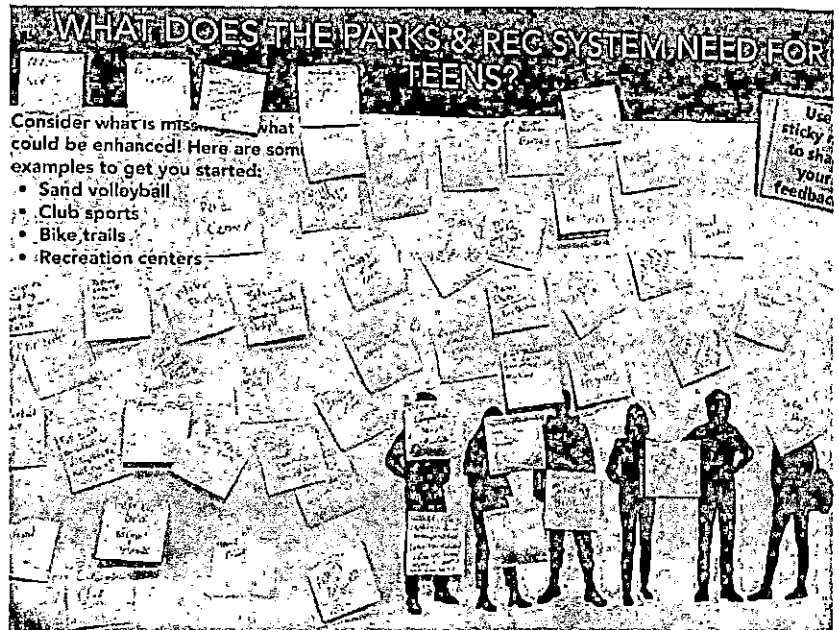
- Indoor or covered basketball court
- Recreational center with sports courts
- After-school, weekend, or summer programs
- Pickleball or tennis court

## FAMILIES

This station asked what the Parks and Recreation System could introduce or enhance to better serve the needs of families, including those with young children. The most frequent responses for family-oriented park implementations included:

- More shade trees or structures
- Dog park
- Water park or splash pad
- Free entry to Lighthouse Beach
- Walking, running, or bicycle trails
- Obstacle course

Additional responses included implementing a City-lead sports league for children, kayak launches and trail, and summer, weekend, or after-school programs for children.





This station gave residents an opportunity to share their desires for change in the current parks system. Frequent responses included:

- Providing additional shade was the one of the most common responses across all boards prompts.



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## KIDS PLAN: MY DREAM PARK & FESTIVAL

This station gave kids the opportunity to design their dream park and festival that they would like to see in Port Lavaca in the future.

The kids came up with many wonderful ideas for buildings and amenities, such as a petting zoo, water slides, dog park, and a rock climbing wall.



# NEXT STEPS

As the City of Port Lavaca continues to advance its Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the next steps will focus on translating public input into actionable strategies. This includes refining priorities based on community feedback, identifying funding opportunities, and coordinating with city departments and partners to develop a phased implementation plan.

The City of Port Lavaca has additional opportunities to engage community members through issuing a public surveys hosting additional public meetings, and sharing project updates. As key components of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan take shape, there will be a Community Open House later in 2025 for the community to get a peek and provide additional direction.

Continued collaboration will be essential in ensuring that the final Parks and Recreation Master Plan reflects the Port Lavaca community's vision and supports a vibrant, accessible, and inclusive parks system for all residents to enjoy.



Learn more about Port Lavaca Parks and Recreation at:  
[portlavaca.org/city-departments/parks/](http://portlavaca.org/city-departments/parks/)



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