



Barton Hills Elementary


5 year Vision

Park Grounds Overview

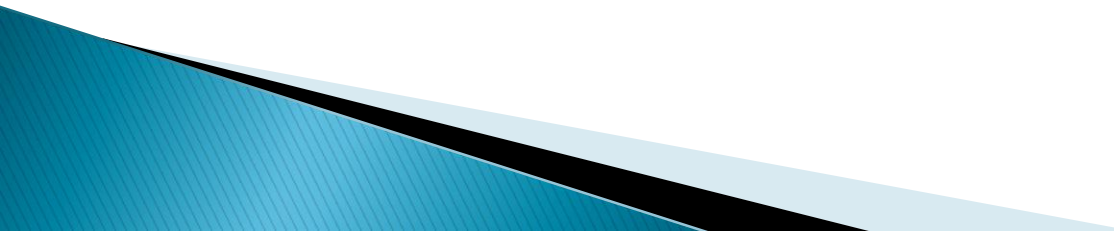
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Vision

What We'd Like to Include:

- increased community spaces and uses
 - tie-in to science and nature programming
 - green school certification elements
 - natural play elements
 - artistic components throughout
 - and additional playground equipment for older elementary age kids.
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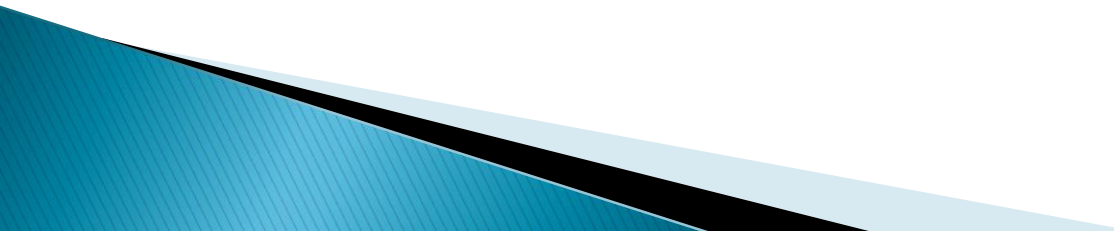
8 Major Items to Incorporate

- ▶ Irrigation *where needed*
 - ▶ Wildlife Habitat
 - ▶ Grass Field
 - ▶ Pavilion
 - ▶ Playground Equipment – *climbing structures, natural play & artistic elements*
 - ▶ Baseball Diamond Improvements
 - ▶ Rain Garden
 - ▶ Terracing above the Basketball Court
 - ▶ ... and a whole lot more
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More From the Focus Groups to Possibly Incorporate

- ▶ Benches, tables and seating throughout
- ▶ Paths & wildflower gardens
- ▶ Formalize and improve entrances – *more welcoming*
- ▶ Create *amphitheater effect* utilizing hill terracing above BB court
- ▶ Improve track w/border
- ▶ Replace existing exercise equipment w/workout pad
- ▶ Add-on to stage & seating for *outdoor classroom*
 - Eagle scout project anyone???
- ▶ Add *sidewalks* on surrounding streets – *let's walk & ride!*

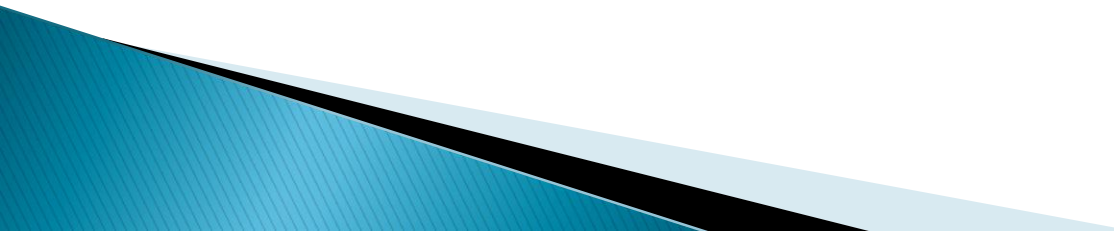
Ideas that Won't be incorporated...

- ▶ Splash pad – *too costly and high maintenance*
 - ▶ Outdoor Ampitheater – *multi-purpose pavilion instead* & utilize hillside for shows & movies in the park
 - ▶ Outdoor restrooms – *maintenance concerns*
 - ▶ Tennis courts – *let's use Zilker's!*
 - ▶ Swimming pool – *let's start a little smaller*
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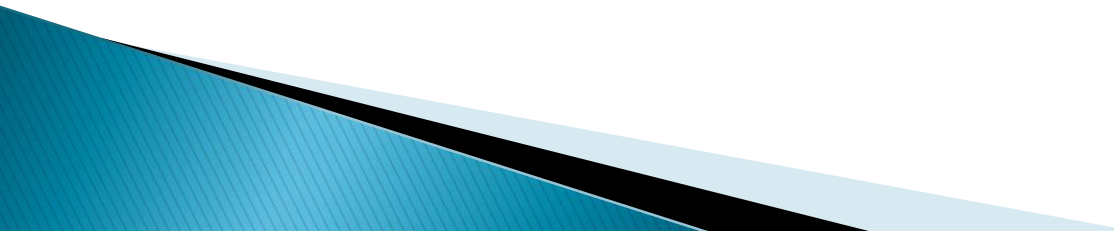
How Are We Going To Make it Happen?

- ▶ By utilizing the City Neighborhood Partnering Program!
 - A new Public Works Dept Program which supports neighborhoods in a cost-sharing program to foster neighborhood improvements

How Are We Going to Fund It?

- ▶ Our Contribution to the Public Works Program will come from:
 - Grants & Sponsorships – *we'll need some help here*
 - PTA Fund Raising
 - BHNA Fund Raising – *friends of BHE Park?*
 - Like-kind Professional Services & Sweat Equity – *this is our volunteer time & talents*
 - District Support – *to a small degree*
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What's Done & Underway

- ▶ Portable painting project – 3 done, 4 to go
 - ▶ Water fountain – BHNA fund with City
 - ▶ Fuel Up to Play 60 – stencil painting (May 5)
 - ▶ 6th Grade Project – beautifying garden area
 - ▶ Bench replacement – limestone blocks
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Raingardens






Natural
Playscapes



Covered
Pavilion

Next Steps

- ▶ PTA Budgeting & approvals
 - ▶ Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Updates
 - ▶ District involvement
 - ▶ Secure grants & partnerships
 - ▶ Apply for City Neighborhood Partnering Program

 - ▶ BHNA engagement – How can YOU help?
 - Paint stencils on May 5
 - Join the Grounds/Facilities task force
 - Spread the word...give/get input from neighbors
 - Raise/donate money for projects
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Your Ideas & Feedback?

- ▶ What do you like?
 - ▶ What's missing?
 - ▶ What will make this successful?
 - ▶ How do we keep all BH neighbors engaged and informed?
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