



Brackenridge Park Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Brackenridge Park Reconciliation





Community Workshop

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Location: D.R. Semmes Family YMCA at TriPoint

Date: Monday, January 8

Time: 5:30–8 PM

Goal: Invite San Antonio residents to help co-create a series of criteria that will be used to evaluate future projects within Brackenridge Park.

Activities:

- Committee-led roundtable worksheet activities
- Audio and video recording station for feedback
- Guiding Principles Oversized Post-It Activity
- Digital SASpeakUp QR Code Handout

WORKSHOP AGENDA

3 PM	talkStrategy, FPC, OHP, facility staff arrive for setup
5 PM	Committee Members, Elected Officials Arrive
5:15 PM	Community Begins Arriving; Each attendee receives #1-4
5:35 PM	Remarks Begin -FPC; Team Intros, Project Intro -Elected Official Remarks
5:50 PM	Guiding Principles Intro; Instructions for Workshop Activities
6-7:45 PM	Workshop Activities Begin -Roundtable intro of subcommittee & worksheet activity (Committee-led) -Video and audio recording stations open -Large post-it station opens re: Guiding Principles
8 PM	Event concludes, distribute SASpeakUp QR code & notice for next meeting

ROOM SETUP

- Large room:
 - Welcome & Opening Remarks
 - Oversized Post-It Sheets for guiding principle feedback placed on walls
 - Audio/Video Feedback Station Area at back of room
- 4 Breakout Areas
 - Committee-champions rotate every 20–25 minutes
 - Worksheet activity & Oversized Post-It Sheets
 - Guiding Principles on each screen

WORKSHOP ACTIVITY ROLES

River Section

Committee Lead:

Technical:

Archaeology Section

Committee Lead:

Technical:

Land Section

Committee Lead:

Technical:

Circulation Section

Committee Lead:

Technical:

Audio & Video Feedback

talkStrategy

PROMOTION STRATEGY

- News Media Outreach
- Councilperson Offices & Networks
- Community Calendars
- Community Newsletters
- Parks & Rec-focused groups & committees
- Advisory committee-networks
- City Resources
- County Resources
- SASpeakUp
- Social Media
- Signage throughout Brackenridge Park

SASpeakUp Page

- <https://www.saspeakup.com/FT0451>
- Link Available for Sharing
- Published in November



We Want to Hear From You!

The next important step in this community-driven process is public input. Beginning in January, the consultant team and Office of Historic Preservation will launch a comprehensive public input campaign. The campaign which will include multiple Community Workshops and a month-long survey (see individual details below.) The public will also be asked to review and recommend additional guiding principles and evaluation criteria for consideration by the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

How to Participate:

Please join us for an upcoming Community Workshop (individual event details below)

Monday, January 8, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (arrival / reception at 5:15 pm)

- Project Introduction
- Collaborative Work Sessions
- Survey Launch

Tuesday, January 30, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (times may be adjusted depending on participation on January 8)

- Survey Results
- Refinement of Evaluation Criteria
- Additional Input

*Both workshops will take place at the Tri-Point event center located at 3233 N St. Mary's Street.

Help inform this project by taking the survey:

(Survey link and details will be available after January 8)

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

Location: D.R. Semmes Family YMCA at TriPoint

Date: Tuesday, January 30

Time: 5:30–8 PM

- Goal:
1. Share SASpeakUp Survey Results & key insights from Community Workshop #1
 2. Share refinement of Evaluation Criteria
 3. Receive any additional input from community

Activities: TBD based on type of feedback desired on the criteria

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

Please rank the following in terms of what you believe is most important:

1	Preserving archaeology and historic structures
2	Preserving existing landscaping and trees
3	Creating additional recreational areas
4	Preserving areas used for spiritual use in their current form
5	Preserving areas used for celebratory practices (as for Easter Sunday, for example) in their current form

How aware are you of aboriginal habitation of the area which is now Brackenridge Park?
Please choose one.

1	Very aware
2	Somewhat aware
3	I did not know that aboriginal peoples were present in this area

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

History is an important part of the park. Please select the top 3 historical items from the list below that matter most to you.

1	Aboriginal habitation
2	Spanish colonial development
3	Civil War-era development
4	Early industrial-era development
5	The beginnings of Brackenridge Park
6	Modern park developments
7	The story of water and the river in the park
8	All should be treated equally

What guiding principle do you believe projects should never violate?

What are you happiest about with the park right now?

What are you most unhappy about with the park right now?

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

Please rank the following by which you feel are most important to Brackenridge Park's identity:

1	Natural areas and ecology, such as the river and wilderness areas
2	Historic structures, like the restrooms along St. Mary's Street or the Jingu House
3	Aboriginal habitation, including the use of the land dating back 12,000+ years
4	Recreational uses, like sports fields and playgrounds
5	Spiritual use, including religious use by aboriginal groups
6	Celebratory/traditional use, like Easter camping and celebrations

What do you value most about the river?
Please rank your choices.

1	Habitat and ecology
2	Recreational opportunities
3	Flood control
4	Historic character
5	Spiritual connections
6	Other (write in your answer):

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

How important do you think it is to preserve all historically significant structures and artifacts such as the 1878 Pump House #1, archaeological artifacts, acequia remnants, and others?

1	Very important
2	Somewhat important
3	Unsure
4	Not very important
5	Against preservation

Please rank these in order of importance:

1	Health of the river, including plants and animals in it: Scale of 1-5
2	Health of land areas, including plants and animals: Scale of 1-5
3	River structures, including preserving their history: Scale of 1-5
4	Recreational areas of all types: Scale of 1-5

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

How important to you is adding additional walking and biking paths to connect parts of the park?

1	Very important – this should be a top priority
2	Somewhat important
3	Neutral – not against it, but not a top priority
4	Would prefer that no paths be added
5	Strongly against adding paths

Do you feel that increasing the amount of the park available for use without paying fees is important?

1	Very important – this should be a top priority
2	Somewhat important
3	Neutral – not against it, but not a top priority
4	There's enough free area in the park, but I'm not against adding more
5	I'm strongly against adding additional free areas

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

There are many plants in the park which, if left alone, could displace native plant species. These are known as invasive species. How important do you think it is to prioritize removing those invasive plants?

1	Very important – this should be a top priority
2	Somewhat important
3	Neutral – not against it, but not a top priority
4	Would prefer to not prioritize this
5	Strongly against removing invasive species

Which is most important to you?

1	Open space, like lawns and picnic areas
2	Natural areas, like the heavily treed areas in the park
3	Recreational areas, like sports fields, playgrounds, or golf activities

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

How do you feel about parking in the park?
Please choose the one answer which best represents your opinion.

1	There's not enough parking, and taking up park land to add more is OK
2	There's not enough parking, but I wouldn't give up park land to get more
3	The parking situation is good enough, and I don't want to change it
4	I would like to remove some parking in the park, maybe by building parking garages at the park edges
5	There's enough parking day-to-day, but not during large events

How do you feel about cars and driving in the park? Please choose up to two answers.

1	It's important to me to have direct access to areas in the park with my car
2	I feel like walking or biking in the park can be dangerous sometimes because of car traffic
3	I would not change anything about roads in the park
4	I might support limiting traffic in the park depending on the details
5	I think we need more roads in the park

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

How easy is it for you to know your way around the park? Please choose the one answer which best represents your experience.

1	I know my way well, but only because I've used it for many years
2	I find it difficult to get from one place to another and I wish that there were more signage
3	It might be hard, but the signage is very helpful to me
4	I don't use the park often but it's still easy to find my way around

When you are walking or biking in the park, do you ever feel unsafe due to car traffic?

1	Yes, frequently
2	Sometimes
3	Not that often
4	Never

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

Do you take the bus to or from the park?

1	No, and I never will
2	No, but I would if there was more bus access to the park
3	Yes, but I usually come by another way
4	Yes, often, and I think it works great
5	Yes, often, and I think that bus access could be improved

What is the biggest challenge with moving around the park?

Are there any areas in the park which feel odd or disconnected from the rest of the park? If so, what are they?