

PATTERSON PARK VISITOR SURVEY

(Jan. 2002, Responses = 38)

1. How often do you use Patterson Park?

- 19 More than once a week
- 7 A few times a month
- 5 A few times a year
- 4 Once a month

2. Where do you live (neighborhood or ZIP code)?

78722: 31

Other: 78617, 78741, 78723, 78752, 78739

3. What do you commonly do at the park? (Check all that apply.)

- 19 swim
- 10 run
- 17 play at playground
- 8 picnic/barbecue
- 19 walk dogs
- 5 walk around park
- 4 play tennis
- 2 play soccer
- 3 play softball
- 8 play other sports (for example, frisbee)
- 16 sit and relax
- 1 visit with neighbors

4. With whom do you typically visit the park, and what are their ages? kids, dogs, friends...

5. What improvements in existing facilities would encourage you to use this park more (pool, tennis courts and center, playground, picnic shelter, soccer and softball fields, restrooms, picnic tables, grassy areas)?

- bigger playground, new playground, bigger restrooms, new ground cover, monkey bars, new playscape for 5-12 yr olds, slides, swings, tire swing, Improved playground equipment, install baby swings, baby slide. We'd love to see a merry go round and teeter totter, Upkeep the old stuff as it is challenging and fast. Kids love it! The school has a great "modern" playscape for variety in the area. I think installing another one at Patterson would detract from variety in the neighborhood. , pea gravel at playground, enhanced playground facilities, More playground equipment, toddler playscape, baby swings, monkey bars, sand in playscape instead of rocks, monkey bars,
- another dog bag disposal unit on the east side of park, a sign asking pet owners to clean up after their animals; perhaps including tools to help them do this (actually exists, but maybe need more)

- shade over baby pool, better pool maintenance , pool is too small for popular swim team, (improve) pool, picnic shelter & restrooms, better parking near the pool, shade around pool, bathroom at the pool, bigger pool with a deep end, diving board and lap lanes, longer season at pool with more reliable operating hours , bigger pool, lap pool for adults, longer hours (both clock and calendar) on the pool would be nice , more shade at pool , Longer pool season; more poolside shade , Larger pool, more shade at swimming pool, Bigger pool. , more shade at swimming pool,
- fencing around entire perimeter for child , safety and overall privacy, improve the "fencing" of the perimeter. ,
- restroom improvements, [improve] restroom, nice restrooms, improvements in rest rooms ,
- and better maintained grassy area, more grass, better maintained grassy areas (mostly dirt through erosion), improve ground/dirt under Post oaks, grassy areas, Grassy areas are nice ,
- more benches, more picnic tables, better care of park overall, trash situation, more trash cans, improved BBQ grills. , more picnic tables, more benches and tables,
- Better grounds-keeping and more trash cans, dirt (not paved) walking trail along perimeter of park,
- Trucks and cars drive onto the park and blare their stereos that can be heard from a least a mile away. , keep cars and trucks off the grass (including PARD trucks), protection of grassy areas from pick-up trucks!!!!!!,
- erosion control in shaded sloping area near picnic tables, more trees, trees are needing some attention and need to plant some new ones I think to replace those dying out as in most of the neighborhood. ,
- better definition of ball fields so that multiple groups could be sharing ball field area, Removing the no soccer prohibition, tennis courts have bad cracks, improve volleyball court and add more, more tennis courts, less restrictions on the soccer field,
- enforcement of noise limits,
- better police patrols to eliminate suspected drug dealing in or near park,
- more sidewalks,
- The gravelly road and erosion are needing some attention as well so further damage isn't done, erosion on the path around the park west of the church where everyone walks between the cable fence. maybe some gravel in that area would help, parking - drainage - , fix the erosion on the wilshire side of park, worried about erosion and effects of drought on trees, they don't get water for months at a time

6. What new facilities or amenities would encourage you to use this park more?

- baseball field, volleyball, facility to run soccer & softball on the site (not PARD), Soccer field/goalposts, a lighted tennis-type court we could use for roller-hockey, Frisbee golf baskets
- slide going into pool
- trails, track, dirt walking trail along perimeter of park, sidewalk around perimeter of park, running track, A running path, hike and bike [trail], bike paths around perimeter and throughout,
- nice wooden gazebo

- another covered picnic/special event area
- skatepark
- area for dogs to go leash free, A fenced-in dog run, this would be a good area under the trees along Schieffer I think, fenced-in dog play area
- more trees, More TREES! Especially blooming trees and shrubs. more trees, more trees along Airport Blvd. to shade/buffer the park and around pool area , More trees planted on south side perimeter
- A community garden--vegetable and ornamental--along the line of Zilker Gardens., community floral gardens

7. What concerns do you have about safety, if any?

No concerns: 10

Concerns: found syringe in park near Airport Blvd., park needs more lights, broken glass, condoms, crime at night, transient found sleeping in early morning on Airport side of field, there seems to be drug deals going down and transients using the park frequently, cracks on tennis courts, some seedy looking dudes drinking in the park occasionally, The major problems have been young men playing basketball in the afternoon and dealing drugs, Current pot-holed road through park helps slow motor vehicles around heavily traveled pedestrian and children's area. PLEASE DO NOT PAVE, high speed traffic on Airport, not enough lighting along boundaries of park, drug dealing along Schieffer Road portion of park, insufficient parking, kids running in street, creepy dudes, increase patrols at night, happy hour times and lunch time to cut down on drinking, drug trades and sex in and around the perimeter of the park, drugs are being sold in the dark area from cars, proximity to Airport Blvd. makes it noisy and probably more dangerous at night, Uncontrolled alcohol-centered gatherings, drug dealing nearby, suspicious people there at night, Sometimes see young adults &/or older teens that look like they're up to no good. I don't like my older kids going to the restroom alone. I suspect some individuals of drug dealing at the park. We once found a used syringe on the playground. There is always LOTS of broken glass on and near the playground, my toddlers often get ant bites when we're at the park, high traffic, People continue to drive their cars into the park which not only damages the grass, but presents a safety hazard to those using the park. Also during peak periods of park usage, cars park along both sides of Wilshire Blvd. which makes for very tight passage and presents visual barriers to people crossing the street, the unlit road that goes past the tennis courts and deadends. People park there with unknown purposes. Makes running by feel (and possibly be) less secure, dangerous, unhealthy trash lying around. Also, the homeless men that hang around,

How do you recommend addressing these concerns? charge to use fields to help pay overhead, enforce no alcohol rules, more police presence, more trash pickup (maybe with help of FOPP), patrolling, signs, consistent patrols by the police, police drive bys when in area, more police patrols, more lighting along boundaries of park, more signage about hours of park, more police patrols, police cruising by more often and being more

responsive to neighbor reports re suspicious characters, light up this area, Add other picnic tables to encourage more use, the busier the area is the less likely illegal activities can be hidden, nice plantings to grow more of a screen between Airport and park, few more patrol rounds on weekends and holidays would help, neighborhood cooperation with police; more lights at night (when tennis courts are not being used), Better policeing, increased police presence, community watch members in the park?, better and more frequent clean-up of the park area, call boxes, spray or bait for ants, fence on Airport blvd side, Put cable and post barriers around the whole perimeter of the park, Lighting, regular patrol

8. Do you have any concerns about wheelchair/stroller accessibility?

- 6 Yes. Personally no, but there is very little accessibility at this park; partly because of our wonderful hill; partly because of bathroom facilities, Play area should be easier to access, but I don't know which area this walkway should be in, a few accessible picnic sites would be a nice touch, Certainly.

9. How would you feel about the following changes? (Please mark with a %)

CHANGES	Very Necessary	Useful	Doesn't make a difference to me	Negative
Pave road in park	4	3	10	13
Install wheelchair accessible path from Wilshire Blvd to playground area	6	14	17	2
Control erosion on west side of park	25	8	5	1
Install new playscape for toddlers in playground	12	16	8	2
Install baby swings in playground	11	17	9	1
Put in new ground cover in playground	10	15	9	2
Running path around perimeter of park	12	14	6	4
Shade structure over baby pool	19	13	9	1

10. If you use this park for picnics, where do you buy your food for the picnics?

chicken	2
pizza	2
Fiesta	5
Wheatsville	1
HEB	14
Whole Foods	1
Central Mkt	1

11. Would you be interested in contributing time, money or labor towards improving Patterson Park? OR would you be interested in receiving information about the new non-profit Friends of Patterson Park? Circle all that apply:

time	8
money	4
labor	9
receive information	13