



Fredericksburg Comprehensive Plan Public Input Summary

An open house was held at the Pioneer Museum Old Sanctuary in Fredericksburg to solicit initial community input for the development of the City of Fredericksburg Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan. The public input received during this effort is an important source of information for developing the community vision and priorities of the Fredericksburg community. This document is a summary of the input received during the meeting.

83 participants

The comments contained in this report are a summarized compilation of respondent's responses, repetitive comments have been made into word clouds where the size of each word is determined by the number of times that word was used as a response. Open-ended comments were directly copied and were not edited.

Open 1/18/2023 from 4 pm to 7 pm





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Question #1 | Where do you live & work?

Live
Within City Limits (71%)
Outside of City Limits (29%)

Question #2 | What do you love about Fredericksburg?



Top Three Words:

SAFE • COMMUNITY • SMALL TOWN

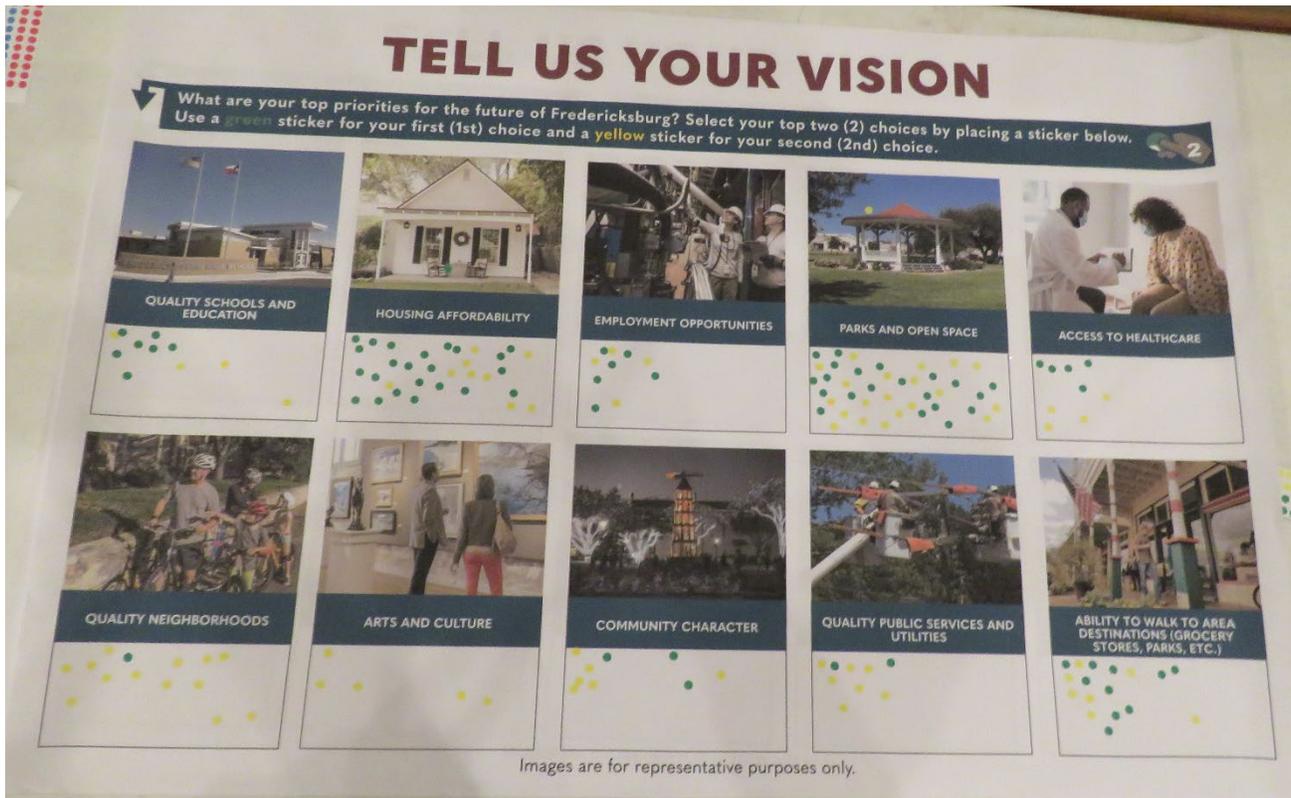


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Question #3 | What are your top priorities for the future of Fredericksburg?

Category	Number of 1 st choice responses	Number of 2 nd choice responses	Total Responses
Housing affordability	23	9	32
Parks and open space	21	19	40
Ability to walk to area destinations	10	7	17
Quality schools and education	7	4	11
Employment opportunities	6	4	10
Access to healthcare	5	4	9
Community character	3	6	9
Quality public services and utilities	2	7	9
Quality neighborhoods	1	13	14
Arts and culture	0	5	5





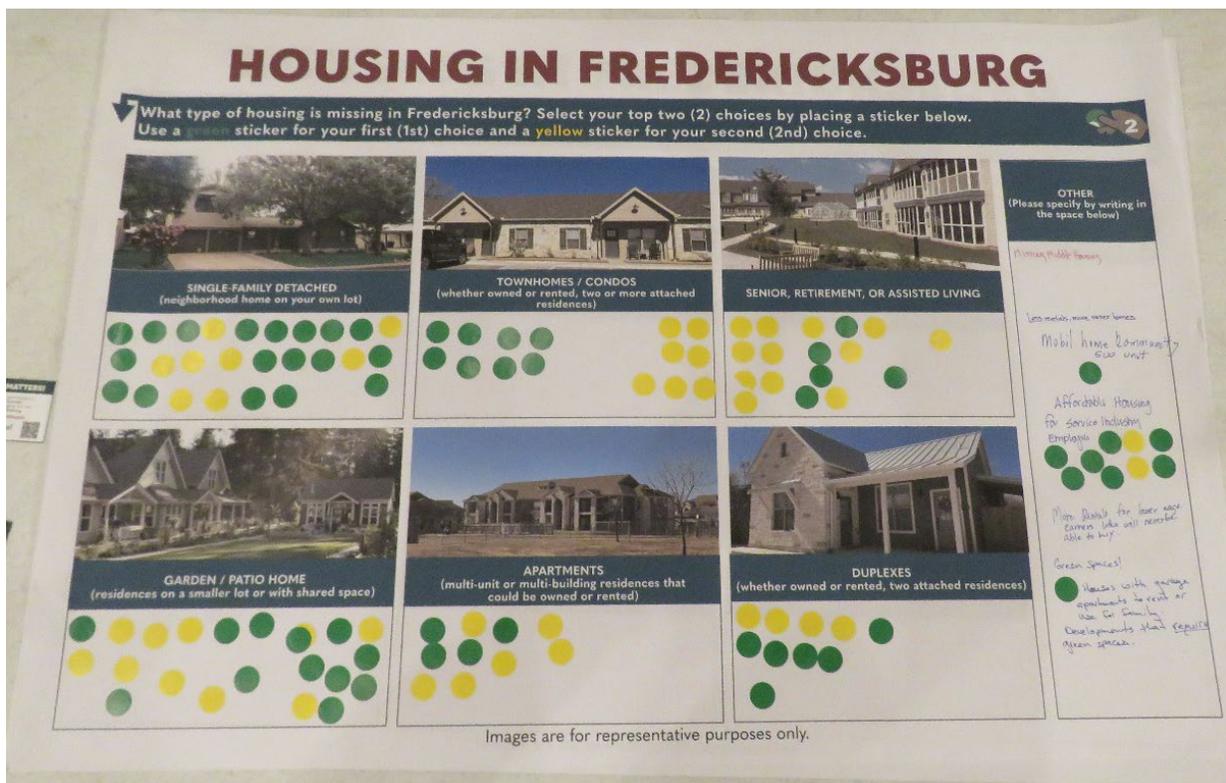
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Question #4| What type of housing is missing in Fredericksburg?

Category	Number of 1 st Choice Responses	Number of 2 nd Choice Responses	Total Responses
Single-family detached	18	8	26
Garden/patio home	12	10	32
Senior, retirement, or assisted living	5	12	17
Townhomes/condos	8	7	15
Duplexes	6	4	10
Apartments	4	6	10
Other	9	1	10

“Other” response comments included:

- Missing middle housing
- Less rentals, more owner homes
- Mobile home community
- Affordable housing for service industry employees
- More rentals for lower wage earners who will never be able to buy
- Green spaces
- Houses with a garage apartment to rent or use for family
- Developments that require green spaces





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Question #5 | The Good and the Bad: What does Fredericksburg need more of and what do they need less of?

Needs More	Needs Less
Parks & Walkability/Bikeways x5	STRs x6
City Beautifications	Too much traffic x1
Affordable Housing x9	Too much alcohol based businesses x7
Trash pickup by city	Semis on Main Ave/Through traffic x6
Bypass for trucks x3	Divisive Issues!
Variety of restaurant styles	Too many adult activities x5
Recycling curbside x3	Subdivisions that have no community facilities
Pickleball courts – permanent x3	Neighborhood parks with some kind of community hall supported by HOA dues
Industry providing decent wages x2	Drunk driving & dashing into traffic while walking x1
New soccer fields x7	Enforcement x2
More kid friendly places x5	Big city feel
More pickleball and tennis facilities x2	Catering to tourists at locals expense
Trade school opportunities for 18+ x2	Losing ambiance
Parking around Main St/San Antonio x4	jaywalking
More swimming pools for laps & kids x4	
Indoor or heated competitive swimming facilities x5	
Affordable housing for senior living x1	
Affordable housing for healthcare, teachers, police, etc. x2	
Another east/west route x3	
Code enforcement on trashy places x2	
Kids need to play near their homes	
Ability to rent out ADUs as full-time residence x2	
Bike trails that feed popular bike routes & connect with CBD x4	
Businesses to employ HS who take “trade” training x3	
Nature center x3	
Better signage cross mountain	
Better water drainage	
Hiking and Biking trails x5	
Speed limits x1	
Family-friendly facilities x1	
Northern route around downtown (like friendship dr. on south) x1	
Dog park maintenance	
Affordable country club/tennis club	
Regulation sand volleyball courts	
Transparency on tax dollars spent	



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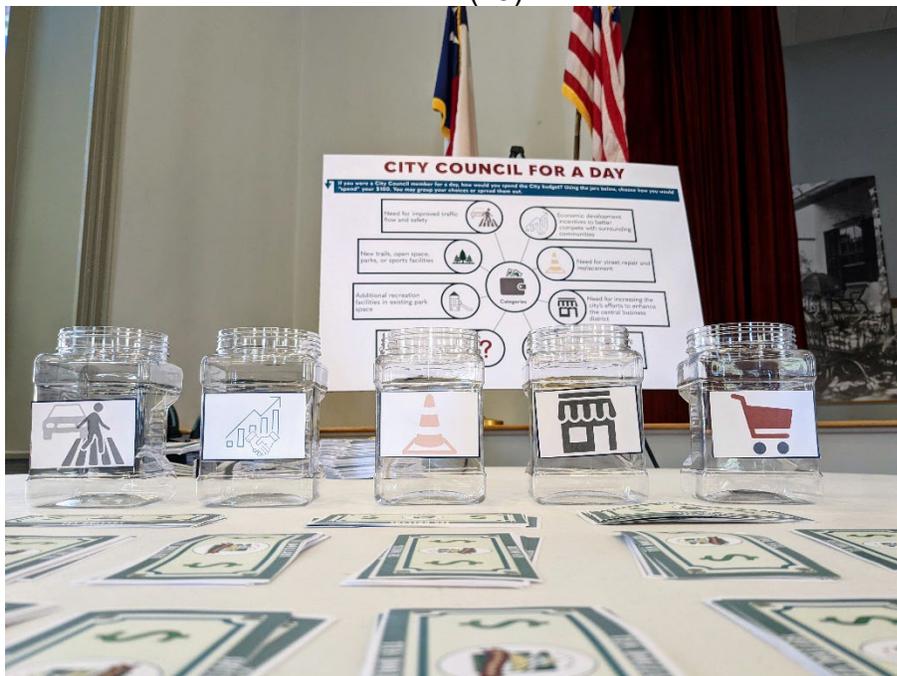
Needs More	Needs Less
Appropriate parking/entrances at existing soccer fields	
Diversity in terms of shops and businesses	
Rental housing x3	
Bigger HEB or 2 nd location x1	
A Trader Joe's Market	

Question #6 | If you were a City Council member for a day, how would you spend the City budget?

Spending Option	Votes	\$
New trails, open space, parks, or sports facilities	227	\$2270
Need for improved traffic flow and safety	133	\$1330
Additional recreation facilities in existing park space	114	\$1140
Economic development incentives to better compete with surrounding communities	84	\$840
Other	52	\$520
City efforts in attracting additional commercial and/or community services	45	\$450
Increasing the city's efforts to enhance the central business district	38	\$380
Street repair and replacement	37	\$370

“Other” response comments included:

- Hike and bike trail along Highway 290
- Limit to short term rentals (x3)





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Question #7 | What areas are priority areas for the following areas in the Central Business District?

Areas of special concern

- Fredericksburg Middle School
- Zoning to be more consistent
- Area around Peanut Factory

Areas to be protected or preserved

- All creeks
- Town Pool (Visitor access and Hotel Occupancy Tax funds for lifeguards)
- Frantzen Park (improvement needed)

Areas needing improved connectivity

- Milam and Main St. intersection
- S. Llano St. across Barons Creek to Old Fair Park

Any other important areas

- Convert middle school to community and events center
- University campus

Other general comments include:

- Too many bars
- Need more bike/walkpath connectivity
- Need more sidewalks
- Creeks are in need
- Pedestrian safety, signage
- Better street lighting
- Downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ)
- Infill and redevelopment of W. Main St. (past Milam St.)
- Median income housing
- Short Term Rental Zone (not in neighborhoods)
- Alternatives to Main St. for local traffic/mobility
- More parking for locals to use local businesses



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Old Fair Park

- Resurface courts for pickleball and basketball
- Bike trail around town that does not interfere with car traffic

Fort Martin Scott

- Needs serious update
- Fully develop
- Extend the walking trail to University
- Red Bluff Amphitheater Fort Martin Scott
- Please love the treasure Fort Martin Scott

Oak Crest Park

- Soccer fields
- Youth fields
- Soccer fields
- Fix the road/traffic route for getting soccer players and viewers in and out safely
- Soccer fields with irrigation
- Parking/safety
- Proper soccer complex with irrigated fields

Lady Bird Park

- Build a nature center
- More walking paths
- Heated pool for year-round use
- Permanent pickleball courts
- Separate pickleball and tennis courts or more of both so there's enough
- Reduce speed limit to 30 inbound
- Minimize signage please park off the grass
- Build more tennis courts
- Permanent pickleball courts
- Nature center facility
- Heated swimming pool at Lady Bird Park
- Biking and hiking trails
- More walking trails
- Nature center building
- Improve dog park
- More trails
- Permanent pickleball
- Heated swim center
- Build a nature center
- Buy more adjoining land to add to park before it is sold to a developer

General comments included:

- Hike and bike trail to Johnson City
- More neighborhood parks with play equipment
- Parks on northwest side of town



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Question #9 | What are your top priorities for Fredericksburg's parks? (Amenities)

Category	Number of 1 st Choice Responses	Number of 2 nd Choice Response	Total Responses
Trails	24	13	37
Soccer Fields	14	12	26
Pickleball Courts	16	13	29
Splash Pad	5	6	11
Tennis Courts	7	3	10
Volleyball Courts	6	2	8
Indoor Recreation Facility	1	6	7
Baseball/softball Fields	2	1	3
Basketball Courts	1	1	2
Other	8	10	18

"Other" Response Comments Included:

- Heated swimming pool at Lady Bird Park
- Build a nature center
- Community garden





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Question #10 | What are your top priorities for Fredericksburg’s parks? (Improvements to existing features)

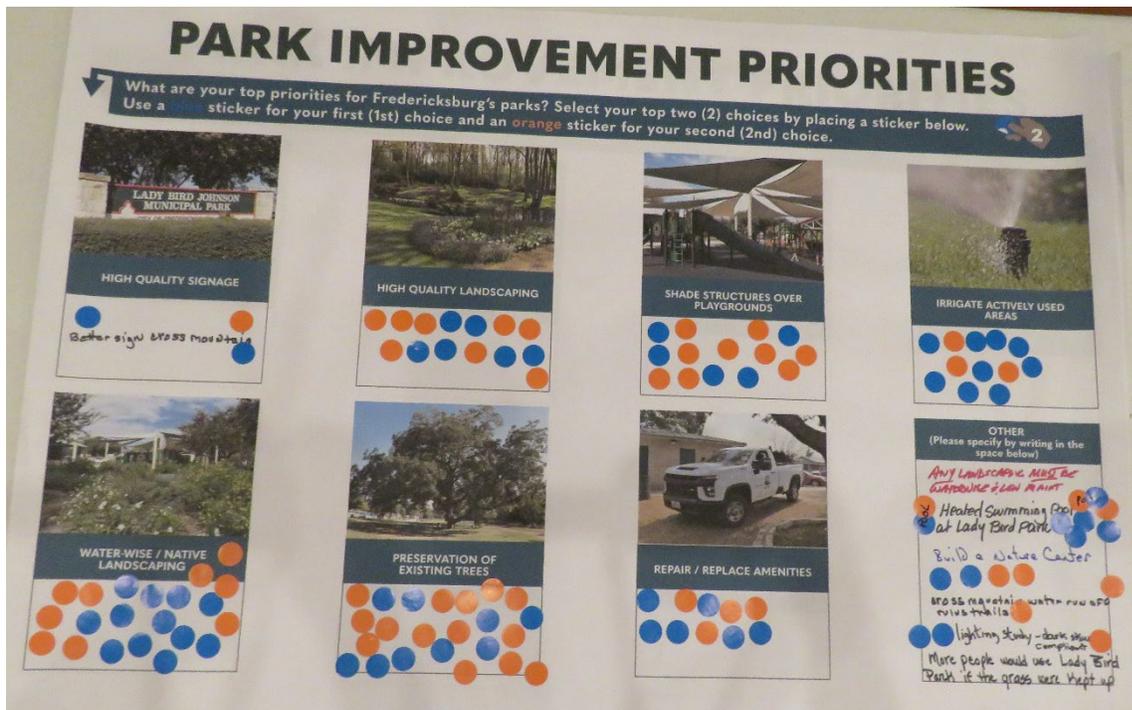
Category	Number of 1 st Choice Responses	Number of 2 nd Choice Responses	Total Responses
Preservation of existing trees	9	15	24
Water-wise/native landscaping	13	9	22
High quality landscaping	6	8	14
Shade structures over playgrounds	5	9	14
Irrigate actively used areas	10	4	14
Repair/replace amenities	6	4	10
High quality signage	2	1	3
Other	10	8	18

“Other” Response Comments Included:

- Any landscaping must be waterwise and low maintenance
- Heated swimming pool at Lady Bird Park
- Build a nature center
- Cross Mountain water runoff ruins trails
- Lighting study – dark skies compliant
- More people would use Lady Bird Park if the grass were kept up



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Question #11 | Where would you like to see future trail connections in Fredericksburg?

Shared Use Path

- Along Barons Creek from Highway 87 to Fort Martin Scott
- Along Town Creek
- E. Live Oak St. connecting S. Washington St. and Highway 87
- Along Llano St.
- Along Milan St. from Barons Creek

Bike Lane

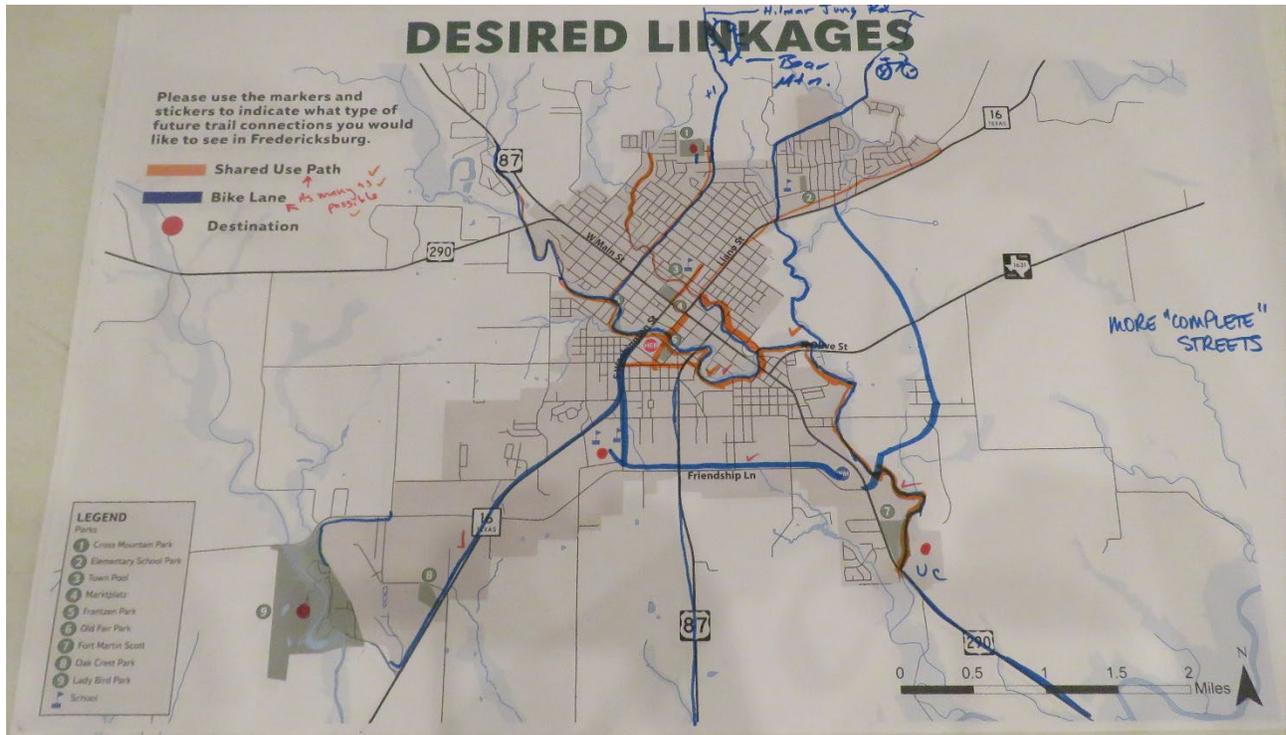
- Along Highway 16
- Along Highway 87
- Along Highway 290
- Friendship Lane
- Along Barons Creek
- Along Milan St. to Hilmar Jung Road
- From Fort Martin Scott along Barons Creek, following Lower Crabapple Rd. to Hilmar Jung Rd.

Destination

- Hill Country University Campus
- Lady Bird Park
- Fredericksburg High School
- Cross Mountain Park



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Question #12 | Indicate key improvements or areas of concern regarding transportation in Fredericksburg.

Connectivity Issue

- S. Cherry St. to S. Bowie St.

Intersection Concern

- W. Live Oak St. and Upper Liveoak Rd.
- W. Live Oak St. and Post Oak Rd.
- E. Main St. and Highway 290
- E. Main St. and Elk St.
- Highway 290 and E. Hwy St./Goehmann Lan
- E. Hwy St. and S. Eagle St.
- N. Cherry St. and W. Travis St.

Pedestrian Safety

- S. Washington St. from E. Hwy St. to Main St.
- W. Main St. from N. Crockett St. to S. Lincoln St.
- S. Lincoln St. from Main St. to E. Live Oak St.
- E. Live Oak St. from Highway 16 to S. Washington St.
- N. Cherry St. north of W. Travis

Road Condition



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- W. College St. west of N. Milam St.

