



## **PROPOSED PAPAGO PARK PRESERVE PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

The gathering and related comment card was purely informational and provides an equal opportunity for all viewpoints to be expressed. This opportunity, including the provision of all information, resources and staff, shall in no way be construed as any attempt to influence the outcome of any election, in violation of Arizona law, or otherwise.

### **Overview**

A public meeting was held on August 2, 2017 to get feedback on a proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Charter that could ask voters to make Papago Park a preserve as well as an amendment to the Tempe City Code relating to preserve guidelines. Forty-four people attended the meeting. Surveys were available at the meeting and online on Tempe Forum from August 2 through August 27, 2017.

A total of 189 individuals read about the topic online at Tempe Forum with 62 of those submitting responses to the survey. Eight individuals also turned in a survey at the meetings totaling 70 responses. City staff also received emails about the project, some from individuals who also filled out an online survey.

### **Attachments**

1. Individual responses, including open ended comments, to the survey collected at the meetings and online.
2. Emails received.

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

**Individual responses, including open ended comments, to the survey collected at the meetings and online.**

### **PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS:**

#### **1. August 2, 2017**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Using the park at night should be at user's best judgment. I have a 1600 lumen light that lights up the trail, I don't want to be limited to "sunrise to sunset" hours. Also, who wants to use the park while it's still 100+ degrees and sunny outside? Please preserve the "jump park" that's already in existence it's been there for decades and I believe the city would waste resources attempting to "reclaim" that landscape back to its natural state. The City of Mesa has done a great job with their bike park, maybe use that as inspiration of how to better section off and maintain this area?

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

#### **2. August 2, 2017**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Overall good. Maintain integrity of land.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Sec. 23-101 (c) - do not want the City to determine improvements/facilities that are "necessary or appropriate" without public input.

Sec. 23 - 110 (a)(1) - please keep late/early hours! I love running and biking when it's dark.

*Additional comments.*

No response

#### **3. August 2, 2017**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

No development.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

#### **4. August 2, 2017**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Remove "city determination" for new development.

Proposed: "no access restrictions shall be enacted on any existing trails except in the case of environmental restoration or as a result of damage which is in the process of being repaired."

No new development, structures, trail enhancements. \*including paving, leveling, rock removal, soil tac spraying, "safety" enhancements.

Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.

Allow permits for spirituous liquids. Screenshot of existing trails/buildings and no modifications unless by a committee of park users or a city wide vote. No motorized be it electric or gas powered.

Additional comments.

No response

#### **5. August 2, 2017**

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1. Use Tempe Town Lake parking for horse trailer access for horseback riders to use existing trails that have been there since the 1950's to the 1990's. 2. Signage about trails should be regularly placed so people will know the entire trails needs to be respected.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

#### **6. August 2, 2017**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Please allow no developing/developments in the park, leave the place alone other than maintenance. Please leave the park hours 6 am to 10 pm and not increase the hours the park is open. Why add increased regulation if the current ones are not able to be enforced? It seems the major issues is the damage being caused to the area by the transients, please focus on this first and second again is to allow no developments. Thank you!

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

## **7. August 2, 2017**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Leave desert park as is, no buildings or structures. Put in small signs with names, distances, directions to roads and connecting trails.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Keep park open all day, many people ride and hike in the summer nights and/or early mornings. Horse trailer parking can utilize under the Mill bridge/boat storage. Keep BMX jumps and the whole area.

*Additional comments.*

No response

## **8. August 2, 2017**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

1. Night mountain biking and night running is allowed with headlamps or bicycle light; 2. No new buildings - none; 3. All existing mountain bike and running trails will remain "as is"; 4. Once the park becomes a preserve, City of Tempe residents will vote on new "off-limit" areas; 5. No motorized vehicles on trails; 6. Keep existing mountain bike jumps (BMX); and 7. Add small signage for mile markers, trails, names, etc.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

## **TEMPE FORUM COMMENTS:**

### **1. August 27, 2017, 10:35 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I am in favor of the Papago Preserve and all efforts to protect it from development.

Papago Preserve should forever remain an open space natural state desert asset for all to enjoy. It will become more and more precious as years pass and it is up to us to be sure it is saved for future generations to enjoy. We all must endeavor to make best choices and minor compromises for the greater good.

I am not a lawyer and cannot comment on the strength of the document. I hope it is strong enough to pass the test of time and protect the beautiful natural desert so that many generations from now Tempe residents and visitors can enjoy the same activities and environment that we enjoy today. I hope that easements and encroachments to the preserve be somehow limited to the fullest extent possible.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Thank you for the opportunity to suggest the following changes.

Div 2, Section 23-110 - rules... (a) (1) Can hours be extended to allow those using the park for recreation in cooler hours? Hours could be different by season if needed. During this past summer, I walked at 5:30 each morning for a while because, in my opinion any later

was too hot for dogs. During my daily walks there were many others in the park at the same time. Would permits be available for those who want to use the park regularly outside of “normal” hours? If it is a liability question, can dark hours be “at own risk”, and/or require personal lights to see and be seen?

Div 2, Section 23-110 - rules... 3) No motorized vehicles.... How does the recently passed e-bike ordinance in parks effect this? There are commuters who use the canal path between McDowell and Mill.

Div 2, Section 23-110 - rules... (4) No Camping...Should group camping permits for Evelyn Hallman Park be referenced here? Is this covered by section 23-112?

Div 2, Section 23-110 - rules... (7) No person shall...remove any live or dead tree or plant material in or from a preserve...Does adopting a park count as authorized by permit or permits by the Community Services Director? What about volunteers removing dead or “clipped” plant material? There are several of us in north Tempe who do the walkway creosote trimming in Evelyn Hallman Park. NTNA adopted Evelyn Hallman Park many years ago. PPVNA more recently adopted the east section of Lo Piano and part of the Canal Path north of Evelyn Hallman Park. As part of adopting the park areas, we trim creosote and palms from walkways, and sometimes clear invasive species during clean ups. We remove branches that have fallen or that the parks department cut. Would notice to/from the adopt a park manager be the authorization?

Section 23-111 (a) (6) Regarding bikes being prohibited where posted. This section is upsetting the biking community. Can there be some additional specific language? Include areas already posted at the time the preserve was created plus any specific reason a path would be permanently closed. For example, for safety reasons after erosion, or to preserve historical man-made artifacts that are in danger. Temporary closures posted for: rehabilitation of disrupted areas, trail maintenance, safety due to trail erosion, protection of historical artifacts. For permanent closure of a trail, can parks commission approval be required.

Section 23-111 (a) (8) Can we add an exception to the no fires or cooking; except for cooking food in city- provided cooking grills, or cooking food with commercially available camp stoves that use campfuel, propane, electric, or solar on or adjacent to a ramada table in a way to protect ramada and table. We currently cook and keep food warm for GAIN and other events in Evelyn Hallman Ramadas.

Fire only allowed in Evelyn Hallman Park Island in designated raised stone fire ring with a campfire permit and with wood brought in from outside of the preserve. No wood gathering permitted in the preserve. The Boy Scouts who built the fire ring, use the fire ring at least once a year for respectful flag retirement.

Section 23-111 (a) (2) Can we have cost reimbursement and fund raising sale/raffles for GAIN or other permitted neighborhood events? At times we raise small amounts to pay for event or donate to a cause.

Section 23-111 (a) (22) Can permitted events get permit for canopies in flat areas adjacent to ramadas or in parking lots? Game and Fish puts up a shade for their fishing clinic at Evelyn Hallman Park, adjacent to the ramada. Also, sometimes canopies are put up during adopt a park clean ups to provide shade over water and sign up tables.

Section 23-111 (a) (20) No Smoking - Thank you very much. Picking up filters is very time consuming.

Section 23-111 (a) (add?) Can glass bottles be restricted? Glass can be hard to pick up.

The base of Hayden Butte and at every lookout, glass is a problem.

*Additional comments.*

I sincerely thank the city staff for all the hard work bringing these documents, presentations, and meetings together. At the public meetings, passionate opinions were expressed and hard questions were addressed. Respect and decorum were maintained throughout and I thank you for this. Thank you also for considering the opinions I've expressed here. I understand there will be many compromises and appreciate the chance to be included in the decision making process through this forum.

**2. August 27, 2017, 10:18 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I am in favor of Papago Preserve in order to conserve some of the last remaining areas of native desert and riparian habitat within Tempe city limits. I am opposed to any new or additional development within the preserve boundary. Papago Preserve would be a place that humans and wildlife would be able to enjoy now and in future generations.

Yet, I am wearisome of the wording "heighten appreciation and enjoyment of the natural Arizona environment" as it can be interpreted in different ways. I would be opposed to that language being used to justify activities such as pink jeep tours or zip lines. I am however in favor of the activities of walking, hiking, cycling, and horseback riding along trails. I am also in favor of increased trail markers as I am often confused which paths are the designated trails.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

While I like the idea of preserve hours being from sunrise to sunset for the benefit of wildlife, I feel that these hours would be too limiting for human recreation based on summertime heat and early winter sunsets. I am in favor of the preserve hours being restricted to 6am to 10pm, or even 5am to 10pm.

I feel that a board needs to be created to oversee management of the park, to include community members. Decisions about the preserve should not be left solely to the discretion of City of Tempe leadership.

*Additional comments.*

The designation of a preserve will be meaningless if patrols and maintenance of the area are not conducted regularly. I am appalled at the amount of litter and transient living that is STILL present in Papago Park. I would love to take family members who visit from out of town to the park, but I am currently embarrassed to do and also don't feel it's entirely safe, especially for young children.

Every time I visit Papago Park, I am in awe of the abundant amount of wildlife (birds, ground squirrels, rabbits, reptiles, etc.) that live in the park. We as a community should be very proud of this and work harder to protect this last remnant of wilderness within the city. I love that I can hike in the desert without having to leave Tempe and head to Scottsdale, Phoenix, or one of the county parks. I hope in the coming years the designation of a preserve will give this amazing area the respect, appreciation, and care that it deserves.

### **3. August 27, 2017, 5:35 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.

The adopted Discover Papago Park Master Plan outlines many different Sonoran environments, established trails, historic elements and the many current citizen uses in Papago Park. "The proposed Tempe Papago Park Preserve is NOT intended to eliminate or restrict those uses." Respect for the location and desert, especially staying on trails, no littering and following the rules would certainly be expected. Hiking and jogging are a daily occurrence in the park along with meditation and enjoyment of the environment. The intention is to both preserve and conserve Tempe's Papago Park and to preserve the intended uses of the park, while prohibiting development of the land.

Many miles of established equestrian trails are throughout Papago Park. Since Papago Stables is gone, other stables can bring horses into the park for scheduled trail rides. Currently, Tempe schedules Cross County Races and Mountain Bike Races in Papago Park. A Frisbie Golf range is located in the ravine just south of the Rolling Hills Golf Course and north of the SRP road. The Frisbie Golf members had to first clean up a bad dumping site in this area.

Please support and continue to manage these current activities. Tempe Parks Commission review and recommendations should be included in all actions/planning regarding the Papago Park Preserve. Thank you

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Tempe Parks Commission review and recommendations should be included in all actions/planning regarding the Papago Park Preserve. Some clarifications which could also help: Horses and bicycles are NOT allowed on "A Mountain"; Overnight Camping is only allowed in "Evelyn Hallman Park", with a permit. Longer hours, or Winter and Summers park hours would also be very helpful. Folks love the early mornings and evenings especially in the summer. List which type of group events require permits.

*Additional comments.*

Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell, Vice Mayor Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilmembers Lauren Kuby, Kolby Granville, Randy Keating, Joel Navarro and David Schapira thank you very much for your consideration and direction regarding the citizen initiated petition and proposal for a Tempe Papago Park Preserve. Tempe's Papago Park Preserve Charter Amendment will be another vital element for the preservation and conservation of our remaining Sonoran Desert. Thank you Bonnie Richardson and to all Tempe Staff for your work on this proposed Charter Amendment.

### **4. August 25, 2017, 2:44 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support the protection of Papago Park from ANY future development and construction. However, the verbiage in sec 11.03 (a) does not provide residents any guarantee that the City simply wouldn't take an existing building/developed area within the Park and turn it into a waterpark (or any other development that may be classified as "recreational opportunity"). We need more restrictive language. I suggest "No building/construction or modification of existing building/construction/paved trails to exceed current physical footprint and height"

Also, Sec 11.03, (e), 3: The expansion of any City owned water treatment plant should not exceed current physical footprint. If the City needs more room, buy land elsewhere. Do not destroy more park land.

I would support the Park to be governed by a Resident board or committee. The City should not have exclusive access to make voting decisions regarding the Park/Preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The proposed Preserve Guidelines are not aligned with current Resident usage patterns. Additionally, the proposed language completely ignores the Papago Masterplan that was created a few years ago. Why not incorporate that?

Sec 23-101, C: The City should not have access to “improve facilities” without the committee approval, and should not be allowed to build/construct or modify existing building/construction/paved trails to exceed current physical footprint and height.

Sec 23-110 (a) (1): The sunset to sunrise usage restrictions are not favorable to the summer heat, and the shorter winter days. I would suggest usage to be allowed from 5am-11pm.

Sec 23-110 (a) (2): I suggest to implement a 2 way permitting system that allows for beer and/or liquor permit via the City as it is done today.

Sec 23-110 (a) (3): This should include electric scooters, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, etc

Sec. 23-111 (a) (6): Bicycling is to be allowed on all trails that are in place and use as of today. We need a map of all current trails in place.

Sec. 23-111 (a) (12): What about prior authorized sale at permitted sporting events such as mountain bike events, trail running events etc?

Sec. 23-113 (a) The park should be governed by a citizen board/committee

*Additional comments.*

What troubles me the most is that the City would still be able to make changes to the park's use under the purview of "recreational opportunities". So while I'm in support of protecting the park from sale or development for commercial, retail, residential us; I still worry about development related to activities deemed "recreational". Thus my comments about keeping the park in it's existing state.

My opinion would be in favor of changing the language to reflect the park's current state and uses. A map of existing trails, parking lots, disc golf amenities, playgrounds, restoration areas, etc. This would be in effort to prevent the building of new facilities, despite attempts to expand "recreational use". No splash pads, playgrounds, larger parking lots, new paved trails (see the 5K loop on the Phoenix portion). Allowing for language to include malleable recreational opportunities is a slippery slope to diminishing the park's natural desert footprint.



**5. August 22, 2017, 1:07 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I agree Papago Park should be a preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**6. August 22, 2017, 1:07 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I think Papago Park should be a preserve as it would be a heritage familiar place for our children who grew up in this area.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**7. August 21, 2017, 11:48 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Establishing Papago Park as a preserve is a good idea. The area is beautiful and creating a preserve will help keep it that way for generations to come.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**8. August 18, 2017, 8:12 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I do not believe the Charter Amendment is comprehensive enough to protect all of Papago Park, and Evelyn Hallman Park. As the current parameters have been described, the none desert areas are not protected from development. There needs to be language that limits what the City of Tempe can do without voter approval,

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The proposed "sunrise to sunset" hours of operation are too restrictive and open to interpretation. Glass bottles and littering should be prohibited and fined. The ordinances may need to be constructed in a way that is specific to areas of the park, such as cooking on city grills within picnic areas. It may be easier to mark the trails that are established for recreational biking, hiking, etc. than to but up signs where all those activities are restricted.

*Additional comments.*

There has been a great deal of work that has gone into this plan to protect the park. And even though we may not all have the same approach in how that is to be accomplished, my impression is that most residents and neighbors, highly value this open space to keep us connected to our natural environment.

**9. August 16, 2017, 11:51 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

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*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

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*Additional comments.*

The proposed language by the City of Tempe does not take into account how the City will fund this. Nor does it contain any details as how these rules will be enforced. Nor does it discuss how the current transient issue in the park will be handled. The City has rules for public littering, yet they have ignored repeated offenders for years. How will the City actually change that?

I support to protect Papago Park, but we cannot restrict Residents activities as they are today. This should include protecting the "dirt/jump track" that has been constructed at the far northern end of the Park. Additionally, the City should align with expert trail maintainers to ensure the Park and trails are maintained properly. The parks department is already understaffed; no need to add burdens to them with items they may not be skilled for. Finally; make sure the Papago Park Masterplan is incorporated.

**10. August 16, 2017, 12:01 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

No response

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

I am not clear if the verbiage protects all development in the park or if the City get exclusive access to determine what gets built? What is the regulatory process for these decisions? I do not support sunset to sunrise usage restrictions. Twice a week I bike in the evening after sunset to avoid the heat. I am concerned about "Use of rolling, nonmotorized vehicles, including bicycles, is PROHIBITED where POSTED". Who determines where this gets posted? No map/trails are listed.

**11. August 15, 2017, 6:05 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I'm in favor

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I am in favor

*Additional comments.*

No response

**12. August 15, 2017, 12:11 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

No response

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Make hours of the preserve 4am to Midnight. People want to, and do, mountain bike and run there after sunset, and very early in the morning during summer.

Continue to ban glass beverage containers. Whether it is a bottle of iced tea, or expensive Contigo glass water bottle, it will still shatter into sharp pieces when dropped.

*Additional comments.*

Is there any reason that the ASU Climatology Office needs to be located in a 60's style office building in the middle of Papago Park? Could the users of that building be relocated to other parts of campus, or the athletic facilities district? Could the ASU Climatology Office property be returned to a natural state as part of the preserve?

**13. August 10, 2017, 7:32 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

This is important for the all families to be able to enjoy Papago Park and to protect it. It is necessary to pass this.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

It is necessary to pass this amendment for the people and park.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**14. August 9, 2017, 10:28 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I like the fact that the city is thinking long term, which is more in line with the original Papago establishment.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I am concerned about a few issues. First, the sunrise to sunset restriction is limiting, especially with the excessive summer heat associated with daylight. Phoenix is going the other way and is extending evening hours to facilitate more usage. Evening usage also discourages dispersed illegal urban camping and the associated litter which has cost a ton of money and volunteer hours to clean up. Second is the undefined trail limitations with regards to bicycles. I support the establishment of a more defined trail system, perhaps with markings and revegetative areas, but banishment of bikes would not be acceptable. I ride in Papago at least weekly and spend money in restaurants every time. I would have to take my business elsewhere. I would also not support additional trail paving as Phoenix recently did on their section without appropriate citizen input. We have enough pavement everywhere else.

*Additional comments.*

I would suggest the establishment of a citizens user board to guide and gather feedback for acceptable park. I would recommend continued support for the dirt jumps, and in fact would suggest a pump track. This encourages more youthful use, these youths are future adults whose support will be needed to preserve our open space in the future.

**15. August 9, 2017, 7:18 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

A charter amendment is necessary to prevent future, possibly less preservation-minded, city councils from undoing the good that this amendment will do for present and future generations if passed. Rather, once established, it will require a public vote for the charter to be modified. As one of the original petition circulators who supported initial efforts to establish Papago Park as a preserve, I am glad the Council has presented us with the option of enacting this charter amendment. There have already been proposals for a high-end housing development as well as a hotel within its boundaries. It is those kinds of threats to our public enjoyment of the park that prompted my initial involvement in efforts to prevent such development from being possible.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I support the proposed amendment to the city code with the following caveats:

1. Please do not restrict the use of the park to daylight hours. For at least half the year, the heat is excessive enough to make nighttime enjoyment preferable. Bicyclists and hikers can now use very efficient LED lighting to safely navigate the trails at night, when the heat is less severe. Most people work during the day, and for the cooler half of the year, the days are shorter and make it difficult to enjoy the park at all on weekdays without being there in the dark. One of the greatest deterrents to squatting and urban camping is park use by the rest of us. This is especially important at night. If appropriate park use by bicyclists and hikers is banned at night, inappropriate use will occur undeterred during those hours.

2. I see no mention of anti-littering in the code amendment. In fact, two former references to the use of glass containers have been removed. As someone who has volunteered several times to spend several hours picking up accumulated litter in the park, and who often does so even when such clean-ups have not been scheduled, I know that greater, not reduced, efforts are necessary to deter such abuse of this public space. Of course, enforcement is difficult, but without even a listing as an offense, can enforcement legally take place? The requirement that pet feces be appropriately managed by owners is excellent--why not regulate other litter, as well?

*Additional comments.*

Having read all the previous comments, many of them that express concerns about increased regulation are shared by me. However, I keep in mind that with increased population and shared use of limited spaces, responsibility must accompany freedom, lest all be deprived of the remaining resources. As a responsible citizen, I accept that I must be considerate of others, and that the purpose of regulations is not to interfere with my own enjoyment (though it may do so short-term), but to maintain the shared space so that all may enjoy it to the greatest extent without depriving similar enjoyment to others. No man is an island, and we must all compromise somewhat when living among others. Let's make Papago Park a preserve so that no one, especially a privately-owned hotel nor a housing development, can deprive all but a selfish, lucky few of what is rightfully ours to share mutually.

**16. August 9, 2017, 3:12 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

It was difficult to see the Preserve's boundaries on-line. Also, can you please provide additional information about what type of vehicular traffic you will allow in the Preserve and where it will be located? It would be nice to keep vehicular traffic to the fringes of the Preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

It was difficult to determine how the proposed Amendment affects what is currently in place regarding the Tempe City code. Can you provide some type of summary highlighting the differences?

*Additional comments.*

Need additional information to understand what is being proposed. Ideally, some type of benefits and disadvantages would be highlighted.

**17. August 9, 2017, 2:07 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

The preservation of public lands, whether a "park," a "garden," or sometimes the odd vacant lot or bit of undeveloped "useless" land, is of utmost importance to human community--social awareness, appreciation of what is available to us in nature, and a feeling of esthetic pride. But in our current political and social climate, public spaces are as endangered as the species they protect, including the human species.

So I were to find myself bold enough to speak in public, I might mention the ancient civilizations, Mesopotamia (the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, of course, but many other open places), the Greek stoa, the Roman forum, as well as countless gardens and gathering spots where class systems tended to disperse (well, a little, anyway).

I might mention Hyde Park in London, whose Speaker's Corner has been a place where speech has been freer for longer than it has been in almost any other place, including England. I might mention Central Park, Balboa Park, Golden Gate Park, Millennium Park in Chicago, Forest Park in St. Louis, and, especially appropriate to the situation in place like Phoenix, parks in smaller cities, like Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis, or Stanley Park in Vancouver.

I might mention smaller parks even than these, that exist in odd and out of the way places like, oh, Phoenix, or, come to think of it, already in Tempe. Town Lake of course. Or ASU, whose campus is officially regarded as an arboretum. Halman Park in our own neighborhood, and each of the other neighborhood parks.

I might ask the City Council members to wander about in the parks we already have, including of course, Papago, with their senses open to what they experience, and with their imaginations open to what they would miss should the opportunity for those experiences vanish. I am almost 2,000 miles away, but I don't have to close my eyes in order to open my own senses to either condition. I can sit here and write about my joy at the first experience, my loathing of the alternate possibility. Those people who don't prefer joy to loathing (and they may not be all that rare these days) neither know what they are missing nor how they came to be in that pitiable condition.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

### **18. August 9, 2017, 1:01 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

The proposed charter amendment language does not provide enough information to make this change in designation worth while, and the current management of Papago as a park does not prevent preservation as much of the natural environment as currently exists. The areas included in the preserve include many feature that are not natural, especially the canals and created wetlands. Therefore, designating this as a natural preserve is not a reasonable approach. All of the natural-looking features in Papago certainly need to be preserved, but this can and should occur with its current designation. Papago is an amazing resource in a increasingly dense urban core. The limits to access (time and mode) that are spelled out in the amendment language will detract from Papago providing a non-urban refuge to residents, and balancing wildlife and human use is something that can be accomplished in its current park designation.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The specific limitation of bicycles to only designated areas is a step that should not be taken by the most bicycle-friendly city in Arizona. Some trails and areas certainly could be designated as pedestrian-only or no human access but a blanket prohibition against bikes makes this a bike-unfriendly amendment.

*Additional comments.*

The use of Papago by people on bicycles is a big part of what makes Tempe a bike friendly city. And the fact that there aren't major conflicts occurring now between cyclists and pedestrians suggests there is no reason to preemptively eliminate bikes from the mix.

**19. August 9, 2017, 9:48 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

My concerns are mostly regarding the change in activities that are allowed in a preserve versus a park.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I have concerns about the proposed hours and activities allowed in this area. Several areas of the park are lit at night and I often walk there in the evening when it is cooler, the hours of sunrise to sunset would not allow that in the future. I would like to look very carefully at what activities will now be prevented by this change and possibly amend the proposal based on that.

*Additional comments.*

I'd like to see a table that lists out what is and isn't allowed currently and with the proposed changes. That would help the residents make an informed decision.

**20. August 9, 2017, 9:28 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I'm not sure about the legal meaning of the language in the proposal as written but I'm hoping it will allow access to those using the park currently. I ride a mountain bike in the park fairly often and I'm very happy to stay on marked trails. Just post the rules and let me know where I can ride. Same for hikers and those who ride the jumps. Please don't restrict access or "improve" trails by paving them over. Keep it as is but improve by clearly marking where the trails are.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**21. August 9, 2017, 9:14 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support establishing Papago Park as a Preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**22. August 8, 2017, 4:46 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Changing the name from Park to Preserve does not need to include removing hiking/cycling/running trails or trail access. Many trails are already established. What are the actual trail limitations and trail access rules going to allow when changing the name from Park to Preserve?

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

A community committee of park users should be created to establish guidelines - people who actually use the park and live near the park. Not council members deciding what is good for the Park/Preserve users. Limited cycling .... on what trails? I use the park a lot and rarely find anyone not using the designated trails unless they are "homeless".

*Additional comments.*

The biggest issue with the Tempe side of Papago is the amount of homeless people and the damage and garbage they leave. A very sad situation all the way around. Do you think changing the park to preserve will eliminate that problem? More than likely not! We don't need more parking lots, a zip line etc. We need a beautiful park in the city that is accessible for everyone, with trail and activity choices. Yes to public vote that clearly spells out what the preserve will be and usage.

**23. August 8, 2017, 4:14 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I agree with establishing Papago Park as a preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I agree with the proposed amendment to the Tempe City Code to protect Papago Park as a natural preserve with no new commercial or residential developments.

*Additional comments.*

This would guarantee for future residents that there will always be a natural desert environment within our city boundaries. I will continue to make Tempe a unique city that shows we want to preserve what is left of what drew us here to begin with.

**24. August 8, 2017, 4:05 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I have been enjoying the Papago Park Area with my friends and family for the last 12 years. I am a frequent user of the park, as I visit it once a week or more. I feel that making it a preserve would be limiting folks rights to enjoy the park area.

Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.

The parts of this that I don't like pertain to the not using the park past dusk or before dawn. This time of year, that is the best time to be out because of extreme heat. I also play disc golf. Papago Park is the best desert disc golf course in Arizona as far as I am concerned. Many of the stipulations for the preserve would make it difficult to maintain and improve the course.

*Additional comments.*

I hope these comments were helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

**25. August 8, 2017, 4:03 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I am in favor of the park as a preserve with the goal of protecting the space from any further development. Leaving the space as is with minimal to no improvements other than maintaining the current trail system, minimally and only as needed. With the goal to prevent further damage to the space via signage, pavement, garbage, new trails and additional parking. The preserve designation would ideally only be assigned with a goal



of creating a culture of proper stewardship and appreciation for the space.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Trail use to be unchanged as it currently is by hikers, bikers and runners during the hours currently assigned or increased to accommodate those wishing to avoid crowds and the heat. Add to that, the sunrise to sunset designation could relegate the space an unsafe area during the proposed hours of no use that could affect the surrounding retail, commercial and residential areas. As it is now those using the space after and before sunset create a safer environment for all.

*Additional comments.*

The preserve designation should be to encourage preservation of the space as a primitive area and to prevent any further development within the boundaries of the park. As a regular user of the park I would be very disappointed to see any change that would prevent use of the trails as they are currently being used.

Others have stated that a citizens council of sorts be involved in future decision making on changes and improvements along with the city. It would seem this would be a very important part of continuing a good working arrangement with the city and the park users to ensure the space truly stays a jewel in the area with minimal cost to the city and taxpayers.

### **26. August 8, 2017, 3:56 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

We are against the Papago Park Preserve and also the Ordinance changes.

The language is extremely vague and left up to interpretation so anybody who wanted to argue their point could so. IE: Visitors Center, parking lots, recreational center and Etc. The Draft needs to be rewritten with input from the Citizens.

The City of Tempe asked the Historic Preservation Commission as well as the Park's Commission to give its approval to give it traction. That was over year and half ago. It should also be noted that the City keeps saying it doesn't care one way or the other on the Preserve but certain city Official's keep driving this issue.

The first public meeting on this issue was on 8/02/17 less then an hour long. No prior outreach was done by the city. This is unacceptable and is defiantly not transparent. The City needs to hold Neighborhood meetings to explain what and why they think this is good and let citizens give their input.

This proposed Charter Amendment needs to be put on hold for at least 90 days for the City to do community outreach as well as educating the citizens of Tempe what they are going to be voting on.

It was stated at the 8/2/17 meeting the following could be done if the City moves to make it a preserve.

- 1) It will address the homeless issue
- 2) They will be able to keep the parks clean and maintained
- 3) They will be able to remove invasive species from the park
- 4) They will be able to maintain the riparian areas.
- 5) Signs will be placed to let people know to stay on the trails and were they are.

It should be stated that the City has done 2-5 in the past without a Preserve overlay

and still can. As far as the homeless issue goes enforcing the rules that are already in the Park's ordinance would greatly reduce this issue. I would also like to know from the City how does a Preserve stop the Homeless issue?

**27. August 8, 2017, 3:35 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

It is outstanding that Tempe will preserve this precious piece of endangered Sonoran desert in our city. There has been much encroachment and damage over the years, human practices that have damaged and destroyed precious resources. So many things that should have been enforced in the past: use by motorized vehicles; disturbance and removal of desert top soil ecology, amateur pruning of flora, dumping of trash, gun practice, etc. I hope these practices can be minimized if not totally eliminated. This is just an early, albeit critical, step on the path to conservation.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

These look like a lot of good rules to me. I'm hoping we can still take a grill into the picnic ramadas or ride bicycles on designated trails.

Thank you for the deadline extension! Thank you as well for staff time and effort on the language and graphics. It looks great! I want to send this link to neighbors.

*Additional comments.*

I am proud of our city for agreeing to take this step and grateful to Darlene Justus for all the work it took to make this happen. Now we just need to pass the charter amendment!

**28. August 8, 2017, 2:38 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I would like Papago Park to become a preserve, thus, no developers, no buildings, no zip lines, no parking lots, no sidewalks, no amusement parks, no golfing, or anything but the natural lay of the land, with appropriate trees and landscape, where people can hike, bike, horseback ride, but little else except possible drinking fountains, and occasional bathrooms depending on how that might be planned. I don't want to see motels, hotels, condos, private homes, city structures, or anything like that and I would like this land to remain in its present state for as long as humanly possible without change by city council, mayor, governor,

or president of these United States. Signage should be kept to a minimum, though the ideas of distance signage for hikers certainly has some appeal for me at least.

Appropriate lighting as needed. Hours should be like any other park in the city, 6 am to 12 midnight. Urban camping as deemed appropriate by City Officials and surrounding neighbors/NAs and HOAs.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I'm not sure whether motorized vehicles would damage at some point the natural beauty of the land, thus, I am not in favor of ATVs, motorcycles, etc.. other than that used by City officials, Public Works and TPD, TFD, but I understand that BMX bikers have built some sort of hills and valleys tracks up there and I think that should remain for their enjoyment.

*Additional comments.*

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to weigh in and for holding a public meeting on this. Very informative and thoughtful.

**29. August 8, 2017, 12:31 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I would like to see Papago Park established as a preserve to prevent further development. There is so much development happening in close proximity that I see value in maintaining a more natural environment so close to an urban area. There is value to the residents and visitors to our beautiful state.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I think there is some wording that can and should be changed regarding the guidelines. There is still time for this. The dusk to dawn is one specifically. Also, with so many individuals and groups that support biking and there could be greater clarity regarding the use, it would be helpful. In my view, I see the city encouraging use of the park while at the same time trying to protect it. Without clarity and specifics I think many who do use the park will be afraid that their use of the park would be severely restricted. I don't see this as the intent of those supporting a preserve.

*Additional comments.*

I do support a preserve. The language needs to be more specific so those who do currently use and enjoy the park in a respectful manner can continue to do so. The more activity that occurs in the park the less desirable it will be for those attempting to make it their home. Many argue that there is already a protection on the land, but it is my understanding that the language is very vague and the possibility for development that is not in alignment with a more natural setting could be possible. As our city becomes more and more dense the value of natural open space become more valuable. I would like to protect that. Let's just get clear on the language so that hikers, bikers, horseback riders and other outdoor enthusiasts can still enjoy the area and support the preserve amendment. I see this amendment assuring those who enjoy it that it will remain so in the future and not something they need to fear. I think there is a lot of misinformation going around that I hope can be clarified. Thank you for this platform.

**30. August 8, 2017, 10:29 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I oppose limiting hours of use. I support the concept of making the land a preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**31. August 8, 2017, 10:12 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I believe that Tempe Residents should be allowed more time (60 days) to review the draft document in its revised/less confusing version. There should be more public hearings! Lacks transparency.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

- (b) A preserve will be left in as pristine a state as possible to maintain for this and future generations a nearby natural desert refuge from the rigors of urban life.
- (c) A preserve will not contain traditional facilities or improvements associated with

a public park, but may contain facilities or improvements that the City determines are necessary or appropriate to support its activities.

Section C is too nebulous and conflicts with section B

(6)USE OF ROLLING, NONMOTORIZED VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES, ROLLER SKATES, AND IN- LINE SKATES, IS PROHIBITED WHERE POSTED (who decides where within the park these activities are prohibited)

*Additional comments.*

The city should create a working committee consisting of various stakeholders (bikers, hikers, dog walkers, runners) to work on this preserve document to make it more transparent, open and promote the park usage to all responsible parties.

**32. August 8, 2017, 10:01 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

After reviewing the proposed language, I'm still not conceptualizing why these changes are necessary (and I have a law degree, so I'm at least somewhat used to reading obfuscatory language written by people paid by the word to be verbose). For example:

Why are these changes needed?

What problem or problems is this language trying to address? Who created this language and why now?

Is there a fiscal impact that taxpayers should be concerned about?

I'd suggest, in the future, including a FAQ type of section that addresses these basic concerns. Without these answers, people are being asked to provide "input" that may lack context. For example, if these changes were to cause a significant impact to the city police budget to enforce the reduced hours of access to the preserve that this language seems to propose, then I might adopt a different position.

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*Additional comments.*

see above...

### **33. August 8, 2017, 9:59 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I am highly in favor of establishing Papago Park as a preserve. The current Park is not only the jewel of the City of Tempe parks system, but also one of the most beautiful destinations in the Greater Phoenix Area. I believe that establishing the Park as a Preserve will not only help preserve the area's biodiversity and its archeological/paleontological significance, it will also serve as a visual reminder of the City of Tempe's commitment to sustainability and as a testament to its core values. As the City seeks to increase its population by building more residential real estate, and has welcomed several new businesses to the Mill Avenue and Tempe Town Lake area, establishing minor limits to the foot traffic in Papago Park is only reasonable. In my north Tempe/south Scottsdale neighborhood, several new apartment buildings and single home developments have been constructed in just the past few years, at least two are currently under construction, and there are at least two to three more presently under consideration. Taking steps now to ameliorate the likely impact of a much greater influx of visitors to Papago Park seems both prudent and wise.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The relatively minor limits placed on human activity seem insignificant in light of the opportunity to make such an important contribution to the City's legacy to future generations; the change from 10 pm to 6 am to Sunset to Sunrise seem reasonable, as during the hotter months, visitors could access the park from 5-6 am to 7-8 pm, so they would not be restricted to use of the park during the heat of the day

*Additional comments.*

No response

### **34. August 8, 2017, 9:03 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I am for the proposed charter in spirit. However, what sort of "vehicular access" are we talking about?

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Section 23-101 (c) This wording appears to give the City free reign to build any facility they deem necessary. This is a concern because the proposed Preserve is not sufficiently large to support additional parking lots, ramadas, public bathrooms, or other large buildings without causing significant disruption to its usage. This wording could be re-written to include the approval of a "citizen board". This would avoid future conflict over construction/development.

Section 23-101 (a)(1) We would like to see the park remain open as late as possible. 6am - 10pm seems appropriate. I understand there are safety concerns. Perhaps adding "no usage after sunset unless carrying adequate lighting". Not sure how that would sound or if it's a legal quagmire.

Section 23-111 (a)(2) This seems ambiguous and could be applied to horseback riding, trail running and mountain biking (which could be argued "endanger the health and safety of themselves or other preserve users). This will need to be clarified.

Section 23-111 (a)(6) I can understand the spirit of "where prohibited", but we need some sort of assurance "where prohibited" won't eventually include the entirety of the trail system. This is a rather large issue, and I can assure you this will lead to a host of "no" votes unless clarified. In fact, it would appear removal of this subsection would not be an

issue, since Section 23-111 (a)(10) already covers "off trail" access being prohibited for all activities.

Section 23-111 (a)(23) I suggest including "electric powered off road vehicles" as well. Section 23-113 (a) If this means that the Community Services Director can make sweeping changes without any input from the public I am against it. If this means the proposed amendment, when passed, can be changed to whatever this director sees fit, then why bother getting the public's input? Clarification, possible re-write, and restriction of authority needed. This Director's proposals must be subject to a citizen board.

*Additional comments.*

It would be a good idea to write in additional subsections along the lines of:

"No trail 'enhancements' will be made to increase access, safety or diversify usage". We saw this occur on the

Phoenix side of the park. This cannot happen to the Tempe side.

"No trail shall be designated to one type of usage only." This will avoid the equestrian vs. runner vs. biker debate. All trails are multi-use.

**35. August 8, 2017, 8:12 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

This park is amazing and provides a retreat in the evening for so many different outdoor activities. Proposing to close the park during the evening is going to limit its use for those of us who respect and appreciate the park in a city with very few alternative options of this caliber. I fear that less public access to the park in the evening will only promote more illegal camping by those who don't share the love and respect for the park.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Limiting access is not the solution to "preserving" the beauty that is Papago. The people who use this park in the evenings, for disc golf alone, have had a positive impact. (Organized clean ups and neighborhood watch for example.)

*Additional comments.*

Creating a better solution for the problem with illegal camping is a great idea but, limiting access for those who respect and contribute to the park is a step in the wrong direction.

**36. August 8, 2017, 7:58 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I am 100% not for any development inside the park, I enjoy riding in the park and the location is very convenient. I would like to model the city after Bentonville` AR. It is a bike friendly environment that really show, how an environmentally friendly city and bikers can work together for a common goal. The homeless are an issue. I would request that the police do daily sweeps within there region to clear out the problem, not cater to it.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I am in favor of making the location a preserve, I am not in favor of sign's, we do not need to make the desert look like Times Square with the additional sign. Less is more. No additional construction is needed, no parking lots nothing.

*Additional comments.*

I would suggest that the City of Tempe embraces the bike community. We can work together to achieve common goals.

**37. August 7, 2017, 8:30 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

This is a historical site and should be preserved as one. NO DEVELOPEMENT man made. (Sidewalks, concrete or gravel paved pathways). Existing trails are more than enough and should stay to enjoy park. Littering should be fined as well as squatting.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

NO NEW DEVELOPMENT AT ALL. Looking at what happened on the phx side of the park and the continued debates I would advise it is best to not develop anything on the Tempe side. There has been some amazing work this year by the city to keep the park in good shape. Some of the trails are plenty accessible for many recreational visits. Putting hours of access could cause issues but solve others. I'd like to see zero development and only maintenance.

*Additional comments.*

If we learned anything from the Phoenix side of the park and the 5k running route that did not follow rules before developed is the issues and users that it affected. I see mot runners on other trails than the 5k route after it was paved over. Unnecessary and opened the door for further development. (Just go ahead and put a bikini beans coffee thing out there).

**38. August 7, 2017, 8:03 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

The term "Preserve" gives me concern that this emphasizes limitations on recreation. The major strength of the area is the unique opportunity for so many users to enjoy themselves within an urban area. I would not support the name change to preserve as I believe this will lead to limiting access to recreation opportunities.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The Papago master plan is out-of-date and no longer represents the current trail system. This document needs to document the accepted trails as this could limit the trail network.

*Additional comments.*

A citizen board should be established to give a voice to each user group to determine an appropriate balance among competing interests. The recent increase in urban camping should be controlled but the these amendments could limit all users to control a few who have used the park inappropriately.

**39. August 7, 2017, 4:56 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support any amendment that keeps Papago open to any and all users: hikers, bikers, runners.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Please keep the preserve open to any and all.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**40. August 7, 2017, 4:53 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Please keep the historic inclusive nature of Papago park intact with any future change in plans.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Please keep the historic inclusive nature of Papago park intact with any future change in plans.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**41. August 7, 2017, 4:48 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

The restrictions regarding time and location use of sporting activities seems like it has an ulterior motive. This limiting language should be removed. Cycling at night with proper lights is actually a good thing for the preserve as it would help deter nighttime residents or nefarious use.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**42. August 7, 2017, 4:17 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Papago has gone through so many changes that it is mind blowing to look at the pictures of Papago from 50 years ago and farther back. Cyclists, hikers, and runners have been using that park for a long time with respect. This amendment is targeting users that do not respect the park. If enforcement of current laws (littering, camping) is stepped up, then the park can remain unchanged more so than it already has over the years and enjoyed by the people that respect Papago.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

Hikers, runners, and cyclists should be able to have access to the park at any hour. Summer in Phoenix is more enjoyable and safer during off peak hours to stay out of the heat.

**43. August 7, 2017, 4:08 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I think that establishing a preserve is important. This is a lovely area for all kinds of outdoor recreation. With all the development on Town Lake and elsewhere we need this kind of open space. It enhances the development in the area as well.



*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The guidelines are good.

*Additional comments.*

I assume that the current public park on Curry Road will not be changed. It is a popular spot.

**44. August 7, 2017, 3:26 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I am in favor of preserving the land in its natural state, I am opposed to development. I enjoy the preserve as a hiker and mountain biker and wish to preserve mountain biking access including before sunrise and after sunset

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I am in favor of preserving the land in its natural state, I am opposed to development. I enjoy the preserve as a hiker and mountain biker and wish to preserve mountain biking access including before sunrise and after sunset

*Additional comments.*

No response

**45. August 6, 2017, 2:24 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

The primary reason for my supporting the preserve is to stop development in this area. The preserve may also help with the homeless A population in the parks.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

A few areas of concern I have are; restriction to sunset and sunrise hours, in the winter the sun rises late, walks prior to sunrise are necessary in order to get to work, in the summer it's often too hot to walk in the day light hours. Not to mention Tempe fireworks are often viewed in the proposed preserve. If by special permit we are able to camp, fish, cook, have music at events, set up temporary tent, use dollies these items should be on one form. Many of these things we have used/done in the past for our neighborhood GAIN event and should be able to continue this.

*Additional comments.*

The pond should continue to be stocked for licensed fishing.

Will neighborhoods still have clean up days or will we be at the mercy of the city to provide a clean area? The restrooms, water fountains, ramada's should continue to be maintained.

The bike rental kiosk in north Tempe should be allowed to remain.

**46. August 6, 2017, 1:04 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I object to changing the hours where you would be considered trespassing from between 10pm and 6am to between sunset and sunrise. I don't like that the hours you could lawfully be there would then effectively be reduced since the sun never sets as late as 10pm and often rises later than 6am. Especially in the summertime, this cuts back on the amount of time people could enjoy Papago Park without having to deal with extreme

heat. I believe the "trespassing hours" should either remain 10pm to 6am, or be changed to 10pm to 5am.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

This part seems unclear: ""Papago Preserve" shall be that city-owned real property designated as Papago

Preserve by resolution of the

City Council." By any resolution ever? By a resolution dated X date? That should probably be clarified if it isn't already elsewhere. (Also I'm not sure what's required for a resolution to take place.)

*Additional comments.*

No response

**47. August 6, 2017, 8:43 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support the proposed amendment upgrading the status of Papago Park to a preserve to protect the biological, geological, and archaeological resources of the park.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I support most of the proposed language to preserve the natural state of the park. I would like to see the wording of the park's closed hours from 10pm to 6am changed to it being closed from sunset to sunrise. In the peak of summer, 6am is too late an opening time.

*Additional comments.*

I support the effort by the city to preserve Papago Park in its most natural state for the enjoyment of future generations. With the south side of Tempe Town Lake massively developed, it is more critical than ever to preserve some natural areas. The only reason I chose to live in the area was and is because of the beauty of Papago Park.

**48. August 5, 2017, 9:08 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Without knowing what the new rules will be and how they differ from the existing guidelines as not a preserve, it is impossible to come to a reasonable conclusion on this. Please show a markup of what you are amending and how it will specifically change the use of this park for residents. Especially hours of use, type of use, facilities that may change, and how input is taken for these changes versus a voter approved mandate to change when nothing on the site shows a comparison of before and after. Put up a spread sheet of before charter and after charter change from existing code to a preserve code.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I do not want the park to be less available to citizens, but would like to see the homeless problem and the waste cleaned up. I participated in the clean up of the park this past year, and it was eye opening to realize how much filth is apparently going on off trail.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**49. August 5, 2017, 8:22 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Preserve the land but provide the resource\$ to maintain it. Enforce the use hours and remove vagrants.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**50. August 5, 2017, 8:11 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Please provide more descriptive verbiage in regard to regulating "non motorized traffic", park hours (sunrise to sunset does not cut it when it's 100+ degrees outside) and how this would impact the bike jumps inbetween the SRP treatment plants.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Please provide more descriptive verbiage in regard to regulating "non motorized traffic", park hours (sunrise to sunset does not cut it when it's 100+ degrees outside) and how this would impact the bike jumps inbetween the SRP treatment plants.

*Additional comments.*

Please provide more descriptive verbiage in regard to regulating "non motorized traffic", park hours (sunrise to sunset does not cut it when it's 100+ degrees outside) and how this would impact the bike jumps inbetween the SRP treatment plants.

**51. August 5, 2017, 5:53 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I'm in favor of this amendment as long as it doesn't increase development in the park and allows existing activities to continue.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**52. August 5, 2017, 3:41 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support making Papago Park a preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I think it should remain open 6am-10pm, that no additional desert should be taken for the golf course and there could be better management of the homeless population who have created havoc on the park with litter in many places.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**53. August 5, 2017, 1:27 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support this effort to establish a preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I support the proposed language which allows the city to maintain the preserve in its natural state.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**54. August 5, 2017, 7:08 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

sec. 11.03, (b), 1. should be completed with "without modification of any type, to the existing landscape" The park should be open to horses, foot traffic, and non-motorized bicycles on current designated trails.

No new trails shall be created past the onset of this amendment, nor shall any existing trail be destroyed, or hereby made off-limits to horses, foot traffic or non-motorized bicycles.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

In sec 23-111, (a), (6), "Where posted" must be defined in greater detail, or, the ability to post this type of designation may only be made by a vote of the citizens of the city of Tempe.

The amendment should address the prohibition of remote control aircraft such as drones, I don't think the current "model aircraft" goes far enough.

*Additional comments.*

I would personally like these documents serve in a way, "freeze" Papago park in time. In other words, not allow anything in or out of the park, meaning: no new structures or trails, and no removal of wildlife, plant-life, rocks, artifacts, trails, etc.

**55. August 4, 2017, 7:11 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Papago Park should be protected as a preserve as one of the few remaining areas for wildlife and native plants in the city.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

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*Additional comments.*

No response

**56. August 4, 2017, 10:23 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support the proposal. I have heard the access to Papago Golf course is going be changed to come off McDowell. I am completely against that, there is nothing wrong with current access and no more desert needs to be paved over.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**57. August 4, 2017, 9:48 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Preserve and protect the land and, decisions that effect the surround should be made in reference to the preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The character, cultural history and safety of those who visit the land should be priorities.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**58. August 4, 2017, 9:46 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

Eliane and I (John) support the proposed amendment to Tempe city code related to preserves, Ordinance

#02017. We believe the language is adequate because it does not give priority to any groups of users, trying to give broad access to a diverse population of various ages and interests. We have one caveat: it seems the transients / homeless who have elected to use the park are considered undesirable by all parties (city hall, residents, and especially neighbors). We understand that position but we would be most interested in knowing where we plan to evacuate / relocate these unfortunate groups of individuals. Are we going to chase them into the desert? Have we tried giving them suitable accommodation (basic housing, commune type arrangements to provide for adults and children)? The City Homeless Coordinator in the City Housing Services has monthly working groups on this problem but reports that the landlords who previously provided affordable housing for these people have now raised their rents by several factors in response to the market demand for apartments and condos. Our desert is precious; yes, we want to protect it, enjoy it in peace. Let's not make it a choice between the land and the people, whoever they may be, whatever their circumstances.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

No response

*Additional comments.*

No response

**59. August 4, 2017, 9:15 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support the Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park Preserve. Papago Park is a very special place which should be preserved for us all, including future generations, to appreciate, enjoy and learn from.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

The proposed City Code amendments will help ensure the most beneficial decisions for the use and longevity of Papago Park Preserve.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**60. August 4, 2017, 7:02 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

yes preserve the park

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

extend hours to after sunset

*Additional comments.*

try and keep the transient population down. I don't live in Tempe area but have and so have my children over the years and Papago is still a favorite area to visit.

**61. August 3, 2017, 8:40 PM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support the proposed amendment to the City Charter that would reclassify Papago Park as a Preserve.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

Sec. 23-110 (a) (1) proposes that the Papago Preserve be closed between sunset and sunrise. I prefer the previous language in which the Preserve is closed between 10PM and 6AM. My experience has been that it is nice to be in the park after sunset, particularly during the summer. Using lights while riding mountain bikes has become very common and makes riding mountain bikes after dark "safe"; I'm sure the same applies to trail running. Please change the language back to the original language.

*Additional comments.*

No response

**62. August 3, 2017, 10:10 AM**

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Charter Amendment establishing Papago Park as a preserve.*

I support the measure that would better protect this natural resource for future generations. This park is a very special space located in the middle of a growing metro area, and pressures to chip away at it's presence for commercial gain will only grow as the population grows.

*Please provide your comments on the proposed Amendment to the Tempe City Code, relating to preserve guidelines.*

I want to see this park continued to be used for recreational activities and have those overseen for appropriate use by the City of Tempe.

*Additional comments.*

No response

## ATTACHMENT 2

### Emails

- 1. July 25, 2017** - I might add that the view of southern-end of Papago Park from the Loop 202 is a squandered opportunity! There are tens of thousands of tourists who drive on the Loop 202 en route to some destination. You have the lovely Tempe Town Lake to the south, and on the other side of the 202, you have a unnaturally baron version of the Sonoran Desert on the north. It's like you have the "fake Arizona" with a lake, and the "real Arizona" with the nothing. Why can't this part of the park be upgraded with some natural landscaping? Saguaro, Palo Verde, Mesquite, etc. As an example of areas that have done it right... The NW corner of McDowell Road and Galvin Parkway used to be ugly dirt. Then they planted some natural plants and trees, and now it's gorgeous.  
<https://goo.gl/maps/fHbZzjz2JSr> . Similar natural landscaping was done on both sides of North Pima Road, just off the Loop 101 and heading into Carefree and Cavecreek.
- 2. August 03, 2017** - I could not make the meeting last night, but I am thrilled that Tempe will be taking up this amendment! I'll look forward to viewing the information on line as soon as it's posted.
- 3. August 04, 2017** - I think this is a great solution, if it will also help with the homeless sheltering issue. As well the park should have multi-sourced funding to assist with repair and beautification
- 4. August 08, 2017** - I would really like to see a public forum or citizen group to look into this further. The idea of a preserve is great; the rules, guidelines, and execution of those are much more particular and need to be thoroughly examined.
- 5. August 18, 2017** - One of my concerns with the charter amendment as I understand the parameters, is that it does not protect enough of the current park from development. We know that developers have been interested in Rolling Hills Golf Course. We know that the Federal Patent was lifted to allow ASU to take possession of the old hospital in the middle of the park, and that property has been the subject of a class at ASU to find ways of monetizing that property with everything from hotels to mini homes. While I don't believe this mayor and council would entertain those projects, we need to protect all of Papago Park for future generations. Can we find a way to write the amendment to include preserving the whole of Papago Park's recreation, archeology and environmentally sensitive areas, which would contain the established picnic areas, fishing, hiking and biking on established trails, camping where permitted in Evelyn Hallman Park, protecting the sensitive natural desert vegetation and wildlife, and the Rolling Hills Golf Course? There has also been a lot of discussion about the ordinance Div. 1, Sec. 23-100, C, which allows the City of Tempe to determine without a vote by the city residents to make improvements where necessary. I think that ordinance is too vague, and weakens the strength of the Charter Amendment's protection of the park. Can we put something in the amendment limiting what the City can do without voter approval either spelled out or with a dollar amount? On the ordinances, Div.2 Sec.23-110, a-1, the Sunrise to Sundown provision I think is too subject to interpretation and would not allow residents who work to use the park in the winter. Increased activity in the Evelyn Hallman Park has helped with controlling the homeless camping in the park. Sec.23-111, a-8, I believe that cooking on city installed grills, as we have at Evelyn Hallman Park, should be allowed even without a permit. a-12, Which prohibits the sale of food and merchandise could also be prohibited for neighborhood events as well as recreational events. I don't understand why the sentences on glass bottles and litter were struck from a-22 & 23. Now the problem we have had with any park rules and regulations is enforcement. One Park Officer cannot do it! I am also summarizing my concerns on the forum page, but I wanted you to know my thinking. Thank you for all the work you and staff have put into this. It is a huge, but worthy project.