

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

BUFFALO BAYOU – SABINE TO SHEPHERD

July 12, 2010

RECREATION

- Silt deposits after floods are a big problem

COMFORT & SAFETY

- They recently filled an area under the Studemont Bridge with rocks. Couldn't this area be used for restrooms?
- Sound from the Freedom Festival is a problem. It would be better if there were a facility like Miller Outdoor Theater there.

ACCESS

- Use Washington Ave. corridor for parking.
- Parking should be part of mixed use developments near the park.

ENVIRONMENT

- The water needs to be cleaned up;
- Are there plans to trap debris before it gets to the bayou?
- The bad smells need to be cleaned up (the speaker may have been referring to the bat colony about which she said was not aware; but water quality at outfalls needs to be investigated to confirm whether illegal sanitary sewage connections have been made).

DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- Close the Sabine Bridge to traffic and create a market or vending stalls
- Memorial Drive and Allen Parkway are an integral part of the corridor and should be included in the improvements.
- Meet with representatives of Discovery Green (note: the discussion went on to clarify that management strategies can be investigated, but this project will not develop Buffalo Bayou as intensely as Discovery Green).
- Are the proposed facilities above the 100-year flood line? If not, trails will be covered with silt. (note that discussion covered the fact that ordinances prohibit construction of almost all buildings below the 100 year flood line).
- Use volunteers to help clean up silt. People who use the park should help by pitching in.