

Morgan Messick Biography for her nomination to the Onion Creek Metro Park District Board

Morgan Messick has called Austin home since 2011 and brings more than 15 years of experience across the public, nonprofit, and private sectors to her appointment to the Onion Creek Metro Park District Board. She currently serves as an Assistant Director for Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment, where she oversees department operations and several community-facing programs, including Art in Public Places, creative sector grant funding, Parks Special Events, the Austin Center for Events, and arts and music programming citywide. In this role, she leads a team of more than 30 staff, manages over \$30 million in annual grant and contract funding, and guides departmental strategy, intergovernmental relations, and long-range program development.

Morgan holds dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Anthropology and Theater from Lyon College. Prior to her current role, Morgan held leadership positions across the City of Austin at the Economic Development Department, Austin Public Library, and Austin Energy. Earlier in her career she has served in marketing and operational leadership roles in both local and national organizations.

Morgan's interest in serving on the Onion Creek Metro Park District Board is rooted in her long-standing dedication to volunteerism, civic involvement, and enhancing Austin's quality of life. A long-time resident of District 2, she has enjoyed the Onion Creek Metropolitan Park for many years. As a parent who spends weekends exploring parks, attending community events, and enjoying Austin's outdoor spaces with her family, she is passionate about ensuring that parks remain welcoming, well-maintained, and accessible for all residents. She looks forward to supporting the thoughtful stewardship and long-term vitality of Onion Creek Metropolitan Park and its surrounding green spaces.