



MINUTES
Dallas County
Trail and Preserve Program Board Meeting
December 1, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Dallas County Records Building
Innovation Training Room, 7th Floor
500 Elm Street, Dallas TX 75202

Members Present: Ed Koppman, William Freeman, Philip Hiatt Haigh, Rick Kopf, Fred Washington, Javier Vilchis, Amy Martin, Kiphani Allen

Members Absent: Jesse Tafalla, Jr.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board Chair Ed Koppman called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

2. Welcome/Introductions

Kiphani Allen joined as a new TAPP Board member, appointed by John Wiley Price, representing District Three.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments given at the meeting.

4. Review and Approval of the October 6, 2022, Minutes

Mr. Freeman motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Kopf seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. Status of Trails

Micah Baker, Senior Transportation Planner with the Dallas County Public Works Department provided the trails update.

- a. Public Works adopted the Metes and Bounds for the new Commissioner District Boundaries in November 2022
- b. Cypress Waters Trail

The city is working through an Oncor easement and will finalize the design of this project and then begin construction.

c. Chalk Hill Trail

Public Works received \$3.4 million in federal funds through NCTCOG to assist in the building of Phase 1a of this trail.

The City of Dallas will be working to incorporate a bike parking area at Illinois Ave along this trail.

d. Heritage Trail

There are no major updates since the last TAPP Board meeting. Public Works is working with the City of Mesquite on this project.

e. Campion Trail

Public Works received and reviewed the 50% plans and has provided feedback to the City of Irving. The City of Irving is working on getting approval from USACE with this project.

6. Status of County Preserves

Mia Brown, Open Space Administrator, provided the county preserve update.

a. Utility Easement Requests

Muddy Creek, Trinity River – Mountain Creek, Goat Island, Rowlett Creek, North Mesquite Creek all currently have active utility easement requests. Goat Island will be closed at various times in December and January. Ms. Brown will update with specific dates.

b. Road Projects

Spring Creek Forest - no update currently.

c. Cottonwood Creek Preserve

Ms. Brown is meeting with the City of Wilmer to discuss the disc golf course.

d. Goat Island Preserve

Staff recently met with Greenspace Dallas to discuss the removal of tires from the preserve.

e. McCommas Bluff

No current updates. Open Space staff are working with the Civil District Attorney's Office on a potential boundary encroachment.

f. Grapevine Springs Preserve

The Sam Houston Treaty Oak has heart rot, and the City of Coppell is treating it with a fungicide. Dallas County is cost-sharing on treating the tree.

g. Parks & Open Space unveiled their new logo, along with their new Facebook and Instagram pages.

h. The consultant contract for the Open Space Plan is in negotiations and has been sent to the Assistant District Attorney's Office.

i. The Parks and Open Space Program is hosting a volunteer event on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 a.m.- 12p.m. in partnership with Texas Conservation Alliance and DFW Climate Reality Project at Post Oak Preserve.

7. Proposal of Future Agenda Items

- a) Future visit of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail (extends from Trinity Forest to White Rock Lake). No location or date has been selected at this time.
- b) A preserve visitor may have found a state champion green ash tree at Tenmile Creek Preserve. Amy Martin submitted the application to the Texas A&M Forest Service for verification.
- c) The TAPP board would like to bring in presenters for future meetings.

8. Upcoming Events/Board Meetings

- a) December 6 – Resolution for Paul S. Dryer at Commissioners Court
- b) December 9 – Ribbon Cutting at Paul S. Dryer Preserve at Windmill Hill at 11:00am at the preserve
- c) February 2, 2023 – TAPP Board Meeting

9. Adjourn

Mr. Freeman motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion seconded by Mr. Kopf. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.